



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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JERUSALEM'S GLORY

God's town, Jerusalem, has a new name: "Peace through justice and the glory of God's worship." Standing up on the heights, Jerusalem gathers all God's people to look out for the Messiah's coming. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son, John, proclaimed in the desert a baptism of repentance. "Prepare for the Messiah, the anointed one," he cried. "Make his paths straight. Fill up the valleys, and level the mountains...and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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¡Sí!

Esta fiesta de la santísima Virgen María celebra un gran misterio en la vida de los cristianos. María, antes que nosotros, logró hacer para el pueblo de Dios lo que nosotros esperamos y anhelamos.

Creemos que, cuando sus padres la concibieron, ella era tan pura como somos nosotros en nuestro bautismo. Ella realizó nuestra esperanza cuando dijo "Sí" y aceptó llevar en su seno a Jesús. Dios nos ofrece también la oportunidad de decir "Sí". ¿Aceptas?

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 1/2 hour before Masses

WEEKEND MASSESS

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

From the Desk of Father Kurt

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus".

The readings this Sunday talk about the end of one thing, and a new beginning of another. The Old Testament reading speaks of the end of being in exile from one's homeland. The people of Israel will be returning to Jerusalem after a long period of being forced from their homes and country. The New Testament reading speaks of being in exile as well. Heaven is our homeland and we will be in exile until we return to our home with Jesus. In the quote above, Paul is telling his congregation that they will be soon returning home and that Jesus is living inside each of them to help make the long journey.

Advent is a wonderful time for us to examine our lives, to make sure that Jesus is still living inside of us, guiding our decision making. If we find ourselves enslaved to sinful behavior, we are not allowing Jesus in our lives, but keeping him out. It is time to get the help that we need and stop hurting God and the people we love. The sacrament of confession is a great way to allow the grace of Jesus to forgive and free us from sin. It will also help us allow him to take over our lives and make life changing decisions. We will be gathering **at 3:30-4:30 pm this Sunday for our annual advent penance service.** There will be multiple priests available to hear confessions so please come and be reconciled with the God that loves you.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

December 1st & 2nd, 2018

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$5,008.00	\$443.25	\$45.00	\$35.00

2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal \$60,970.00

Amount Pledged & Received: \$52,357.00

We have only a few weeks to raise \$8,613.00 to reach our 2018 goal. We must take any amount that doesn't meet our goal from our general fund! Please help us achieve success!

Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Dec 23	† Henry Kalis by Violet & Family
Dec 30	Donor Needed
Jan 6	Donor Needed
Jan 13	Donor Needed

Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon, Dec 10		No Mass	
Tues, Dec 11	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Nubbs Wilder by a parishioner	Church
Wed, Dec 12	8:15 am	Rosary	Church
	8:45 am	Mass † Avic Kunkel by Family	Church
	6:00 pm	Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Thurs Dec 13	2:00 pm	Mass	Good Samaritan
Fri Dec 14	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Eldon Boom by Don & Shary Boom	Church
	9:30 am 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Adoration Spanish Prayer Group	Church Church
Sat Dec 15	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
	5:15 pm	Mass In Reporation for our Sins	Church
Sun Dec 16	8:30 am	Reconciliation	Church
	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass For Those in Attendance	Church
	11:00 am	Spanish Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory	Church

Poinsettias for the Holidays!

Addie's Floral & Gifts will be filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. You may order memorials or in honor of plants for the following costs:



6½" pot single plant \$12.00

8" pot two plants \$22.50

Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. Deadline to order is December 17th. You will be able to take your plant home after the Christmas Season!

2018 Christmas Services

Reconciliation

December 9th 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

December 23rd Between the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

Mass Times

Dec 24th 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass

7:30 PM Spanish Christmas Eve Mass

9:30 PM Christmas Music

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 25th 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 12/10	IS 35:1-10	LK 5: 17-26
Tues: 12/11	IS 40:1-11	MT 18: 12-14
Wed: 12/12	ZEC 2: 14-17	LK 1: 26-38
Thurs: 12/13	IS 41:13-20	MT 11: 11-15
Fri: 12/14	IS 48: 17-19	MT 11: 16-19
Sat: 12/15	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11	MT17: 9A, 10-13
Sun: 12/16	ZEP 3:14-18A	IS 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6
	PHIL 4: 4-7	LK 3: 10-18

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Dec 10	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues, Dec 11	Diocesan Deans Meeting 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Aztec Dance Practice 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Rectory Gym Church
Wed, Dec 12	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Morning Prayer Group 6:00 am - 7:00 am Handbell Choir Practice 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm No Faith Formation Classes: 5th-11th gr.	See Insert for Details Parish Meeting Room Church Basement See Insert
Thurs Dec 13	Building & Grounds Meeting 8:00 am - 9:00 am RCIA Group 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm School Christmas Concert 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room Church
Fri Dec 14	P.A.K.E.T. Day 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Marian Hall
Sat Dec 15	No Parish Activities	
Sun Dec 16	Faith Formation Classes: Prek-4th gr. & Parent Advent Centers 10:05 am - 10:55 am Hispanic Apologetics Class 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Christmas Pageant Practice 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church



Thank you to the bakers and the buyers who supported our 3rd Annual Christmas Bake Sale. In spite of the weather, the bake sale did about the same as last year. As the numbers continue to come in, we will give you an update on our actual profit! Thank you again!

Giving Back to the Lord

As Catholics we are called to serve in ways that will utilize and celebrate the gifts, time, talents and blessings given to us by the Lord. We are currently in need of individuals to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at our weekend Masses. Training is fast and simple and we will work with your schedule. If you are willing to try and serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Cheryll Intihar at 373-8624 or the parish office at 373-0603. Thank you!



Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Dec 15, 2018	Sunday, Dec 16, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Cantor Needed w/ choir	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Robert Steffl	Melissa Wentzel Cole Wentzel	
Altar Servers	Diego Guerra Michael Minear	Katelyn & Sawyer Holt	Miguel Palma Anthony Leronio

Please take time to sign up for the various liturgical parts for our Christmas services. Sign up sheets are located in the access area. There are still lots of open times that need your service!

Volunteer signup sheets are located in the access area. Please find a way to squeeze in some time to come help volunteer or our month of January.



St. Theodore School News

We would like to congratulate all the children receiving their **First Reconciliation** on Sunday. May God bless you on this wonderful sacrament into your Catholic Faith.

Mark your calendars! **St. Theodore Catholic School's Christmas Concert** will be on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm. We will be performing in the church. Please come and enjoy the musical talents of our students who have worked hard to get ready for this event.

We have one week left to collect non-perishable food for the **"Stuff A Truck"** food drive sponsored by Marketplace Foods. In the school we have a four foot tall cardboard castle we are trying to fill. We can use all the help we can get. We may be a small school but we have big hearts and want to help as many people in need as possible. We have collection boxes in the parish and school offices or if you know a student you can send it with them.

Have a great weekend.
• St. Theodore Catholic School •

Faith Formation News

Please pray for our students preparing for their **First Reconciliation** on December 9th at 3:30pm. All are invited to come and celebrate this time of renewing our relationship with the Lord. Our example is a wonderful way to support these young people on their faith journey!



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