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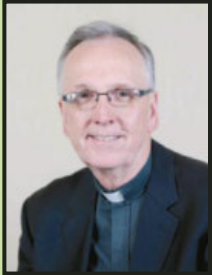
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"Broken, we gather. Nourished, we are sent forth."



Pastoral Perspectives

Less than a month ago, we gathered on Christmas Day to celebrate the Incarnation, and for two Sundays since we have been celebrating glorious epiphanies of God in the world. First, the manifestation of God in the lovely form of baby flesh that was seen, felt, and kissed.

Wonder had a field day, as momentous events were celebrated, and each one was a magnificent epiphany of God. The marriage feast of Cana is another one.

John's Gospel tells us that Mary was at a wedding party. Then, it mentions that Jesus and his disciples "had likewise been invited." It sounds like their invitations had been tacked on to Mary's. "Mary, if you want to bring your son and his friends – OK."

In Scripture, wine is a symbol of peace and joy. There is more to drinking wine than uncorking a bottle. The wine must be made. That requires vineyards. They require lots of care. Then, the grapes must be harvested. Finally, the wine must be made. If soldiers or marauders destroy the vineyard or drive off the workers, there will be no wine. If we have wine that means we have peace.

Jesus makes wine. That is, he brings a time of peace to the world.

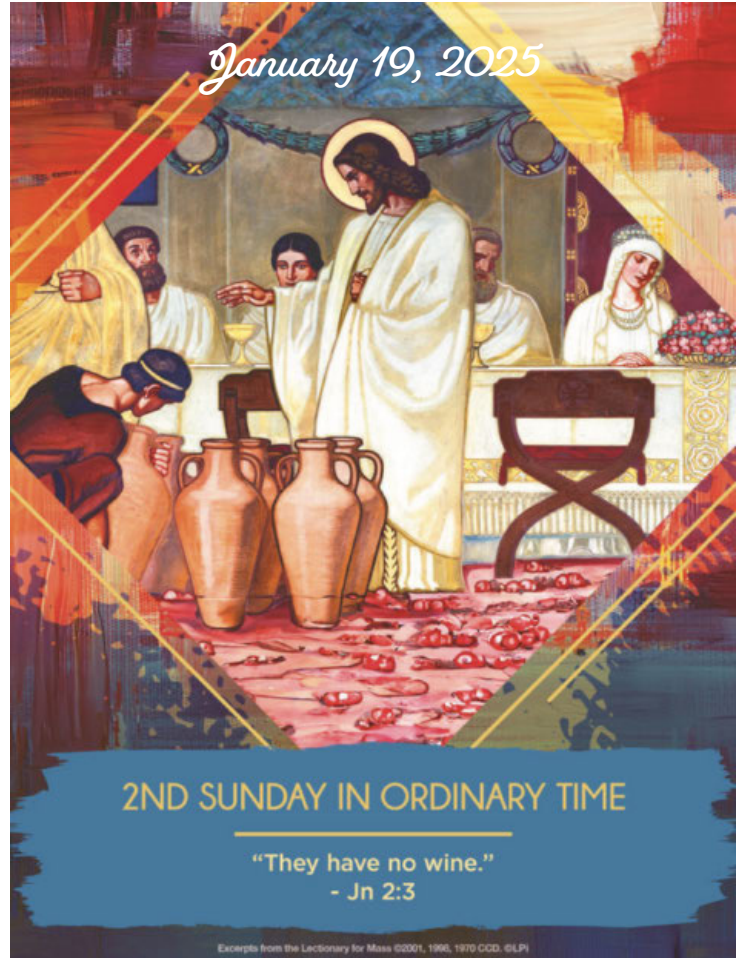
Sometimes our lives don't measure up and our presence in this world is like water at a wedding. No lift in it, no zip to it, it is flat, drooping and spirit-less. "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly." But God invented need to be a divine dynamic, and in this story, it is Mary who saw the embarrassment of the scene. And she did something about it. There was a total transformation. A delightful epiphany.

What remains for us is the task of the head waiter, the one who recognized the good wine and served it to the guests. If, through prayer, reflection, and service, we imbibe the Good News, and intoxicated by it, go out to the world filled with the Spirit of Christ, the world will know peace.

Thought for the week: Learn to forgive yourself.

Smile for the week: One four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

God bless! Have a wonderful week!
Fr. Kevin McKenna



St. Theodore's Parish is a diverse community brought together by our faith in Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic community we further our love and trust in God Through worship, education, outreach and stewardship. We join with other communities in the Diocese of Rochester to spread the Good News. We celebrate the sacraments to worship God and nurture our faith. We welcome new members to journey with us to the fullness of life in the Kingdom.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Strength to Love, 1963.



FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

A reminder that on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m., is the retreat for the children preparing for First Reconciliation and at least **one** of their parents. **We will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. in church; please arrive a few minutes early to sign in.** Be sure that the children bring their Reconciliation textbook with them. **Lessons 1-7 along with the worksheets for lessons 3, 5, 6 and 7 need to be completed by the retreat.** The books and worksheets will be collected for Mrs. Piehler to review. Any questions, call 429-5650.

The staff would like to thank the Parish Office volunteers for their time and talent. They volunteer to come in a certain day of week throughout the year. They receive our visitors, answer the telephone and the door, as well as do extra projects for the staff and parish. We appreciate each of you! Thank you Sandy Sloan, JoAnn Quattrocchi, Jeanette Donato, Gloria Hamilton, Carmen Nasca, Paula Dailey, Nancy Barattini and Sandy Wright. Thank you!



Dunn Memorial Library

The week of January 6th we had a pipe burst in the library. They had to move the cases of books to get at the mechanics.

With the help of parishioner Gloria Hamilton, the shelves and books were cleaned and reorganized. In these winter months, we remind you that there are some good books on many Catholic topics in the library. Stop in to peruse the selection. The library operates on an honor system: when you are done, please return the book(s).

On Thursday, January 23rd at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano and our Diocesan family as we unite with the (arch) dioceses around the country in a vigil of prayer for the sanctity of all human life. Mass begins at 6:00 pm, followed by Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm. During the time of adoration priests will be available to hear confessions.



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01/07	Sue Granby	\$25
01/08	Gregory MacCracken	\$25
01/09	St Theodore's	\$25
01/10	Cheryl MacCracken	\$25
01/11	Maureen Phillips	\$50
01/12	St Theodore's	\$50

Donations to Theo's Closet can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center during Parish Office hours. Theo's Closet is open Monday & Wednesday, 10 am-12 pm. Please use the west side entrance off Dunn Tower Drive.



About Bulletin Submissions

Please send an email to sttheodorebulletin@dor.org at least 10 days before the bulletin date.



Community Memorial Service

Accompanying Our Neighbors
Who Have Died without Family or Resources

Celebrating our 13th Year
Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm
Peace of Christ at St. Ambrose Church
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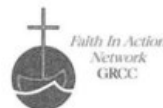
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GRCC—Faith in Action Network has organized a number of pastoral leaders to preside and attendees to be present for burial services for people who have died without family or resources. We will be celebrating this Annual Memorial Service for people we have accompanied this past year and celebrating all involved in this tender service. Please share this invitation widely...

St. Theo's Food Cupboard

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Life Center during Parish Office hours.

If you shop at Big M in Gates, look for a Donation Box near the Front Door for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard. Purchased items can be dropped in this box and our Food Cupboard will receive the items. Thank you to Big M for partnering with our Food Cupboard to help those in need.

Each week we feature an item of Great Need. If you can include that in your donation, we will be especially grateful.

Item of the Week: Pasta & Spaghetti sauce

The Cupboard is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am-12pm, and can be accessed through the west side door off Dunn Tower Road. For information, call (585) 429-5360.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We would like to bring back the Martha Ministry to our parish. This special ministry would allow families to have a place to gather after the funeral of a loved one. This is a beautiful opportunity to offer compassion and support to those who are grieving while helping to alleviate some of the burdens during this difficult time.

In order for us to offer this ministry to families, we would need the help of several people. Volunteers would help set up the reception space in the parish hall, make coffee, greet the families, serve the food that is provided by the family, and clean up after the reception. We will also need one or two people to coordinate the ministry: make arrangements with the family and then organize the volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 or Maureen.piehler@dor.org.

Our Eucharistic Chapel is open 24 hours!



*Thank you to the good stewards who continue to support our parish through their time, talent and treasure...
St. Theodore's is very blessed to have your support!*

FINANCES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 12

Weekly Amount Needed	\$10,100.00
Sunday Collection	\$9,527.50
Maintenance Fund	\$450.00
Attendance	



Our facilities are all-accessible and equipped with a hearing loop.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin McKenna, *Pastor*—fr.kevin.mckenna@dor.org
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Baptisms—Please call the Parish Office at (585) 429-6811 for information on scheduling the baptism.

Hospital Calls—Please call the Parish Office to have a priest or pastoral staff member visit you while you are in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, we cannot access information about your hospitalization unless you indicate St. Theodore's as your faith community on your admissions forms!

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 pm or by appointment.

Weddings—Contact Deacon Dennis Lohouse at (585) 429-6811 or dennis.lohouse@dor.org as soon as possible to reserve the church **before** you sign a contract with a reception hall.

Faith Formation for Children in Grades 1-9 including Sacrament Preparation—Contact Maureen Piehler at (585) 429-5650 for program information.

Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12—Contact Maureen Piehler for information at (585) 429-5650.

Sunday Offering Envelopes—Please continue to mail in your envelopes on a weekly basis. We are also accepting envelopes in the Parish Life Center during Parish Office hours. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and needed at this time.

Please remember St. Theodore's Church of Gates, NY in your will. Request that memorial donations be sent to our parish upon a loved one's death.

This Week at Our Parish



Sunday, January 19—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

9:00 am Mass: For the people of St. Theodore's
OCIA/OCIC

11:00 am Mass: Josephine Marcano—Tony &
Mickey Ruggiero

Monday, January 20—Sts. Fabian & Sebastian; Martin Luther King Day

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

8:30 am Mass: Special Intention for Ann

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

NO Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, January 21— St. Agnes

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

8:30 am Mass: David Baker: Vincent &
Joanne Plumeri

2:30 pm Bell Choir, Music Room

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Library

Wednesday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

8:30 am Mass: Consecration of Hearts to the
Divine Mercy of Jesus

7:00 pm Choir, Music Room

Thursday, January 23—Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

8:30 am Communion Service

Friday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

8:30 am Mass: Rose Sidore—Vincent & Joanne
Plumeri

Saturday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

4:30 pm Mass: Robert Sparacino: Cecilia
Piermonte

Sunday, January 26—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

*Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor
12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

9:00 am Mass: James Manners—Wife, Rita
OCIA/OCIC

11:00 am Mass: For the people of St. Theodore's



With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized:
Gabriella Marie Calabrese
son of Phillip & Angelyn Calabrese.

Sanctuary Lamp & Mass Intentions



Please remember that you can reserve the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one/family/friend. The donation is \$20 and is scheduled by the week. Please consider it! A receptionist or Pamela can handle scheduling the Sanctuary Lamp or Mass intentions for you in-person OR over the phone (M-Th from 9 am-3 pm).

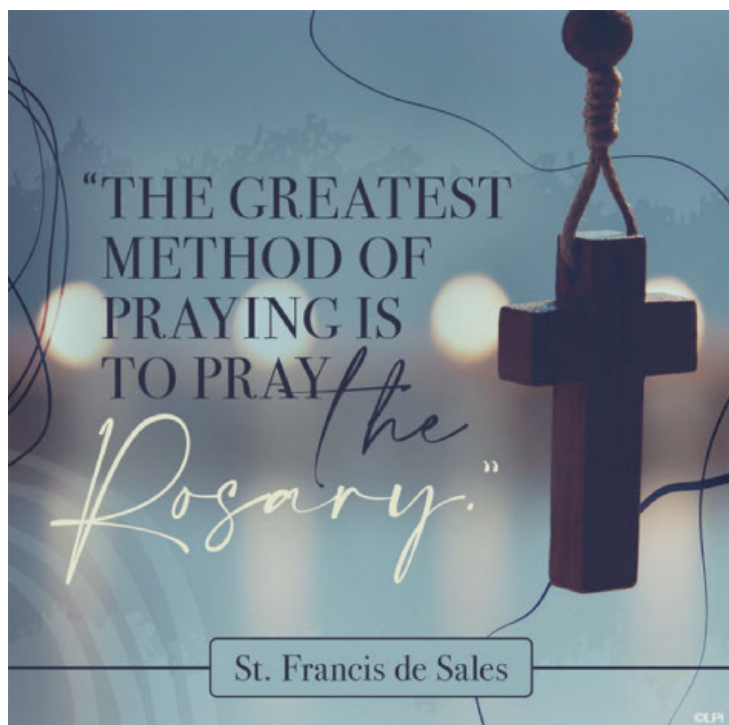
If you put in a Mass Request within the last couple months and have not heard from someone at the Parish Office, that means the Mass(es) have been scheduled for the times(s) you requested. The Office only calls you if neither choice is available. Thank you!



Parish Office Volunteers



The Parish Staff is looking for a couple of extra volunteers as subs to help man the reception desk in the Parish Life Center Monday-Thursday, for 3 hours at a time. If you are interested, please call or stop by and ask for Pamela. Thank you so much for considering this.



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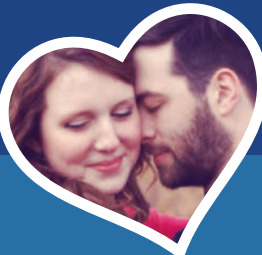
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