

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 through Friday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS	ext 4
Mass Schedule	ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	ext 2
Malyssa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin & Web page editor	ext 1
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 Kevin McLaughlin

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

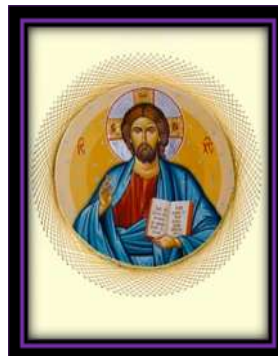
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malyssa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Sunday August 24th ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23rd ~ St. Rose of Lima

5:00 pm † **Susan Camarata**
By Tim & Ginny Moran

Sunday, August 24th ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Matthew & Mildred Delany**
By Matthew & Mary Delany

10:30 am **Raymond & June Spagnuolo**
By Saam Family

Monday, August 25th

8:45 am † **Carolyn Natkovich**
By Aunt Dottie & Uncle Gene

Tuesday, August 26th

8:45 am † **Mike Feeney**
By Pam DiMartile

Wednesday, August 27th ~ St. Monica

8:45 am **Luviminda Elane**
By Family

Thursday, August 28th ~ St. Augustine

No Mass

Friday, August 29th ~ The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:45 am **Living & Deceased Parishioners**
of St. Theodore

Saturday, August 30th

5:00 pm † **Peter Lundenfield**
By Williamson girls, Donna, Claire,
Kathleen & Patricia

Sunday, August 31st ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Lois Chapman**
By Joan Capaldo

10:30 am † **John Orlando**
St. Joseph Knitters

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First Collection: \$2,111

Votives: \$91

Assumption: \$708

Electronic Giving: \$231



Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the Altar Rosary Society. Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 am. Enhance your spirituality by learning about Saints, short meetings and fellowship. Reciting the rosary as a devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for 1 1/2 hours a month to give thanks for all God gives you.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:



Ann Marie, Ientile Family,
Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres Family,
Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar,
Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta, Eugene, Scott Griseto, Joseph Magnini, Fr. Gabriel, SDS, Baby Rowan, Bonnie Jewel Hawkins and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



Daily Mass & Devotions

Blessed Virgin Mary–Monday 8:45 am
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
First Friday & First Saturday 8:45 am
With Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Carrying Jesus with Us Imitating Mary in Receiving Communion

“What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James, and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: ‘This is my body which is given for you’ (Lk 22:19)? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb!” Sri writes, “John Paul then beautifully drew out the unique meaning Holy Communion would have had for the Blessed Virgin: ‘For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers...’ What a profound insight! Imagine Mary preparing herself to be reunited with her Son in this way. Imagine the loving attention she gave to Jesus in every Holy Communion. What a joy it must have been for her to have her Son dwelling within her again! May Mary be a model for us in the way we receive the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may ardently welcome Jesus in every Holy Communion as Mary received her Son. May the Eucharist cause our hearts to beat ever more in unison with Christ’s as Mary’s heart beat perfectly with his” (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, pp. 142-3, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 56).



For Reflection:

1. As you prepare to depart after Mass, ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Philip Neri to help you recognize and reverence Christ’s Eucharistic presence in yourself and others.
2. Consider making “visual contact” with the tabernacle after Mass as a way to acknowledge the Blessed Sacrament remaining in the church in union with your own presence as a tabernacle processing into the world. Find concrete ways of being a “sanctuary light” to awaken awareness of Christ’s presence.

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, August 29th

The motivations for John the Baptist’s martyrdom.

A woman played the primary role in his martyrdom. Herodias, the wife of Herod Antipas, was the former wife of his half-brother. John was arrested because he had denounced her illegal marriage. During the celebration of Herod’s birthday, Herodias’s daughter, Salome, performed a dance in honor of the king who remained enchanted and told her she could ask him for anything she wanted, even to half of his kingdom. After consulting her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod did not want to do it, but could not refuse: he had, after all, made a promise.



“Satan is behind all these characters. He sows hatred in the woman, vanity in the young woman and corruption in the king”, Pope Francis states John, “the greatest man born of a woman died alone in a cell because of the whim of a vain dancer, the hatred of a diabolical woman and the corruption of an indecisive king. The Baptist dies a martyr. Not a martyr of the faith, because he was not asked to renounce it. He is a martyr of truth. He was, in fact, a “righteous and holy man” (Mk 6:20) who was put to death because he spoke freely and was faithful to his calling. He is a martyr who allowed himself to diminish so as to leave his place to the Messiah. “Those who are great end up like this!”. But John knew he had to be annihilated: “He must increase, I, instead, decrease”. And, added Pope Francis, “he decreased to the point of death”. John had pointed Jesus out to His first disciples, indicating that He was the Light of the world. He, instead, gave his life little by little, to the point of being extinguished in the darkness of a prison cell. (Homily of Pope Francis, Santa Marta, 8 February 2019).

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