

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”



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

Mass Times for The Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Week of Advent.

December 17 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Gayle Paridon

December 18 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

December 19 Monday 8:00 am
Advent Weekday



Intention: Steve & Patricia Bertrand

December 22 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Advent Weekday

Intention: Steve Merrill

December 23 Adoration – 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Advent Weekday Friday Mass 8:00 am



Intention: Maria Antoniewicz

December 24 Saturday Mass Midnight
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Int: + Bud Eugene Case & Family

December 25 Saturday Masses 9:00 am
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 11:00 am

Int: + Harold Arnold & Family
Intention: Soozie Pate

“Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth.”
- Pope St. John Paul II



A Very Happy 51st Wedding Anniversary to Patricia and Steve Bertrand. Their anniversary is on December 19th, and we wish them continued happiness together!



**“I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible.”
--Saint Teresa**

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 Stanley Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, 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.

**“The power of obedience! The lake of Gennesaret had denied its fishes to Peter’s nets. A whole night in vain. Then, obedient, he lowered his net again to the water and they caught ‘a huge number of fish.’ Believe me: the miracle is repeated each day.”
— St. Josemaria Escriva**

The Gospel accounts understand the virginal conception of Jesus as a divine work that surpasses all human understanding and possibility: "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit", said the angel to Joseph about Mary his fiancée. The Church sees here the fulfillment of the divine promise given through the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son."

People are sometimes troubled by the silence of St. Mark's Gospel and the New Testament Epistles about Jesus' virginal conception. Some might wonder if we were merely dealing with legends or theological constructs not claiming to be history. To this we must respond: Faith in the virginal conception of Jesus met with the lively opposition, mockery or incomprehension of non-believers, Jews and pagans alike; so, it could hardly have been motivated by pagan mythology or by some adaptation to the ideas of the age. The meaning of this event is accessible only to faith, which understands in it the "connection of these mysteries with one another" in the totality of Christ's mysteries, from his Incarnation to his Passover. St. Ignatius of Antioch already bears witness to this connection: "Mary's virginity and giving birth, and even the Lord's death escaped the notice of the prince of this world: these three mysteries worthy of proclamation were accomplished in God's silence." (CCC 497-498)

“We know we have souls. However, we seldom consider the precious things that can be found in this soul, or who dwells within it, or its high value. Consequently, little effort is made to preserve its beauty. All our attention is taken up with the plainness of the diamond’s setting . . . that is, with these bodies of ours.” – St Teresa



**Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and talent for the good of St. Theresa.
The Offertory Counting Team, the Finance Committee, the Readers, Ushers, those who decorate, clean, and improve our buildings and grounds are a great blessing to our parish.**



**“He who is his own master is a scholar under a fool.”
--St. Bernard**