



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Sunday Readings

#### First Reading

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-3, 5-6

#### Second Reading

1Cor 15:20-26, 28

#### Gospel Reading

Mt 25:31-46

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 26, 2023

Spend time with the Scriptures of

## ADVENT 2023

### Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Monday 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
**Communion Service**  
Friday 6:00 pm

### Adoration

Tuesday 9:45 am - 12:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
Sunday Before Mass  
(upon request)  
1st Friday 5:00 - 5:45 pm

### Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of  
the month during each Mass

### Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office (6)  
months prior to the anticipated  
date

"The wolf shall dwell  
with the lamb:  
the leopard shall lie  
down with the kid:  
the calf and the lion,  
and a little child  
shall lead them."

Isaiah 11:6



**Mondays 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Nov 27, Dec 4 & 11 & 18**

(Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023)

Dec 3	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	Mark 13:33-37
Dec 10	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Mark 1:1-8
Dec 17	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec 24	2 Samuel 17:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16	Luke 1:26-38

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



## Pope's November Intention

For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Remember the sick of our parish:



John & Mary Ott. Linda Hedgecock. Juan & Barbara Delgado. Elizabeth Eagan. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Wanda Burton. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

During the month of November, please remember all the souls of the faithfully departed from our parish.



### Remember the active military of our parish:

Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## Special Observances

**Thursday:** St. Andrew; Apostle (Patron of the Greek Church; Patron of the fishing industry; mentioned in the Roman

**Saturday:** First Sunday of Advent

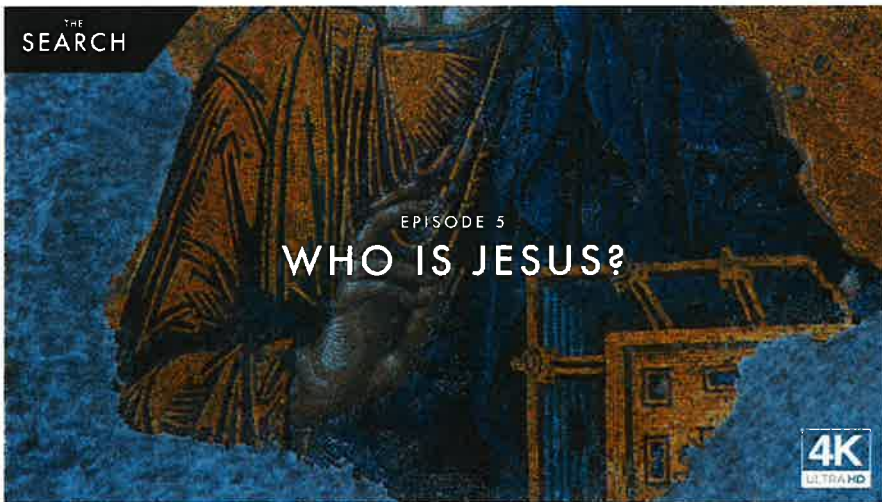


## Mass Intentions

- Sat 11/25 Sarah Koonce (Marie Hansen)
- Sun 11/26 Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)
- Mon 11/27 Trent McPeak (Marie Hansen)
- Tues 11/28 Robin Tranholt (Marie Hansen)
- Wed 11/29 Deceased members of : Parker Family, Gerlach Family, Lango Family (M/M Parker) Jim Doil+; Harry Sullivan+, Gary Elam+, Wilder Family+, Lillian Sullivan+ (Nancy Wilder)
- Fri 12/1 Peter McGrane+ (M/M McGrane)



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## Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## PARISH SUPPORT

**Attendance:** 11/18 SAT: 72 11/19 SUN: 95

### Collections from 11/18 & 11/19:

Offertory	\$ 2,863.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100.00

### NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
 11th & 12th: Christmas Remembrance Flowers  
 18th & 19th: Catholic Charities - Tyler Diocese

**Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS.**

**To sign up for training, please notify our contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: [justin.mahaffey@icloud.com](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**

**Cenacle of Life:** Come join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

**Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

**Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

**The Holy Spirit Food Ministry:** We still need your help in our continuing efforts to provide groceries for needy families of Holly Lake Ranch & nearby communities. We are now seeking volunteers to deliver Thanksgiving boxes to families in need on November 17th (at 9:00 am). If interested, please text Bob Mailiard at: 503-559-6022

**Interested in volunteering for the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or [toddtalk@hotmail.com](mailto:toddtalk@hotmail.com)



### NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 11/25: 5:00 pm Mass  
Sun 11/26: 9:00 am Mass  
Mon 11/27: 6:00 pm Mass  
Tues 11/28: 9:00 am Mass  
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration  
6:00-8:00 pm Adoration  
Wed 11/29: 9:00 am Mass  
Thurs 11/30: 9:00 am Communion Service  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting

### DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 12/1: 5:00 - 5:45 pm Confession  
6:00 pm Mass  
Sat 12/2: 9:00 am Communion Service  
9:45 Patriotic Rosary  
5:00 pm Mass  
Sun 12/3: 9:00 am Mass  
Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
Mon 12/4: 6:00 pm Mass  
Tues 12/5: 9:00 am Mass  
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration  
6:00-8:00 pm Adoration  
Wed 12/6: 9:00 am Mass  
Thurs 12/7: 9:00 am Communion Service  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
Fri 12/8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of obligation)  
9:00 am Mass  
6:00 pm Mass  
**Diocesan and Parish Office Closed**  
Sat 12/9: 5:00 pm Mass  
Sun 12/10: 9:00 am Mass  
Mon 12/11: 6:00 pm Mass  
Tues 12/12: 9:00 am Mass  
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration  
6:00-8:00 pm Adoration  
Wed 12/13: 9:00 am Mass  
6:00 pm Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner  
Thurs 12/14: 9:00 am Communion Service  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
Fri 12/15: 6:00 pm Mass  
Sat 12/16: 5:00 pm Mass

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Anyone interested in becoming a lector or sacristan/altar server during the weekday Masses would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Please contact Bridget so we can work on group training for set-up, serving, and scheduling.

Thank you for considering this volunteer ministry.

The Food Ministry would like to thank the parish family for all the contributions for our recent food drive.

Our immediate needs are now for Christmas food items to set up our Christmas boxes. Please bring any of the following items: cake mixes and frostings; fruit/pudding cups; canned vegetables; and any other non-perishable item. A collection box will be located in the church hallway or call Bob Mailliard 503-559-6022.

Monetary donation envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets or give to Bridget in the church office.

### Christmas Potluck Dinner Door Prizes

We depend on donations from our parishioners of "goodies to eat" to give away for door prizes at our Potluck Dinner. The following suggestions can be enjoyed by children to adults: Pretzels, *giant* can of popcorn, Christmas cookies, candies, anything Christmassy.

If you would like to contribute a door prize, please contact Melinda Hlavenka 903-769-9139

### TOYS FOR TOTS

Sponsored by the Marine Corp League

We are now collecting UNWRAPPED toys for Wood County. A box is located in the hallway outside the Church office. Donations will be picked up December 15th.

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Holly Brook Baptist Church  
is inviting the community to join them for an evening of  
Christmas with Choir/Children's Choir/Handbells & Drama  
Saturday/Sunday  
December 9th/10th  
6:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE *(update)*

Children's Christmas wish lists will be on the tree in the Narthex this coming weekend.

It has been brought to the attention of the community that a nursing home in the area has some residents who have no visitors at all. This year we have added a simple wish list for those who have no family. When choosing a child, please consider one of these elders also.

Please return gifts to the church by December 10th.

Second Annual Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner  
Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 pm

Bring the Family !!

If you came last year, you know it was great time had by all. Really good food and lots of door prizes for children and adults. Knight of Columbus will provide the meat. Sign up poster for sides and desserts will be in the Narthex on Saturday, December 2nd.

## “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”

By Deacon John

*“He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.” – Matthew 25:33*

For the past bunch of weeks, our Sunday Gospels from Matthew have focused on Christ’s kingdom; how to attain it, the need to be ready for it, who will be accepted, and who won’t. Jesus uses many parables and comparisons describing not only how to get into heaven, but also how to be left out.

This weekend is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and in our Gospel Jesus is telling us exactly that He is the one who judges those who are accepted in, and those who are left out. He is the King!

Then He goes further in describing how He judges the people.

The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned – all are Jesus Himself living in the people we meet. Those who cared for these least of the people cared for Jesus and are invited into His kingdom. They are judged, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father”.

Those that did not care for the least of the people, neglected Jesus and are sent to eternal punishment with a “depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”.

I rarely preach on hell, because I don’t like scare tactics. I believe that we should obey Jesus because we love Him and we want to have a fruitful relationship with Him, not because we’re trying to avoid eternal damnation. But today I’m doing what Jesus did in His teachings; showing a comparison not to scare, but to explain the options.

Don’t take this lightly. Heaven is real. So is hell. And while Jesus is the one to judge us, it’s our choice to make.

One option is to live a lifestyle of loving God with all our hearts, souls and minds, and loving others as we love ourselves. It’s a lifestyle of using our talents to increase the kingdom. It’s a lifestyle of being vigilant and prepared for His coming ‘with enough oil in our lamps’. It’s a lifestyle of giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and giving to God what is God’s. It’s a lifestyle of attending the wedding feast in proper wedding attire. And it’s a lifestyle of caring for, and seeing Jesus in, the least of the people. That’s an option of love and self-giving, and is the option that will see us with Him in His kingdom.

The other option is to freely choose to live egocentrically. To resist and reject God’s many invitations because in the mind it’s hard, or not pleasing, or confining, or not socially conforming, or intolerant, or intellectually unfeasible, or any of a dozen other excuses. But these only indicate ego and self-centeredness. This option lives separately from God on earth, and results in eternal separation from God.

That’s it. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe. He will separate the sheep from the goats, and He will judge their eternal destinations.

Today, let’s renew our acceptance of the first option and profess our submission to Christ our King. Let’s renew our obedience to our King to reign over us in our firm belief in all of his teachings. Let’s renew our obedience to our King to reign in us in our participation in the Eucharist and Mass. Let’s renew our obedience to our King to reign through us as we care for the least of our brothers.

And then from our hearts, let’s joyfully shout to the rooftops and to all who will listen that Our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed the King of the Universe.

## Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 22 November 2023 Edition

(Submission date: 17 November 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

St. Thomas the Apostle <https://www.stapostle.org/st-thomas-church-parish-history/saint-thomas-biography/>

Name Syrian, meaning "Twin" (Twin/Thomas also known as Didymus in Greek and Jumeau in French); Apostle of India; Doubting Thomas

Birth Unknown

Death Stabbed with a spear c.72 in India

Feast Day – July 3rd

Patron Saint of the blind (due to occasional spiritual blindness); Craftsmen (e.g., architects, carpenters & masons); Geometricians; and Theologians

Little is recorded of St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas was probably born in Galilee to a humble family, but there is no indication that he was a fisherman. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an apostle to Christ. Nevertheless, thanks to the 4th Gospel his personality is clearer to us than some of the other Twelve. Thomas' name occurs in Matthew (10:3), Mark (3:18), Luke (6) and Acts of the Apostles (1:13), but in the Gospel of John he plays a particularly distinctive part. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but Thomas was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, "My Lord and my God," is the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture.

### Thomas, Loyal Follower

When Jesus announced His intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea—a few miles from Jerusalem and dangerously close for someone as unpopular as He—Thomas said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear He would be stoned, Thomas, in a moment of bravery not often expressed by the Apostles before Pentecost, rallied the others to stay by their Master come what may.

### Thomas, Inquisitive Student

Later, in John 14:1-5 it was St. Thomas who raised an objection prior to the Last Supper:

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

With the keenness typical of the Twelve, Thomas misunderstands Jesus' reference to His death and resurrection. Thomas' question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of His ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

### Thomas, Doubting Apostle

Lastly, and more famously, St. Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" and Jesus replied, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe" (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression "doubting Thomas."

### Thomas, Reluctant Missionary

Accounts of Thomas' missionary activities are unreliable, but the most widely accepted report holds that he preached in India, although he was reluctant to start the mission. According to the *Acta Thomae*, the apostles divided up the world for their missionary labors, and India fell to Thomas. However, Thomas claimed that he was not healthy enough and that a Hebrew could not teach Indians; even a vision of Christ could not change his mind. Christ then appeared to a merchant and sold Thomas to him as a slave for his master, a king who ruled over part of India. One story suggests that Thomas offered to build a palace for the Indian king that would last forever. The king gave him money, which Thomas gave to the poor. Asked to show his progress, St. Thomas explained that the palace he was building was in heaven, not on earth. Ultimately, after giving into God's will, Thomas was freed from slavery. He planted seeds for the new Church, forming many parishes and building many churches along the way.

To this day, Saint Thomas is venerated as the Apostle of India. In fact, there exists a population of Christians along the Malabar Coast, on the western coast of India, who lay claim to conversion by St. Thomas. Their tradition holds that he built seven churches, was martyred during prayer by a spearing on the "Big Hill" near Madras, and was buried in Mylapore, on the east coast of India. Ultimately, St. Thomas' remains were transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today.