

# 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 month .....7:00 PM  
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 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 Di Martile



December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † **Thomas R. Mattison**  
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am † **Joseph & Patricia Roche**  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am **Living & Deceased members  
of St. Theodore**

**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **The Anthony Nappi Family**  
By Angela Gross

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Vito & Marietta Mosellis**  
By Angela Gross

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **William & Jessie Reynolds**  
By Family

**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Antonietta & Sabino Antinolfi**  
By Daughter

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm **Altar Rosary Society**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am † **Birthday blessings for Paul Boccolini**  
By Mom & Dad Ejvind

10:30 am † **Henryk Kuruc**

By Kuruc Family

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Bible study will begin  
Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**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

Michael & Christion , John Schuttler,  
Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer,  
Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman,  
Michael, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta,  
Edward Kirby, William & Joan Prosser. Victoria



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12<sup>th</sup>

The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.



Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

## The Sacrament of Confession Christmas Schedule:

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



## Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

"Rejoice: the Lord is near."

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us.

The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing near

when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve

Christmas Pageant 5:00 pm Mass

12:00 pm Mid-night Mass

Christmas Day

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am (will also be live streamed)

5:00 pm Mass





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