

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),



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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

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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 Fr. Damian Tomiczek

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

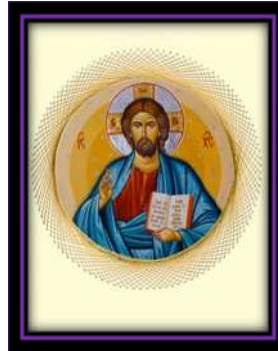
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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 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 December 14th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13th ~ St. Lucy

5:00 pm † **Madeline Ackerman**
By the Boccolini Family

Sunday, December 14th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † **Joseph & Julia Paslawski**
By Joseph Paslawski

10:30 am † **Nicolas John Prosser**
By Lisa Marie

Monday, December 15th

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

Tuesday, December 16th

8:45 am † **Filomena & Bernardino Iannelli**
By Family

Wednesday, December 17th

8:45 am † **Paul Boccolini III**
By Mom, dad & brother

Thursday, December 18th

No Mass

Friday, December 19th

8:45 am **Andrea Doherty**
By Family

Saturday, December 20th

5:00 pm **Christmas Remembrance**

Sunday, December 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Christmas Remembrance**

10:30 **Christmas Remembrance**

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, 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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Advent confession Monday Dec. 14th @ 6 pm

Conference~ Dec. 14th & Dec 15th @ 7 pm

**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 Proffrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

DECORATE the Church

Sunday, Dec. 21st at 11:30 am

Come join the festive chaos
as we decorate the Church.
It is a wonderful time for
your family to feel the
Christmas spirit as we
prepare for the birth of
Jesus.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & 12:00 am
Midnight Mass


Thursday, Dec. 25th

Mass @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am



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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



The Third Week of Advent: Called “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice, a pink candle on the Advent wreath represents this Sunday. At Mass, you’ll also see priests and deacons in pink vestments, leading us to await the birth of Jesus joyfully. .

What Is the Candle of Joy for The Third Week of Advent?

Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus’ arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

Christians may wonder why the church decided to make this particular candle a different color than the others.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child’s arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday.

Churches want to highlight the importance of joy in advent season. During a time where depression is at an all-time high and people seem to be in the most despair, this candle offers a bright light during a dark time.

The Shepherd’s Candle highlights the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ’s birth (Luke 2:8-20). During the middle of the night, the darkest time, the shepherds encountered angels.

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