Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



May 2025

Parish Staff

Pastor: Bishop Brian P. Spencer Associate Pastor: Deacon Imani Boyd Music Minister: Allison Spencer

Director of Religious Education: Vacant **Parish Administrator:** Marie Kirker **Building and Grounds:** Archie Kirker

Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. First Friday: 10:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism: By Appointment

Matrimony: Please contact Bishop Brian. **Reconciliation:** For individual confession,

please contact Bishop Brian.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Bishop

Brian if you are preparing for surgery,

hospitalized, or homebound.

Bishop Brian's May Prayer Intention

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, may he enjoy forever the reward of his labor.



Thank You to all who donated and helped at the recent Church Yard Sale. It was a great

success!



Our Gas Grill Raffle is underway. Please don't forget to purchase and sell your tickets.

Welcome to our Church Family
Issac Cana and Maria Yulieth Lugo Jordan

Sacrament of Matrimony
Issac Canal and Maria Yulieth Lugo
April 29, 2025

Saint of the Month

From Deacon Imani

St Matthias

Born: 1st century AD, Judea Died: AD 80, Judea

Attributes: Axe, Christian Martyrdom

Canonized: Pre-congregation

Feast Day: May 14th

Patronage: Alcoholics; Carpenters; Tailors

The First Act of the Apostles after the Ascension of Jesus, was to find a replacement for Judas. There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, or Luke. However, according to Acts, he had been with Jesus from His baptism by John until His Ascension. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People. Twelve was the number of the tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. Jesus had chosen the original twelve so how could they know whom he would choose? One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice. He had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle would be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning. The reason for this was simple because the new apostle would become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when He spoke of the Cross and of eating His Body. Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both men had been with them and with Jesus through His whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to His resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and now the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and

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Dates to Remember

First Communion Sunday, May 25

Ladies Ministry Group

Saturday, May 31 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal

Begins in June

Kids and Youth Movie Night

Spy Kids

Bring your favorite candy to share.

Pizza Provided!

Friday, June 13 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mission Statements

Pope Francis:

"To become a band of joyful missionary disciples."

The Independent Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Nevada:

"Welcoming all to experience God's grace and tender mercy."

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish Mission Statement: "Love God, love our neighbor, live the gospel."

Saint Thomas Parish Vision Statement:

"Encouraging a personal friendship with Jesus."



The Rosary is prayed every Sunday at 9:30 am.

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