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Today, the readings introduce us to the first symbol of Christian initiation: water. In the reading from Exodus, the people, freed from slavery and on their journey to freedom, protest against Moses because they are thirsty. The Gospel invites us to listen carefully to the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. They meet in front of a well that will not fully satisfy anybody's thirst. As the narrative ensues, Jesus promises to satisfy the woman's thirst, and all who are thirsty, by offering her living water. The Samaritan woman, accustomed to drinking at the earthly well, has lived a life trapped in a dark past. Jesus frees the woman from her past by offering her water of eternal life. For catechumens, these readings become a great source of reflection, as they will soon be bathed in the waters of new life, baptism. For the assembly who participates in the first scrutiny of the elect today, these texts can help them renew their vocation as disciples of the Lord and servants of the Church.



Las lecturas de hoy nos introducen en el primer símbolo de la iniciación cristiana: el agua. En la lectura del Éxodo, el pueblo, liberado de la esclavitud y en camino hacia la libertad, protesta contra Moisés porque tiene sed. El Evangelio nos invita a escuchar atentamente el diálogo entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana. Se encuentran frente a un pozo que no saciará la sed de nadie. A medida que avanza la narración, Jesús promete satisfacer la sed de la mujer y de todos los que tengan sed ofreciéndole agua viva. La mujer samaritana, acostumbrada a beber del pozo terrenal, ha vivido una vida atrapada en un pasado oscuro. Jesús libera a la mujer de su pasado ofreciéndole agua de vida eterna. Para los catecúmenos, estas lecturas se convierten en una gran fuente de reflexión, ya que pronto serán bañados en las aguas de la vida nueva, el bautismo. Para la asamblea que hoy participa en el primer escrutinio de los elegidos, estos textos pueden ayudarles a renovar su vocación de discípulos del Señor y servidores de la Iglesia.

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

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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

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

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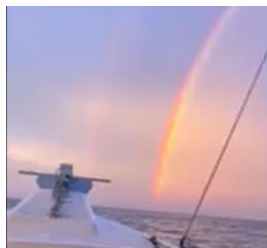
In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus addresses the hunger in each of us to be loved.

All of us have an unrelenting desire to be needed and accepted for who we are by others. However, none of us feels accepted and needed all of the time, and many of us feel a need to cover up the things we don't like about ourselves in order to be loved.

The woman in the Gospel finds in Jesus the unconditional love and acceptance that she has been thirsting for all of her life. Her being a Samaritan makes her unacceptable by the Jews and some bad choices have led to her being shunned by her own people, but in Jesus she finds forgiveness and mercy. Jesus does point out to her the need for conversion, but in a very gentle loving way, without embarrassing her or making her feel unworthy.

At times in our zeal for sharing with our loved ones our moral beliefs and convictions we push them away or hurt them because of our failure to embrace the gentle approach of Jesus. Yes, let us be concerned about what is right but at the same do so with love and understanding.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell



This is the picture of the rainbow I referred to in my homily last week. God's reminder that He is always with me through the storms of life and the joyous "catch" of the day!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Mar 5	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Wed Mar 6	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Thurs Mar 7	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Fri Mar 8	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Sat Mar 9	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Mar 10	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass For my brother-in-law's Gregorio Lazarro † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore & family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Feb 19-Feb 25, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,962.00	\$1,322.75	\$275.00
Salvation Army Donation- Jan-Feb		44lbs

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 3/4	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30
Tues: 3/5	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Mt 18:21-35
Wed: 3/6	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
Thu: 3/7	Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
Fri: 3/8	Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
Sat: 3/9	Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 3/10	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5: 8-14	Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 9:1-41

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Mar 17	† Ramona Boyer by family Additional Sponsors Needed
Mar 24	† Clifford Kwapick by Marylou & Kimberly Kwapick Additional Sponsors Needed
Mar 31	† Marlene Tautges by Larry

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March 8 & 22, 2024

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Friday Stations of the Cross

- **2:15pm Fridays** (Lead by the St. Theodore school children)
March 1, 8, & 22 (No school stations 15th)
- **6-6:30pm All Fridays during Lent**, English Stations
- **6:30-8:00pm All Fridays during Lent**, Hispanic Stations
- **6:00pm Stations & Soup Supper ♦ March 20th, 2024**
Stations lead by the 5th & 6th grade Faith Formation students followed by a Soup Supper by the Confirmation students.
- **7:00pm Shadow Drama Performance – March 27, 2024**
Performed by 11th Grade Confirmation Students

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Mar 4	<p>Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm</p> <p>Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm</p> <p>Auction Meeting 5:30-7pm</p> <p>Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm</p> <p>Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm</p>	<p>Chapel</p> <p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Church Basement Church</p>
Tues Mar 5	<p>Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm</p> <p>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm</p>	<p>Chapel</p> <p>Church</p>
Wed Mar 6	<p>Morning Prayer Group 6-7am</p> <p>Lenten Adoration 9:30am-7pm</p> <p>Faith Formation Class & Stations of the Cross Practice 5-11th Grade 6:30-8pm</p> <p>Lenten Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm</p>	<p>Parish Meeting Room Chapel</p> <p>School</p> <p>Church</p>
Thurs Mar 7	<p>Father's Teaches 4-5th grade 8:25-8:45am</p> <p>Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm</p> <p>The Mass Video's 10:30am-12pm</p> <p>Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>School</p> <p>Chapel</p> <p>Parish Meeting Room Church Basement</p>
Fri Mar 8	<p>Lenten Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm</p> <p>Quilting Group 1-4pm</p> <p>Station of the Cross 2:15-3:15pm</p> <p>Fish Fry Drive Thru 5-6:30pm</p> <p>Station of the Cross ♦ English 6-6:30pm</p> <p>Hispanic Lenten Adoration & Stations 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>Church</p> <p>Church Basement Church</p> <p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Church</p>
Sat Mar 9	<p>RCIA 9am-12pm</p>	<p>Parish Meeting Room</p>
Sun Mar 10	<p>Baptism 11am-12pm</p>	<p>Church</p>



March 10th
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Be sure to set you clock one hour ahead on Saturday night (3.9.24) be for you go to bed so you'll be to church on time!

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Passion Sunday Concert ♦ March 17, 2024 / 3:00 PM
This hour long musical journey contemplates the: pierced feet, bent knees, bleeding hands, wounded side, revered breast, loving heart and thorn crowned face. No Admission Cost!
Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday, March 9, 2024	Sunday, March 10, 2024
	5:15 pm	9:00am
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Jodi Blong	TBD
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Kathleen Bleckeberg
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Mathew Rende

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Shadow Drama Practice
March 3rd, 17th, & 24th at 5pm in the Church
Performance is Wed, March 27th at 7pm for all to see.
Interested in helping with this beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross? Please contact Irene: ian@sttheo.org or 507-373-5254.

Please join us, March 20th at 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross Performed by our 5th & 6th graders and
Soup Supper Served by Confirmation students immediately following Stations in Marian Hall (Free Will Offering)

Camp Summit is July 22-25, 2024!
Registration deadline is March 31st!
Spots are limited! Scan this QR Code to register today! **Use promo code: STTHEODORE**

Steubenville-Rochester Conference: July 12-14, 2024
Cost of Event: \$430 before 5/10/24 & \$440 after 5/10/24.
St. Theo's will be going with the DOW-R Group! Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. **Contact Irene to register today!**

Registration forms for TOTUS TUUS Coming Soon!
TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024
School youth entering 1st-6th & 7th-12th grades.
Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! We raised \$22,001 for our school from our Catholic United Raffle. Thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets from our students. Catholic United Financial will be live broadcasting the drawing at 11:00am on Thurs., Mar. 7, on their Facebook page. Good Luck to you all!

St. Theodore School is accepting registration for the 2024/2025 school year. We offer tuition assistance for those who may need it. If you would like to schedule a tour or have any questions contact the school at 507-373-9657.

Mark your calendars for our next Drive Thru Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are now available to purchase in the School and Parish Offices. Tickets are \$12 for each meal and will be \$14 at the door on the day of the event.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

The Holy Father's Intention for March 2024
FOR THE NEW MARTYRS
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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