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The proclamation of today's first reading requires a combination of oratory styles: first, the sadness of a people who have lost everything and now live in exile; and, on the other hand, hope springing from the message that God will come to rescue them. For lectors, this combination of styles is a true challenge that requires careful preparation. The proclamation of today's Gospel demands that all understand the announcement and arrival of Saint John the Baptist, both in the liturgy of Advent and in the life of a people who await the Messiah. Maybe our lectors can meet with the priests and deacons to go over these readings during Advent. Out of such gatherings, new ideas may surface that can enhance the preaching of those entrusted with this ministry.

La proclamación de la primera lectura de hoy requiere una combinación de estilos oratorios: primero, la tristeza de un pueblo que lo ha perdido todo y ahora vive en el exilio; y, por otro lado, la esperanza brota del mensaje de que Dios vendrá a rescatarlos. Para los lectores, esta combinación de estilos es un verdadero desafío que requiere una preparación cuidadosa. El anuncio del Evangelio de hoy exige que todos entiendan el anuncio y la llegada de san Juan Bautista, tanto en la liturgia del Adviento como en la vida de un pueblo que espera al Mesías. Tal vez nuestros lectores puedan reunirse con los sacerdotes y diáconos para repasar estas lecturas durante el Adviento. De esas reuniones pueden surgir nuevas ideas que puedan mejorar la predicación de quienes confían este ministerio.



Christmas Eve

Thursday
December 24
4:00 PM
7:30 PM (Español)
9:30pm Christmas Carols
10:00 PM (Live Stream)

Christmas Masses



Christmas Day

Friday
December 25
9:00 AM
(Broadcast & Parking Lot Mass)

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 1/2 hour before 9 & 11 am Masses

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Prayer Chapel open all hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Closed Friday

Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and

PRAYER CHAIN

Deanna Ille
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From the Desk of Father Kurt

"Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins." IS 40: 1-11

In this scripture verse from the prophet Isaiah, we hear the prophecy of the Messiah. When He comes He was to bring with Him glad tidings to the lowly, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners, and comfort all those who mourn and give them oil of gladness in place of their mourning. Jesus is the Messiah who brings fulfillment to this prophecy, but He expects to use our hands and feet to do it.

I often listen to the cries of the poor and those who suffer, and I am surprised that such poverty could exist in a country so abundant in wealth. I think sometimes that the social problems in our country; such as illegal immigration, often times cloud our obligation to help the cry of the poor. As a Christian we are not to ask for identification of legal residency before we feed a hungry child or stop to console a crying mother. Our obligation to the poor and suffering transcends boundaries and borders.

Jesus is still in our midst fulfilling the prophecy of old, and He is using His disciples to carry out His mission. The question is, are we apart of His mission or part of the problem?

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (11/30/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$38,317.00	62.08%

Sacrificial Giving

November 23-29, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,186.01	\$727.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Dec 20	† Jeanne Johnson by Floyd Johnson
Dec 27	† Betty Cashin by Don Cashin family & friends † Edie Sigowski by Evie Additional Sponsors Needed
Jan 3	† Ralph Drees Jr. by Joanne Tibodeau
Jan 10	For all health workers, first responders, care givers and all who have suffered loss or hardship during the past year.
Jan 17	Sponsors Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 12/7	IS 35:1-10	LK 5:17-26
Tues: 12/8	GN 3:9-15, 20	LK 1:26-38
Wed: 12/9	IS 40:25-31	MT 11:28-30
Thurs: 12/10	IS 41:13-20	MT 11:11-15
Fri: 12/11	IS 48:17-19	MT 11:16-19
Sat: 12/12	ZEC 2:14-17	LK 1:26-38
Sun: 12/13	IS 61:1-2A, 10-11	LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
	1 THES 5:16-24	JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions & Schedule

The dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect until further notice for all who may be hesitant at this time to be in larger gatherings. St. Theodore will continue to provide the opportunity to listen to Mass on 1450 AM, KATE radio.

Mon Dec 7	5:30-6:30 pm	Mass: Immaculate Conception For all Parishioners	Church
Tues Dec 8	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass: Immaculate Conception † Angie Taft, sister of Mary Jemming	Church Church
Wed Dec 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Salvador Renteria by family	Church Church
Thurs Dec 10	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Jeanne Wendell by Geri	Church Church
Fri Dec 11	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30am-6:30 pm 6:30-11:00pm 11:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Delores Sternhagen by Geri Adoration Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Las Mañanitas	Church Church Church Church Church
Sat Dec 12	12:00-1:00am 4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe Reconciliation Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church Church
Sun Dec 13	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00-5:00 pm	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Lupe Oritz by family For the living and deceased members of the Evelyn Schultz family, and for all Parishioners Hispanic Mass † Ricardo Renteria by family Reconciliation	Church Church Church Church

Salvation Army Food Donation

September - November, 2020

146 lbs

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- Liam Rene Grande Lopez son of Leonel Grande & Marissa Lopez
- We celebrate the blessing of his beautiful eternal soul and may we help him grow to be the Saints the Lord has called him to be.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 11, 2020

6:30-11:00 pm Adoration - church
11:00 pm Las Mañanitas

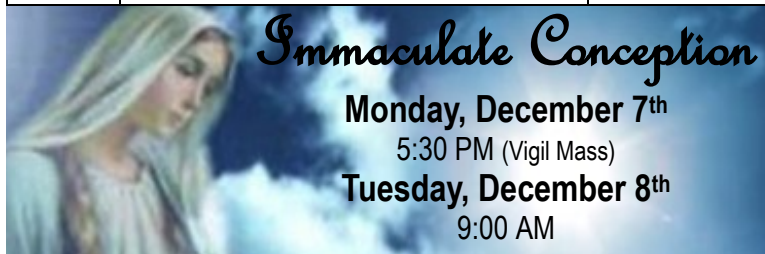
Saturday, December 12, 2020

12:00 am - 1:00 pm Midnight Mass

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Due to recent changes with COVID, all parish board & committee meetings and prayer groups have been postponed for the month of December 2020. Please check parish media sources for future updates and changes.

Mon Dec 7	Loaves & Fishes 5-6:30 pm	Marian Hall
Tues Dec 8	No Parish Activities	
Wed Dec 9	Faith Formation Classes: Online	Online
Thursday, December 10 & Friday, December 11, 2020 No Parish Activities		
Sat Dec 12	Baptism 3:00 pm	Church
Sun Dec 13	First Communion Faith Formation Reconciliation 4-5:00 pm	Online Church



Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 7th
5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
Tuesday, December 8th
9:00 AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, December 13, 2020, 4-5 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Mass: Children's Liturgy · 4:00 pm

Spanish Mass · 7:30 pm

Christmas Carols · 9:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass · 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020 · 9:00 am

(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)

Hispanic New Year's Mass

Thursday, December 31st, 2020 · 11:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary Mass

Friday, January 1st, 2021 · 9:00 am




We pray for the following who mourn the loss of their loved one:

- Marlene Dilleuth, mother of Jolene, died Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Memorial celebration will be held at a later date.
- James Felber, died Thursday, November 26. Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.
- Ken Schroeder, died November 27, 2020. Private service only.

We pray that the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring her family peace and comfort during this difficult time.



Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Dec 12, 2020	Sunday December 13, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	AdaTheusch	
Cantor	Iris Goodnature	Betsy Schultz	
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Kathleen Bleckeberg	Picked by Carmon
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from December schedule	5 from December schedule	3 needed from schedule

Ministers are needed for our Christmas Masses.
Please contact the parish office at 373-0603.

December 24th & 25th, 2020

Lectors	One needed for Dec 24 at 4pm Mass.
Eucharistic Ministers	Three needed for each Mass
Cantor	One needed for Dec 24 at 4pm Mass

St. Theodore School News

District 241 has extended their Distance Learning until December 22. We will continue with In-person Learning during that time. We take every precaution to keep our students and staff safe. We sanitize daily but staying home when sick will make this a lot easier for us all. The church and school want to remain open and the more we all take the necessary precautions the better chance we have of doing so. Please keep us all safe by washing your hands, wearing a mask, and staying home when you're not feeling well.

We would like to give a special thank you to our teachers and students for being so positive. All have done an amazing job during this challenging time. Thank you to our maintenance staff for keeping our school and church clean and sanitized, keeping us all safe. Keep up the great work!

Have a blessed weekend!

St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

Angels still remain on our Angel Tree located in the church access area. Just return the unwrapped, \$10-\$20 age appropriate gift for a boy or girl by December 11th.

All Faith Formation classes will be online during December.

Kristy Minear ♦ St. Theodore Faith Formation

Poinsettias for Christmas!

Addie's Floral & Gifts are filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 17th. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may order memorials or in honor of plants for the following costs:

6½" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$25.00

You will be able to take your plant home after the Christmas Season!



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