



# St. Theodore's Church

*"Broken, we gather. Nourished, we are sent forth."*

## Pastoral Perspectives

Less than a month ago, we gathered on Christmas Day to celebrate the Incarnation, and for two Sundays since we have been celebrating glorious epiphanies of God in the world. First, the manifestation of God in the lovely form of baby flesh that was seen and felt and kissed. Wonder had a field day, as great events were celebrated and each one was a magnificent epiphany of God. The Marriage Feast of Cana is another one.

In Scripture, wine is a symbol of peace and joy. There is more to drinking wine than uncorking a bottle. The wine must be made. That requires vineyards. They require lots of care. Then, the grapes must be harvested. Finally, the wine must be made. If soldiers or marauders destroy the vineyard or drive off the workers, there will be no wine. If we have wine that means we have peace.

Jesus makes wine. That is, he brings a time of peace to the world.

Sometimes our lives don't measure up and our presence in this world is like water at a wedding. No lift in it, no zip to it, it is flat, drooping and spirit-less. "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly." But God invented need to be a divine dynamic, and in this story, it is Mary who saw the embarrassment of the scene. And she did something about it. There was a total transformation. A delightful epiphany.

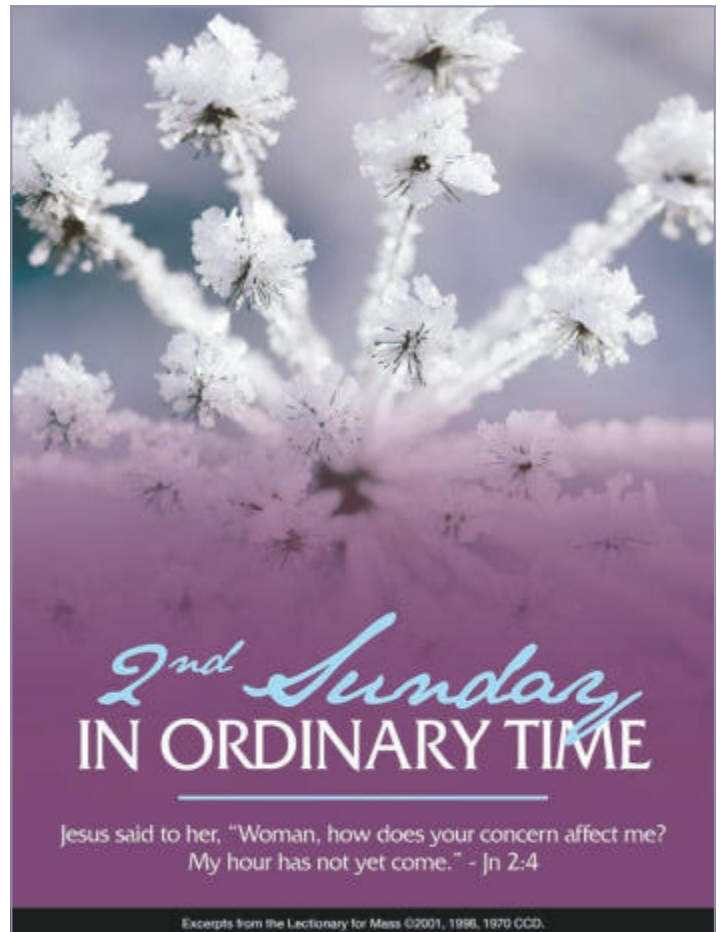
There is always a cry from the bottom of the barrel, the bottom of the bare cupboard, the bottom of our hearts, the bottom of the world ... a cry for transformation. We must do our bit, "fill those jars with water," for the maker of miracles.

Jesus the Lamb presents us with the wine of peace because he overcomes the sin of the world in his death and resurrection.

What remains for us is the task of the head waiter, the one who recognized the good wine and served it to the guests. If, through prayer, reflection and service, I imbibe the Good News, and intoxicated by it, go out to the world filled with the Spirit of Christ, I and the world will know peace.

- *Thought for the week:* Every day give something away -- a compliment, a few dollars to charity, a generous tip, a book, a little gift or a note of encouragement.
- *Smile for the week:* Why, in winter, do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer when we complained about the heat?

God bless! Have a wonderful week! Fr. Kevin McKenna



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 Parish office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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 ☆ ***STUDENT OF THE MONTH*** ☆  
 ☆ *Congratulations to the students in Grades 1-8 in* ☆  
 ☆ *the Faith Formation Program who were nominated* ☆  
 ☆ *Student of the Month for November/December.* ☆  
 ☆ *These students excel in the areas of being* ☆  
 ☆ *prepared for class, good attendance, respect for* ☆  
 ☆ *teacher and classmates, class behavior and class* ☆  
 ☆ *participation. Keep up the great work!* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 1: *Jack Spalding, Catherine Wescott* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 2: *Callen Frisch* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 3: *Daniel Popek* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 5: *Olivia Hammond* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 7: *Lilliana Serrano* ☆  
 ☆ GRADE 8: *Annabelle Wescott* ☆  
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**FOOD CUPBOARD**

You have been so generous in providing for our food cupboard. We still need your help. PLEASE bring an item or two to church with you next week.

**Please make sure foods have not passed their expiration dates.**

**NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK:**

Crackers



Please remember our deceased and their families at this most difficult time.  
 Vincent Messina

**DAILY RAFFLE WINNERS**

01/03	Jeanette Donato	\$25
01/04	Alex DeRue	\$25
01/05	Neil Eldridge	\$25
01/06	Mason Moriarty	\$25
01/07	Yolanda Ciranni	\$25
01/08	Mary Maier	\$50
01/09	Paul Doolin	\$50



**ST. THEODORE'S USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED**

**Did you know?**

St. Theodore's sponsors a Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed, located in the west parking lot.

Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys.

Please, No rags, No fabric scraps, No pillows, No toys or No household goods.

Items should be clean and usable and placed in plastic garbage bags, clear if possible. Please tie you bag so the clothes don't fall out.

Just drive up to the shed and place your bags in the chute. Hundreds of bags of clothes are deposited in this shed each week.

St. Theodore's is directly compensated for these donations each month. Volunteers of St. Theodore's maintain this shed daily.

**Special Blessing For Sr. Cathy**

As Sr. Cathy starts her retirement, we will have a special blessing for her at all Masses the weekend of January 29 and 30. We hope that you will be able to attend Mass that weekend.



*Eucharistic Chapel  
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**MONDAY**

Parish Office Closed  
No Faith Formation Classes

**TUESDAY**

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus

**THURSDAY**

1:30 PM Bible Study

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Saturdays from 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**A New Year -- A New Opportunity**

Many older folks in our community have given up their keys and no longer drive. Yet, they still need to get to medical appointments, go shopping, do their banking, have their hair cut.

**Can You Help?**

If you have a couple of hours a week, or even a couple of hours a month, consider being a volunteer driver. You can select your geographic area and the times you wish to drive. You will be provided with training, and supplemental accident and liability insurance.



Call Sr. Anne Guerin at 244-8400, ext. 142, or email her at [aguerin@lifespan-roch.org](mailto:aguerin@lifespan-roch.org) and she will help you get started. Why wait?



The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**BAPTISMS**—Please call 429-6811 to schedule the baptism.

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-9 INCLUDING SACRAMENT PREPARATION**—Contact Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 for information regarding programs.

**HOSPITAL CALLS**—Please call the parish office to have a priest or pastoral staff visit you while you are in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, we cannot access information about your hospitalization unless you indicate St. Theodore's as your faith community on your admissions forms.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Saturdays from 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**WEDDINGS**—Contact Deacon Dennis at 429-6811 or [dennis.lohouse@dor.org](mailto:dennis.lohouse@dor.org) as soon as possible to reserve the church **before** you sign a contract with a reception hall.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOR GRADES 6-12**—Contact Maureen Piehler for information at 429-5650.

**BULLETIN**—Email [sttheodorebulletin@dor.org](mailto:sttheodorebulletin@dor.org) at least 10 days before the bulletin date. Pick up a copy of our latest bulletin in the chapel entrance.

**Please remember St. Theodore's Church of Gates, NY in your will. Request that memorial donations be sent to our parish upon a loved one's death.**

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**—Please continue to mail in your envelopes on a weekly basis. We are also accepting envelopes in the parish life center during parish office hours. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and needed at this time.

**FOOD CUPBOARD**—Donations to the Food Cupboard can be dropped off at the parish life center during parish office hours.

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**Parish Staff:**

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Dennis Lohouse, Deacon  
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Laurence Feasel, Senior Deacon  
Anthony Caruso, Senior Deacon  
David Paluskiewicz, Senior Deacon  
Daniel Leitten, Finance Director  
Leigh Ann Lester, Business Manager  
Maureen Piehler, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
Rita Manners, Music Director  
Food Cupboard: 429-5360*



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 A.M. Lou Tufano req. Parents and Sister

**TUESDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. Deceased Members of St. Theodore's

**WEDNESDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. Homebound Parishioners of St. Theodore's

**THURSDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. For those providing care to family and loved ones

**FRIDAY St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

8:30 A.M. For those Affected by Natural Disasters

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY**

4:30 P.M. People of St. Theodore's Parish

**SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M. Vera DiCaro req. Lake Family

11:00 A.M. James Manners req. Wife & Children

**Bible readings for next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Thank you to the good stewards who continue to support our parish. St. Theodore's is very blessed to have your support especially during this difficult time.

**FINANCES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$9,256.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$406.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>386</b>

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In accordance with the Governor of New York State and the Diocese of Rochester, masks are to be worn at all times while in any building of St. Theodore's regardless of vaccination status.



Are you new to our parish and want to register as parishioners? We would love to have you. Please fill out the form below and we will contact you to complete the registration.

You may also register in person at the parish office during office hours or after any Mass on the second Sunday of the month.

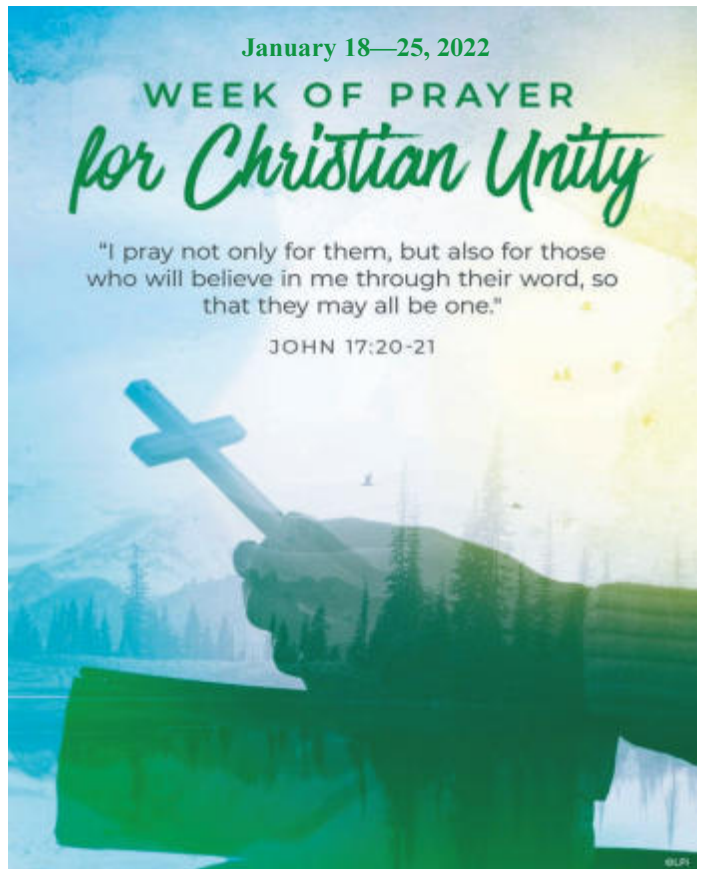
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