



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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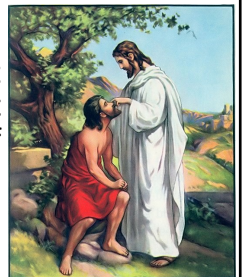
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The long narration of Jesus' encounter with the blind man from birth coincides with the second scrutiny laid out for those chosen for RCIA, in which the entire assembly should participate. In the Gospel, Jesus heals this blind man with a light that shines beyond the poor man, curing him despite the many difficulties it would later bring. The Christian community prays deeply today for those who will be initiated in a few weeks, and must remember how important it is to live as children of the light. Embraced by Christ's light that is experienced by each of us from the time of our baptism, we know and trust that we can overcome all of life's obstacles. The light of our risen Lord guides us always as a shepherd guides the sheep, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4). This is the second symbol that the year A readings provide us. The water that gives life (Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman), and the light that guides the way (encounter with the blind man from birth) become for all of us two of the main liturgical elements of the Easter Vigil, during which we will celebrate the Lord's passing from death to life.



La larga narración del encuentro de Jesús con el ciego desde su nacimiento coincide con el segundo escrutinio establecido para los elegidos para la RCIA, en el que toda la asamblea debe participar. En el Evangelio, Jesús sana a este ciego con una luz que brilla más allá del pobre hombre, sanándolo a pesar de las muchas dificultades que más tarde traería. La comunidad cristiana ora profundamente hoy por aquellos que serán iniciados en unas pocas semanas, y debe recordar lo importante que es vivir como hijos de la luz. Abrazados por la luz de Cristo que experimenta cada uno de nosotros desde el momento de nuestro bautismo, sabemos y confiamos en que podemos superar todos los obstáculos de la vida. La luz de nuestro Señor resucitado nos guía siempre como pastor guía a las ovejas: "Aunque camino por el valle de la sombra de la muerte" (Salmos 23:4). Este es el segundo símbolo que nos proporcionan las lecturas del año A. El agua que da vida (el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer samaritana), y la luz que guía el camino (encuentro con el ciego desde el nacimiento) se convierten para todos nosotros dos de los principales elementos litúrgicos de la Vigilia Pascual, durante la cual celebraremos el pasando de la muerte a la vida.

RADIO & TV MASSES

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
9:30 am (Español)
9:00 am KAAL Channel 6
7:30 am KEYC Channel 12
9:30 am KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2
or Charter Channel 16

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:00 -5:00 pm

PRIVATE PRAYER

Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Prayer Chapel open all hours
(with restrictions)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday.....8:00 am -12:00 pm
Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on
Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and
12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

Office is currently not open to the public. Please contact the office by phone or email and staff will respond when appropriate.

PRAYER CHAIN

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus cures a man that was born blind from birth. One would have to be blind to not see the terrible effect that the Coronavirus has had on our lives and I believe we have not seen the worst yet. It is so important during this time that we don't lose sight of who is in charge. If the Lord can heal a man that was born blind at birth, he will get us through this difficult time. We need to place our trust in God's love for us now more than ever before. No matter what is happening around us, God is with us. Whether it be in a Church or at home with our families, God is with us. Please do not fall in the trap of thinking that God has somehow punished or abandoned us. I want you to know that God is with you, but so is His Church and so am I your priest.

Please call or write an email any time and I will listen to your needs. I want to be there for you but at the same time I support the Bishops decision to suspend public worship in order to keep people safe. I will be available for sacramental emergencies and to do small sacramental services of ten or fewer, and plan on keeping the Church open as much as possible for personal prayer and times for individual confession. I will also be celebrating a private Mass every day for your intentions. Please be patient with us as we adjust ourselves to these dramatic changes. Please remember St. Theodore's Church still needs your charitable contributions to meet its financial obligations. I am very grateful to you all for your patience and willingness to hang with us during this very difficult times.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Apr 5	Sponsors Needed
Apr 12	† Betty Cashin by Friends & Cashin Family † Lucy Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson Additional Sponsors Needed
Apr 19	† Ruben Anderson by Judy Pop-Anderson

We will be broadcasting both the English and Spanish Masses. The English Mass will be from 9:00-9:30 am and the Spanish Mass will follow at 9:30 am.
Go to KATE radio on 1450 AM radio to listen!

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 3/23	IS 65:17-21	JN 4:43-54
Tues: 3/24	EZ 47:1-9, 12	JN 5:1-16
Wed: 3/25	IS 7:10-14; 8:10	PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11
	HEB 10:4-1	LK 1:26-38
Thurs: 3/26	EX 32:7-14	JN 5:31-47
Fri: 3/27	WIS 2:1A, 12-2	JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat 3/28	JER 11:18-20	JN 7:40-53
Sun: 3/29	EZ 37:12-14	PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.
	ROM 8:8-11	JN 11:1-45

Mass Intentions & Schedule

For now all publicly scheduled celebrations of the holy sacrifice of the Mass are suspended until Friday, May 15, 2020

Father will celebrate private Masses daily for all Mass Intentions!

Tuesday, March 24	† Mark Steffen by his parents
Wednesday, March 25	† Dale Bodensteiner by Dan Bodensteiner
Thursday, March 26	† Santos Alfredo Davila Florez by Family
Friday, March 27	† Casey Dziura by Sylvia & Family
Saturday, March 28	Prayer Intention for Tyler & Erica Nelson
Sunday, March 29 9:00 AM	† Betty Cashin by Cashin family & friends For the special intention of Thomas Newell For All Parishioners
9:30 AM	† Ricardo Renteria by family

As decreed by our Bishop, our church must be made available for private prayer.

Church Schedule

Open for Private Prayer

Friday, 9am-5pm

Open for Confessions

Friday, 4pm-5pm or by appointment

CLOSED

Saturday-Thursday

Please follow CDC regulations of a maximum of 50 individuals gathering.

Please keep social distance of 6 feet apart!

These restrictions must be strictly followed to prevent violations causing fines from the CDC!

Prayer Chapel is Open 24 hours a Day!

Max 1 individual per time
Or

3 Immediate Family Members Only

Please limit your time to 30 minutes

This Week's Activities & Reminders

All parish activities have been suspended until further notice.



Many of us will now be fulfilling our Sunday obligation by listening to the radio Mass or watching it on TV or computer. Even though we can't receive Jesus's actual body, we can make an act of Spiritual Communion. Below is what is required to make an act of Spiritual Communion.

Requirements for a Act of Spiritual Communion

The four requirements as set down by the Church for those who wish to make a profitable Act of Spiritual Communion:

1. Repentance
2. Firm belief that Christ died for them
3. Remembrance of the benefits coming from Christ's Sacrifice
4. Thankfulness

As a result, to make a truly profitable Act of Spiritual Communion, we must prepare for this Act, say an Act of Spiritual Communion, and then speak to Our Lord with the same spirit as if we had just received Him at Holy Mass. An Act of Spiritual Communion should not be treated as just one of our many daily prayers. It must be treated as an altogether unique prayer just as Holy Communion is the most important of all Sacraments!

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer of spiritual Communion with Jesus can be made in a matter of seconds and repeated often throughout the day.

To make a spiritual communion you can simply say the following prayer in a recollected manner:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You".

Sacrificial Giving

March 9th - 15th, 2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,550.01	\$904.00	\$45.00	\$10.00

For St. Theodore to meet its financial needs the faithful can submit their sacrificial giving one of the following ways:

1. Mail
2. Electronic giving through your bank
3. Vanco

If you are interested in signing up for electronic giving, please contact the parish office at 373-0603.



Liturgical Ministers



Saturday
Mar 28, 2020

5:15 pm

Sunday
Mar 29, 2020

9:00 am

11:00 am

Accompanist

Cantor

Lectors

Altar Servers

Currently we are taping our Sunday broadcast Masses prior. (English & Spanish)
Thank you for your patience and willingness to serve but during this difficult time plans for Mass taping are being prearranged.



Those In Need: During this historic time, now more than ever, Jesus calls his brothers and sisters to show great sacrifice due to the impact from COVID-19. If you or someone you know has any unmet needs, please contact the Parish office and we will do all we can to help. If you are a parishioner willing to help by making wellness calls, picking up and delivering groceries, etc. for our most compromised -- please call the Parish Office to let us know how you can help! 507-373-0603



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number

of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. As a church we want to do all we can to help those in need so

St. Theodore will be hosting our next blood drive scheduled for Friday, April 17th, 2020.

The Red Cross will be taking the following steps to provide a safe environment for everyone involved with the blood drive:

- Checking the temperature of staff, volunteers, & donors before entering a drive to ensure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use by all before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Spacing beds to ensure social distancing practices between blood donors.
- Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

The Red Cross Employees already follow thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of any type of infection. These strict safety protocols include:

- Wearing gloves and changing them after each donor
- Routinely wiping down donor-touched areas
- Using sterile collection sets for every donation
- Preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub

The Red Cross recommend that we not ask our elderly volunteers to help at this time as they will have additional collection staff to help with registration and refreshments.

Right now, eligible and healthy donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to provide lifesaving blood products to patients. Please give now.

