

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 Thursday
 9 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
 Mary Kovacs, Parish Secretary ext 1
 Chris Lance, Music Director

Ministry

RCIA.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick.....call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:Meetings First Wednesday
 of the month6:30 PM
Youth Group Kevin McLaughlin

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday8:00 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

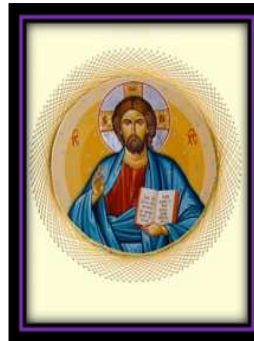
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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 Kindergarten 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, Nancy Guerriere, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Mary Kovacs, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18th

5:00pm † **Deceased members of the Guerriere**
By Family

Sunday, February 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Richard & Gina Sparacino**
By Karl & Rose Strhomaier

10:30 am † **Joseph Scopac**
By Mike & Jill DeMonti

Monday, February 20th

8:45 am † **Vincent Doherty**
By Family

Tuesday, February 21st

8:45 am **The living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**
† **Father Albert Roca**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

8:45 am † **Sabino & Antonietta Antinolfi**
By Iannelli Family

12:00 pm † **Remigusz & Marianna**
By Daughter

6:30 pm † **Anthony Gaiga**
By Theresa McLaughlin

Thursday, February 23rd ~ St. Polycarp
No Morning Mass

Friday, February 24th

† **Michael Wojtowicz**
By Saam Family
† **Frank Liberti**
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Saturday, February 25th

5:00pm † **Anthony Gaiga**
By Kovacs Family
† **Maria Gaetano**
By Iannelli Family

Sunday, February 26th First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † **Michael Wojtowicz**
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski
10:30 am **The living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

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First Collection: \$2,624

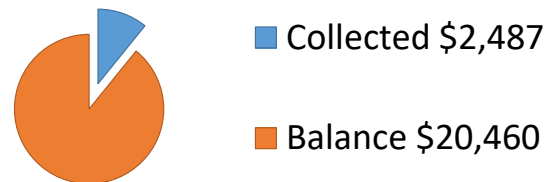
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Reverend Albert Roca

It is a sad duty to inform you that the Reverend Albert Roca, the first pastor at St. Theodore passed away Thursday, February 9th.



Father was 94 years old and was living in Florida at the time of his passing. He was pastor of St. Theodore Parish for 16 years before retiring in 2003.

His funeral will be in Florida on Tuesday, February 21st at 10am.

By the request of his family, there will be a memorial Mass in St. Theodore Church for the repose of the soul of Fr. Albert Roca, on the day of his funeral, on Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00 am.

Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace ~ Amen



Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

The Bible does not explicitly detail this first day of Lent, but there are many instances of this repentant act in the Old Testament:

“I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
and have laid my strength in the dust.” *Job 16:15*

In the New Testament: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes: *Luke 10:13*

Across many religious traditions, ashes signify the mortality of our human bodies. Genesis 3:19 tells us,

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” *Genesis 3:19*

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus’ entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection.

We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God.

Where do the ashes come from?

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It symbolizes Christ’s return to Jerusalem after spending 40 days in the desert. In the Catholic tradition, we receive palm leaves, which have been blessed, to hold onto during Mass and bring home. The leftover palms from Palm Sunday are then burned and saved for the next Lenten season. So, this year’s ashes are from the palms of Palm Sunday of 2022.

The Endless Mercy of God Lenten Retreat

There will be a Lenten retreat offered here at the parish on Saturday, March 4th entitled “The Endless Mercy of God”. We will begin after First Saturday Mass at 8:45am at around 10:00am and conclude by 1:30pm. There will be time for fellowship, personal prayer, reflection and group discussion.

Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Snacks & drinks will be provided,

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