

# SAINT THEODORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Our Mission:*

*We proclaim to all people the salvation which has appeared in Jesus Christ, so that by the lives we live and in our apostolic activities, all may come "to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" and have life in all its fullness. (John 17:3),*



## Contact Information

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday  
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS ext 4  
 Mass Schedule ext 3  
 Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education ext 2  
 Malysa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin & ext 1  
 Web page editor  
 Elizabete Romanello, Financial Manager ext 1  
 Chris Lance, Music Director

## Ministry

**RCIA**.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS  
**Care of the sick**.....call Parish Office  
**Altar Rosary Society:** .....Meetings Third Sunday of  
 the month .....9:00 AM  
**Youth Group** ..... Fr. Damian Tomiczek

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday ..... 5:00 PM  
 Sunday .....8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
 Weekdays..... Monday through Wednesday, and  
 Friday.....8:45 AM  
 First Friday and First Saturday.....8:45 AM

## Holy Days

Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM  
 Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

## Devotions

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Following Monday 8:45 AM Mass

### St. Joseph Devotion

Following Tuesday 8:45 AM Mass

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

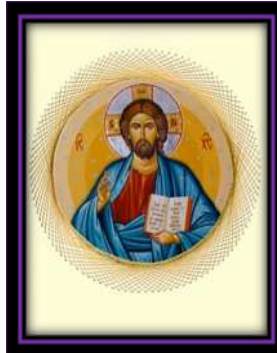
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

After 8:45 morning Mass:

**First Friday** with Divine Mercy Chaplet

**First Saturday** with Rosary Devotion



## Salvatorian Fathers, SDS

*Religious and apostolic, international society founded by Fr. Francis Jordan in 1881. We Salvatorians are called to follow Jesus Christ, the Divine Savior, by living as community within the universal Church for apostolic service.*

## PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION

**Baptism:** Expectant parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to register for a preparation program.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** The preparation process for adults who wish to consider becoming Catholic or who wish to complete their Catholic sacramental formation. Contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to a tentative wedding date.

**Care of the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office when someone is sick, hospitalized or unable to attend Mass so that arrangements may be made for those who wish to receive Communion and the Anointing of the Sick.

## Program of Religious Education.....Monday 6:15 PM at School

We provide a Roman Catholic religious education to the children grades 1st through 8th. We teach the doctrine of our Catholic Church utilizing Diocesan programs. Our Catechists share their own faith commitment as well as their knowledge, always mindful of our Catholic traditions. We offer preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

**The Youth Ministry** is ready for an exciting year with lots of fun, social stewardship, and spiritual activities. Any youth in grades 6th thru 12th, are invited to join. College students, and adults are welcome to participate on a volunteer bases. This ministry is not a requirement of Rel. Ed. classes but should be thought of as a great opportunity for young adults to become involved in their church and give back not only themselves but others. Contact Parish Office for more information.

**Trustees:** Stanley Wantrobski, Ginny Moran

**Parish Council:** Bob Gagliano - President, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malysa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

# Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>~ The Baptism of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm For the Prosser Family

### Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am **James DeStefano**  
By DeStefano Family

10:30 am † **McDonald Family**  
By George & Georgianne Merlo

### Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Michael Coupe**  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

### Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>~ St. Hilary

8:45 am † **Barbara McAvoy**  
By Teresa Cappello

### Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Birthday Blessings for George Matos**  
By Wife & Family

### Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

### Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Darcie, Julie & Russ Strohmaier**  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

### Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>~ St. Anthony

5:00 pm **For the deceased members of  
the Guerriere Family**  
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

### Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Thomas R. Mattison**  
By Eileen Mattison

10:30 am **Georgina DeStefano**  
By DeStefano Family

## Your Offertory Gift~ January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**First Collection: \$2,805**

**Votives: \$97**

**Together in Charity: \$606**

**Solemnity of Mary: \$858**

**Electronic Giving: \$246**



## MY HEARTFELT THANK YOU

### DEAR PARISHIONERS,

*I would like to thank you for your Christmas and New Year's greetings, Christmas Cards, wonderful gifts and prayers. Most of all thank you for your presence, generosity, and kindness.*

*It's my privilege to be at St. Theodore and serve you the best I can. May the Blessed Mother of God whom we dedicated the First Day of the Year 2026 be with you and your family always.*

With prayers,  
Fr. Damian, SDS



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for their donation of \$300 to St.  
Theodore. Thank you very much.

## Devotions



Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am  
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am  
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am  
Rosary Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:45 am

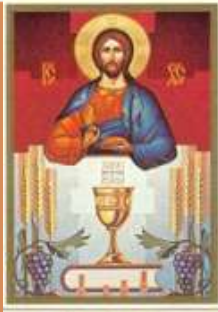
## Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Ann Marie, Ientile Family, Jim  
Mattison, for the Cáceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Helen  
Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Louise  
Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta,  
Eugene, Joseph Magnini, Fr. Gabriel, SDS, Baby Rowan,  
Bonnie Jewel Hawkins, David Dallas, the Malia Family, the  
Profrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa  
Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in  
**THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



## The Power of Daily Mass

In the "Our Father" prayer, we pray to "give us this day our DAILY bread", and the Catholic Church fulfills this with Daily Masses. This correlates exactly to Acts 2:46, where the Apostles met daily for the breaking of the bread. So take advantage of all of these spiritual blessings for YOU by attending as many daily Masses as possible. **When you meet Jesus face to face, the number of Masses you attended while alive will plead loudly for your salvation!**



## Baptism of the Lord



Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

### Why Is Jesus Baptized?

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptize him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

### What Does Baptism Mean for Us?

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:

*[Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.*

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### Dedicate the Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candles on the Altar burn to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.



If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention call the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.

### Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the **Altar Rosary Society**. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00 am.

Enhance your spirituality by learning about Saints, attend short meetings and fellowship. Reciting the rosary as a devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for 1 ½ hours a month to give thanks for all God gives you.

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