



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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## ALPHA AND OMEGA

"I bear witness to the truth; all on the side of truth listen to my voice." Jesus is coming back: this is true. He has washed away our sins in blood. This is the truth. He has made the baptized members of his family: also truth. He says, "I am the alpha and the omega," the beginning and the end, the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the almighty. He loves each of us so much that he saves us by giving us his life: all true. We bear witness to him.

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## Alfa y Omega

"Vine al mundo para ser testigo de la Verdad. Todo el que está de parte de la verdad, escucha mi voz". Jesús vendrá de nuevo. Él lavó el pecado con su sangre. Él nos hizo miembros de su familia. Él dice: "Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega", el principio y el fin, "el que es, el que era y el que ha de venir, el Señor del Universo". Él nos ama tanto que nos salva entregando su propia vida. Todo esto es verdad. Nosotros somos testigos de su verdad.

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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

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a time for waiting, a time for longing for the coming of God in our lives. A longing, that once fulfilled, will bring lasting joy.

As a child I remember Advent as a time for the anticipation of Christmas, and all the good things that I would get underneath the Christmas tree and in my stocking Christmas morning. I could not even sleep at night as the days drew closer for the permission to unwrap all those presents underneath the Christmas tree with my name on them. Christmas morning brought great joy as I tore through all those packages, but after a couple of weeks of playing with my new gadgets, the joy was gone.

Unlike the joy of material gifts, the joy of accepting the Christ Child into our hearts is everlasting. The Christmas plays and the movies about The Nativity never grow old. Christmas is not about gifts underneath the Christmas tree, but about a child being born, a child, which brings hope of salvation to a world so broken by violence and hatred. As we begin advent may we not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, with all the ads in the newspaper, but allow the longing for the coming of the Child Jesus to take root in our hearts.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon, Dec 3		No Mass	
Tues, Dec 4	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Charles Harty by Elaine Sonka	Church
Wed, Dec 5	8:15 am	Rosary	Church
	8:45 am	<b>Mass</b> † Eddie Staloch by Janie Staloch	Church
Thurs Dec 6	8:45 am	Rosary	Church
	9:15 am	<b>Mass</b> † Donna Meirose by Jeanne Wendell	Church
Fri Dec 7	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore	Church
	9:30 am	First Friday Confessions	Church
	9:30 am	Adoration	Church
	5:15 pm	<b>Holy Day Mass</b> For poor souls in Purgatory	Church
Sat Dec 8	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Spanish Prayer Group	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Holy Day Mass</b> For the living and deceased members of our parish.	Church
	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
Sun Dec 9	5:15 pm	<b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church
	8:30 am	Reconciliation	Church
	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Henry & Florence Stephan & David Johannsen by Patricia Johannsen	Church
Sun Dec 9	11:00 am	<b>Spanish Mass</b> The poor souls in Purgatory	Church
	3:30 pm	Communal Penance	Church

## Sacrificial Giving

November 24-25, 2018

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$8,709.75	\$410.26	\$0.00	\$175.00

**2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal \$60,970.00**

**Amount Pledged & Received:** \$52,182.00

We are at 86% of our goal in pledges! We have whittled down our amount yet to raise to \$8,788.00. Our goal is getting closer!

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Dec 16	Donor Needed
Dec 23	† Henry Kalis by Violet & Family
Dec 30	Donor Needed
Jan 6	Donor Needed

## 2018 Christmas Services

### Reconciliation

December 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Between the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

### Mass Times

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Mon 12/03</b>	IS 2:1-5	MT 8: 5-11
<b>Tues: 12/04</b>	IS 11:1-10	LK 10: 21-24
<b>Wed: 12/05</b>	IS 25: 6-10A	MT 15: 29-37
<b>Thurs: 12/06</b>	IS 26 1-6	MT 7: 21, 24-27
<b>Fri: 12/07</b>	IS 29: 17-24	MT 9: 27-31
<b>Sat: 12/08</b>	GN 3:9-15, 20	PS 98:1,2-3Ab, 3CD-4
<b>Sun: 12/09</b>	EPH 1:3-6, 11-12	LK 1: 26-38
	BAR 5: 1-9	PS 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
	PHIL 1: 4-6, 8-11	LK 3: 1-6

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

<b>Mon Dec 3</b>	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Marian Hall
	Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church Basement
	Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Access
<b>Tues, Dec 4</b>	Diocesan Principal Meeting 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Marian Hall
	Presbyteral Council Meeting 11:00 am - 4:00 pm	School Room 15
	Aztec Dance Practice 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Gym
	Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
	Hispanic Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room
<b>Wed, Dec 5</b>	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 am - 7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
	Teacher Staff Meeting 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	School Room 15
	Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Church
	Faith Formation Classes: 5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> gr. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Church, School, Gym, Marian Hall
<b>Thurs Dec 6</b>	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Church Basement
	Hispanic Rosary: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
	Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Church
<b>Fri Dec 7</b>	Hispanic Rosary 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
	School Volunteer Fun Night 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Marian Hall
<b>Sat Dec 8</b>	KC Steak Fry 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Club
<b>Sun Dec 9</b>	Faith Formation Classes: Prek-4th gr. 10:05 am - 10:55 am	Church Basement
	Hispanic Food Sales 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Access
	First Reconciliation for First Communicants 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Church

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Dec 8, 2018	Sunday, Dec 9, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
<b>Cantor</b>	Ada Theusch w/ choir	Sue Amundson	
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	Kim Otten Catherin Buboltz	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Diego Guerra Michael Minear	Katelyn & Sawyer Holt	Lizbeth Merilio Melissa Palma

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



For the month of January, it's our turn to volunteer to help with the Loaves & Fishes program. Volunteer signup sheets are located in the access area. Please find a way to squeeze in some time to come help volunteer.

## St. Theodore School News

We are collecting non-perishable food for the "Stuff A Truck" food drive sponsored by Marketplace Foods. We have two weeks left to collect. 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, we 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.

Thank you for donating new socks and gently used winter items to "Jack Frost's Closet". These items will go to those in need this cold winter season. If you have items that you did not get to drop off, there are many drop boxes around town from different organizations that can still use your donation. 'Tis the season of giving.

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

## Faith Formation News

### Thank You...

...to everyone who took Angel's from the Angel tree,  
...to all who have generously given and continue to support our Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

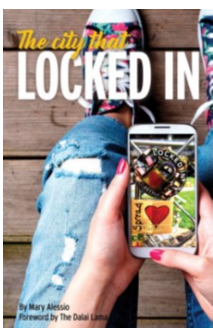
**We are greatly blessed!**


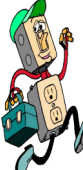



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