

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose

“Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.”



The parishioners of St. Theresa and Fr. Paul Moody welcome every one as we gather to worship.

Mass Times for The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Twenty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time.

September 10 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Gregory Paridon

September 11 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Tony Kuzniar

September 12 Monday Mass – 8:00 am
Twenty-third Week of OT – Labor Day

Int: Kamil Caluzinski

September 15 Thursday Mass – 8:00 am
Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial

Int: + Wiktoria & Wladyslaw Smalarz

September 16 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Mass – 8:00 am
Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs – Memorial

Int: Jadwiga & Stanley Kuc

September 17 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Int: + Floyd & Lela Arnold & Family

September 18 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

“Be ashamed when you sin, don't be ashamed when you repent. Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance.”
- St. John Chrysostom

Prayer Requests: We continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are sick and for the people who care for them. Please pray for all of the members of our Armed Forces and for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy Dakota Jarvis and Brian Paridon as they risk their lives to keep us safe.

There are special prayer requests for Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Mrs. Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Hella Tompkins, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Brone and Vida Nakas, Dennis & Jean Sandfort, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Mrs. Anna Jarzabek, Fr. Andrew Sosnowski, Mrs. Jadwiga Kuc, Robert Espinosa, Winifred & Steve Flowers, and Bruce Paridon. Please remember to pray each day for the souls in purgatory and for our fellow parishioners at St. Theresa.



“In the light of the Divine Goodness, it seems to me, though others may think differently, that ingratitude is the most abominable of sins and that it should be detested in the sight of our Creator and Lord by all of His creatures who are capable of enjoying His divine and everlasting glory. It is a forgetting of the graces, benefits, and blessings received, and as such it is the cause, beginning, and origin of all sins and misfortunes. Contrariwise, the grateful acknowledgment of blessings and gifts received is loved and esteemed both in heaven and on earth.” - St. Ignatius of Loyola

When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner.

Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to persons, the Church declares that every priest who hears confessions is bound under very severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents' lives. This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the "sacramental seal," because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains "sealed" by the sacrament.

The Effects of the sacrament of Penance: "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members. Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland:

It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.

In this sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. For it is now, in this life, that we are offered the choice between life and death, and it is only by the road of conversion that we can enter the Kingdom, from which one is excluded by grave sin. In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and "does not come into judgment." (CCC 1465, 1467-1470)

“He who does not acquire the love of God will scarcely persevere in the grace of God, for it is very difficult to renounce sin merely through fear of punishment.” - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Offertory: We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Parish	Aug. 2022	Aug. 2021	Total for This FY (July 2022 – Aug. 2022)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 – Aug. 2021)
Offertory	\$ 8789	\$ 10200	\$ 16554	\$ 17496
CSA for 2022	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 8210	\$ 8525	\$ 8655	

“We do not know the number of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners” - St. Faustina