

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
 Malysa 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 month9:00 AM
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

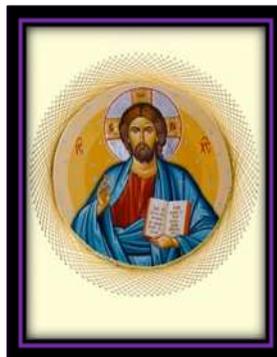
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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, Malysa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Sunday May 4th ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3rd ~ St. Philip & St. James

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

5:00 pm † Margaret Mustello
By Tim & Ginny Moran

Sunday, May 4th ~ Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Nettie, Joseph, Frank & Edward Roche
and Theresa, John & John, Jr. Adamick
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am Birthday Blessings for the repose of the
souls of Stasia & Danuta Grabias
By Family

12:30 pm **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Monday, May 5th

8:45 am Blessings to Father Damian on his
Ordination Anniversary

Tuesday, May 6th

8:45 am Mother's Day Remembrance

Wednesday, May 7th

8:45 am Mother's Day Remembrance

Thursday, May 8th

No Mass

Friday, May 9th

8:45 am Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, May 10th

5:00 pm Mother's Day Remembrance

Sunday, May 11th ~ **Mother's Day**

8:00 am Mother's Day Remembrance

10:30 am † Antionetta Antinolfi
By Daughter

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The Proefrock Family, Luke Ansbach,
Michael Shannon, 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
and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF
INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



God Bless You on 43 Years of Priesthood

Once in a while, there comes someone very special like you... who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who makes of their own life a living testimony of Christ's love. Thank You for your many years of devoted and caring ministry.

Happy 43rd Anniversary Father Damian.



CATHOLIC TRADITION

In Catholic Tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

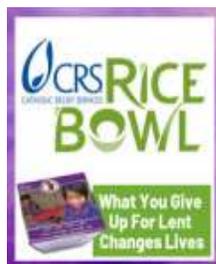
At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27)

As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

We are collecting the Lenten

**Rice Bowls. Please Bring in
Your Rice Bowl as soon as
possible.**

Place in the bin in the Narthex.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion is a momentous event in the Catholic Church, marking a significant milestone in a young person's spiritual journey. It is a sacred rite of passage that holds deep meaning and symbolism within the Catholic faith. This special occasion, also known as First Holy Communion, is celebrated with great reverence and joy as children partake in the Eucharist for the first time.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is rooted in the belief that the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This act of receiving the Eucharist is a central tenet of the Catholic faith, representing the intimate union with Christ and the community of believers. As such, First Holy Communion is a pivotal moment in a child's spiritual development, as they are welcomed into the full participation of the Church's sacramental life.

Beyond its individual significance, First Holy Communion is a joyous occasion that brings families and the parish community together in celebration. It is a time of profound significance for parents, siblings, and extended family members, who witness and support the children as they take this important step in their faith journey. The communal aspect of First Holy Communion fosters a sense of unity and shared faith experiences, strengthening the bonds of fellowship within the Church community.

Moreover, First Holy Communion serves as a powerful symbol of unity and belonging within the broader Catholic Church. As children from diverse backgrounds come together to partake in the Eucharist, they affirm their shared identity as members of the universal Church. This sense of unity transcends cultural and geographical boundaries, reinforcing the interconnectedness of the global Catholic community.

In essence, the significance of First Holy Communion encompasses spiritual growth, initiation into the faith, communal celebration, and the affirmation of unity within the Catholic Church. This sacred milestone holds enduring importance for young Catholics and the broader faith community, shaping their understanding of the Eucharist and fostering a deeper connection to their religious heritage.

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