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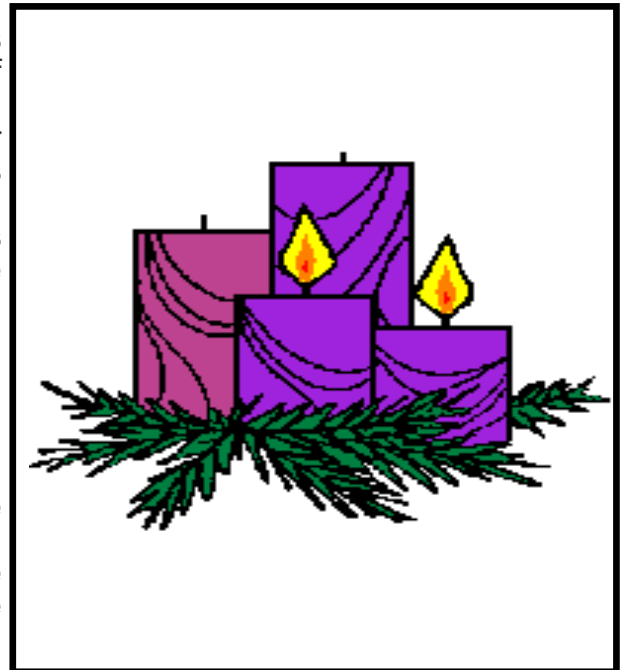
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In the Gospel today, we meet the first prophet of Advent, Saint John the Baptist. John calls for radical change in the lives of his community, and asks the people to let go of their pasts by immersing themselves in the living waters in anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. Next to this call of the Baptist, we hear the words of Saint Paul to the Romans, inviting us to come together in Christ, who welcomes us into his heart, both fulfilling the promises of the past and creating a new path into the future. As we prepare for Christmas, what obstacles keep us from being welcoming to others? How can we avoid them? This Advent season invites us to examine our past so that we may rejoice in the future made present in the Lord of the Gospel.



En el Evangelio de hoy, encontramos al primer profeta de Adviento, San Juan Bautista. Juan pide un cambio radical en la vida de su comunidad, y pide a la gente que deje ir su pasado sumergiéndose en las aguas vivas en anticipación de la llegada del Mesías. Junto a esta llamada del Bautista, escuchamos las palabras de san Pablo a los romanos, invitándonos a reunirnos en Cristo, que nos acoge en su corazón, cumpliendo las promesas del pasado y creando un nuevo camino hacia el futuro. Mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad, ¿qué obstáculos nos impiden dar la bienvenida a los demás? ¿Cómo podemos evitarlos? Este tiempo de Adviento nos invita a examinar nuestro pasado para que podamos alegrarnos en el futuro hecho presente en el Señor del Evangelio.

MASS TIMES

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

Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ **Sunday:** 1/2 hour before Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed Friday

Offices Close Daily

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER KURT



John the Baptist is truly the man that characterizes the season of Advent the best. John was the voice that cried out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths."

Advent is time to reflect upon our lives and make the necessary changes that our needed, so that we will be ready when Christ returns for us. Having been to the region in which this Gospel takes place, helps me better visualize the context of John the Baptist's message. We traveled to the Jordan River from the city of Jerusalem, which is very hilly with green vegetation. The road through the hills descended into a desert waist land, which eventually ran into the Jordan River. After visiting the place of John's preaching, we went a few miles to Qumran, the community that John had most likely left when he first began his preaching. Qumran was a place of stark asceticism and was strategically isolated from the rest of the World. John's message is spoken in a lifeless place. John is asking us to remove the sin in our life as a lifeless dessert that can come to life only if we repent and accept His forgiveness, and once again allow the presence of Jesus in our lives.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Tues Dec 6 | 8:30 am 9:00 am | Rosary MASS † Hisae Hook by Mom of Keiko Smith | Church Church |
| Wed Dec 7 | 8:30-9am 9:00 am 5:30pm | Rosary MASS For all Parishioners MASS: Immaculate Conception † Mike Moore by family | Church Church Church |
| Thurs Dec 8 | 8:30 am 9:00 am | Rosary MASS † Jim Stoen by family | Church Church |
| Fri Dec 9 | 9:30am 8:30 am 9:00 am | First Friday Confessions Rosary MASS † Frank & Jenny Schultz by Gerry | Church Church Church |
| Sat Dec 10 | 4-4:30pm 4:45pm 5:15pm | Confession Rosary MASS † Memorial Mass Association | Church Church Church |
| Sun Dec 11 | 8:30am 9:00am 11:00am | Rosary & Confession MASS Spanish MASS † Darlene Nistler by Robert Nistler † Dorrene Walker by Dick Walker & Pat and rest of the family | Church Church Church |

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

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| Goal | \$57,600.00 |
| Amount Received (11/18/22) | \$52,604.00 |

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 26- November 27, 2022

| Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Imp Fund | St. James |
|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| \$ 7,318.00 | \$1,015.50 | \$60.00 | \$10.00 |

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

| Date | Intention |
|--------|--|
| Dec 11 | † Darlene Nistler by Robert Nistler |
| Dec 18 | † Jenny L Johnson by Lloyd Johnson |
| Dec 25 | † Koraima Elizabeth Estrada & Angel Antonio Guerrero by Family † Dennis L Smith & Hisae Hook by Keiko Smith |

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Mon: 12/5 | Is 35:1-10 | Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tues: 12/6 | Is 40:1-11 | Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wed: 12/7 | Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thu: 12/8 | Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 |
| Immaculate Conception | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38 |
| Fri: 12/9 | IS 48:17-19 | MT 11:16-19 |
| Sat: 12/10 | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |
| Sun: 12/11 | Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. |
| | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11 |

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

- **Karina Ceballos** child of Pedro Ceballos Gonzalez & Patricia Reyes Sanchez
- We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the saint the Lord has called her to be.



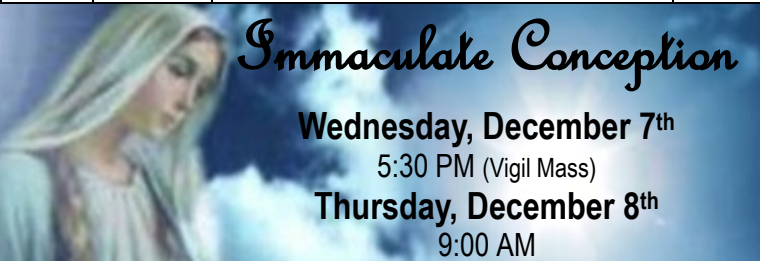
Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 7th

5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, December 8th

9:00 AM



Poinsettias for Christmas!



Addie's Floral & Gifts are filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 20th. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may designate your plants as either a memorial or in honor of,

for the following costs:

6½" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$26.00

You are able to take their plant home after Mass starting 12/31/22.

Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 4, 2022

4:00-5:00 PM

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM

7:30 PM (*Español*)

9:30pm *Christmas Carols*

10:00 PM



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

(Broadcast)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

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| Mon Dec 5 | Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm Hispanic Bible Study & Guadalupe Rosary 6-8pm | Marian Hall Church Church Basement |
| Tues Dec 6 | Aztec Dance Practice 5-6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6-8pm | Church Church |
| Wed Dec 7 | Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Advent Reflection Group 10-11am Handbell Choir 6-7pm Adoration 7-8pm Faith Formation Class: 5th -11th Grades | Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room Church Basement Church School |
| Thurs Dec 8 | Father Teaching 2nd-3th Grade 8:20-8:50am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6-7:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm Knights Meeting 6:30-8pm | School Church Church Basement Church Basement |
| Fri Dec 9 | Hispanic Adoration & Guadalupe Rosary 6:30-8pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Decoration 8-10pm | Church Church |
| Sat Dec 10 | No Additional Activities | |
| Sun Dec 11 | Faith Formation Class: Prek-4th Grades 10:05-10:55am Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession 10:50-11:50am Meal after Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12-1:30pm Christmas Pageant Practice 2-7pm | School Church Marian Hall Church |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|  | Saturday December 10, 2022 | Sunday December 11, 2022 | |
| | 5:15 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Accompanist | Ryan Hulshizer | Aaron Bartz | Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details |
| Cantor | Brian Zogg | Jodi Blong | |
| Lectors | Mary Larscheid | Don Savelkoul | |
| Servers | Kyle Steffl Jenna Steffl | Emilie & Sophia Troster | |

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Christmas Pageant

Annual Children's Christmas Pageant Practices are as follows:



- Sunday, December 11th & 18th, 2-4pm in the church,
 - Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 23rd, 2-4pm in the church.
- All St. Theo's children, PreK-12th grade, are invited to participate.

First Reconciliation: Sunday, December 4th, 3:00pm.
Students must attend and at least one parent must be present.

All Faith Formation students who have previously received their First Communion should attend the Communal Penance Service from 4-5:00pm.

Get ready to "Jingle & Mingle!"

Wednesday, December 7th, from 6:30-8pm!

All 5th-11th grade Faith Formation students will be having a Christmas Party & Community Service Night!

Meet in Marian Hall at 6:30pm for supper!-- Super "Festive" Nachos, dessert, and a beverage will be provided.



Please bring a sweet treat to share, plus a gift for a teenager (boy or girl) for the Salvation Army Angel Tree!

Plan to wear your fun & crazy Christmas attire!
Class from 7-7:30pm then games and prizes from 7:30-8pm!

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org

Salvation Army Angel Tree



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year.

Please consider making a local child's Christmas magical, by taking a tag (or two) from the Angel Tree in the church entrance. Instructions for gift drop off are included on each tag. The Angel Tree **deadline is December 9th, 2022**. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season!

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are doing a food drive from December 1st through the 16th. You can drop off your non-perishable food item donations at the school or Parish Office.

Our Catholic United Raffle sales begin Friday, January 13th, so keep your eyes peeled for students selling tickets.

Have a blessed weekend. St. Theodore Catholic School



Offering Envelopes Have Arrived!

Envelopes are located in the lower church access area. Please be sure to pick up your box. If you don't have a parish giving number and would like a box of envelopes, just contact the parish office at 507-373-0603 and we'll get you some right away!

Winter Weather

Now that winter is officially back into our lives, it's important that everyone is aware of our closing practice.

- ◆ In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed.
- ◆ If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice.
- ◆ Closing also advertised through KATE Radio 1450 am, KAAL TV, REMIND Text & emails, Facebook & Signs on Doors.

Behold

A guided advent journal for prayer and meditation Father Kurt. If you missed the first gathering—no worries. We'll be meeting again on **Wednesdays, December 7 at 10 am in the parish meeting room.** Free guides are still available so if you don't have one when you come, we'll be sure to get you a copy!



Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 4, 2022 ♦ 4:00-5:00 PM

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