

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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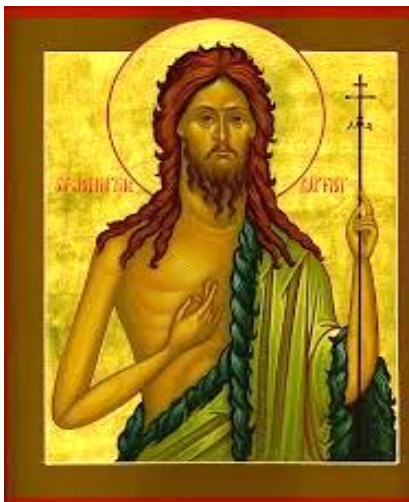
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“There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”



Mass Times for The Second Sunday of Advent, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Second Week of Advent.

December 3 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Second Sunday of Advent

Intention: Ralph Rowbotham

December 4 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
The Second Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Tony Kuzniar

December 5 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Advent Weekday

Intention: + Dolores Moody

December 7 Wednesday Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Int: The Vestiarki Sisters of Jesus
The Immaculate Conception of the BVM – Holy Day of Obligation

December 8 Thursday Mass 8:00 am Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
the Immaculate Conception of the BVM – Holy Day of Obligation

December 9 Friday Adoration 7:00am - 8:00 am
Advent Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: The Derencius Family

December 10 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Third Sunday of Advent

Int: + Margaret & Harry Beitler & Family

December 11 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Agnes & Albert Warpecha

Advent Parish Confessions: On Monday December 12 in the Church the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. From 5:00 pm until all have been heard. Please enter the Church and be seated on the side closest to the parking lot to ensure privacy for the confessional. Advent is a good time to examine our lives in detail, resolve to change, and use the grace available through the sacrament of reconciliation to transform our lives.



Parish Breakfast with Coffee and Doughnuts: After the 9 am Mass today, Sunday December 4, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall to strengthen our parish community through conversation and food. I would encourage everyone to be there, regardless of which Mass you attend, to say "Hello" to your established friends and to make new ones. St. Theresa is a parish filled with interesting people and it is a blessing to be able to meet each other in a relaxed setting!



"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world." - Pope Benedict XVI

Christmas Mass Schedule: **Saturday December 24** **No 5:00 pm Vigil Mass**
Midnight Mass
Sunday December 25 **9:00 am**
11:00 am

"Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord Himself gave ten times as much of His life to her as He gave to His Apostles." -Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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.



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.



"What happened to Mary turns our attention to Jesus Christ, the only Mediator of salvation, and helps us to see life as a loving plan with which we must cooperate responsibly. Mary is not only a model of the call, but also of the response. Indeed, she said "yes" to God at the beginning and at every successive moment of her life, fully complying with his will, even when she found it obscure and hard to accept."

- St. John Paul II

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (CCC 522-524)

“Where is the heart that loves? On the thing it loves. Therefore, where our love is, there our heart is held captive. It cannot leave it; it cannot be lifted higher, it cannot go either to the right or the left; see, it is fixed. Where the miser’s treasure is, there is his heart and where our heart is, there is our treasure.” - St Vincent de Paul

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

St. Theresa Parish	Oct. 2022	Oct. 2021	Total for This FY (July 2022 – Oct. 2022)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 – Oct. 2021)
Offertory	\$ 9310	\$ 9850	\$ 32625	\$ 34922
CSA for 2022	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 8210	\$ 9135	\$ 9020	

“The fruit of silence is *prayer*, the fruit of prayer is *faith*, the fruit of faith is *love*, the fruit of love is *service*, the fruit of service is *peace*.” — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



“The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the Kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.” - St Pope Gregory III

