

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”**



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

Mass Times for The Epiphany of the Lord and The Baptism of the Lord.

January 7 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: + Michele Ivers

January 8 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: Parishioners of St. Theresa

January 9 Monday 8:00 am
The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

Intention: Lynn Westlake

January 12 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
First Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Ramona Derencius

January 13 Friday Mass 8:00 am
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church – Memorial

Intention: + Peter Noi

January 14 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Parishioners of St. Theresa

January 15 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Andrzej Ciesla

“If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus....; for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.” - St John Chrysostom

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.”
— St. Peter Chrysologus

The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (CCC 528)

“Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.” — St Augustine

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 Birute Labutis, 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.

“As you kneel at the feet of the child Jesus on the day of His Epiphany and see Him a king bearing none of the outward signs of royalty, you can tell Him:

**“Lord, take away my pride;
crush my self-love,
my desire to affirm myself
and impose myself on others.
Make the foundation of my personality
my identification with you.”**
- St Josemaria Escriva

Thank You: I would like to thank all of the Parishioners of St Theresa and our guests for their prayers, best wishes, and generous financial support throughout this past year. I hope the year to come brings you peace, stronger faith, and a greater appreciation for how much God has blessed all of us.

The Baptism of the Lord: Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". A crowd of sinners - tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life": "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God.



“Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness.

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist.

He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world.

You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him who is the light of heaven.

You are to enjoy more and more, the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen”

-St Gregory of Nazianzen

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

St. Theresa	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	\$ 9050	

