

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“There is no greater honor than to serve Christ.” – St. Ambrose**

**“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**



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

### Mass Times for The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time and Ash Wednesday.

February 18 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Cynthia Dedinas

February 19 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + All Souls in Purgatory

February 20 Monday 8:00 am  
Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Fr. Izidorius Gedvila

**February 22 Ash Wednesday 8:00 am**

Intention: + All Souls in Purgatory

February 23 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Intention: + Genevaite Gedvila

February 24 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Friday after Ash Wednesday. Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Irena Lazar

February 25 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: Anna Warpecha

February 26 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

**Friday Mass Schedule and Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent beginning on March 3rd we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Our Morning Eucharistic Adoration will move to Thursdays from 7:00 am – 8:00 am before Thursday Mass.

**Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Church from age 14 onwards.

**Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** In the early Church, people who had little, fasted and gave the food or money they would have spent to buy it to those with even less than themselves. Along with our daily prayers for the suffering people of the world, Operation Rice Bowl provides us with an opportunity to thank God for His blessings by helping His children who are in need. Please pick up a Rice Bowl box in the narthex and add what you can to it during Lent.

**Lay Formation Institute:** The Lay Formation Institute's vision is to offer quality spiritual, intellectual and human formation to lay people so that they are equipped to live out their vocation in the world. This program is geared to make you a more effective disciple of Jesus right where God has placed you in the world. The curriculum is focused on sanctifying the cultural spaces outside the usual reach of the institutional Church. Those who are passionate about bringing the presence of Christ to their families, neighborhoods, social circles, workplace and local community are ideal candidates for this program. A new group will begin in August of 2023. **If you are interested join a virtual information meeting on Monday, March 20 at 9:30 am CT (10:30 am ET). The link is at <https://www.ptdiocese.org/layformationinstitute>**

**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

**“That your enemies have been created is God’s doing; that they hate you and wish to ruin you is their own doing. What should you say about them in your mind? “Lord be merciful to them, forgive them their sins, put the fear of God in them, change them!” You are not loving in them what they are, but what you would like them to become.” – St. Augustine**

## **CHRISTIAN HOLINESS**

"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him . . . For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified."

"All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity." All are called to holiness: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that . . . doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.

Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called "mystical" because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments - "the holy mysteries" - and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.

The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes: (CCC – 2012-2015)

**Tax Prep Time!**

**Year End Financial Statements:** If you need a summary of your donations to St. Theresa for the year 2021 for tax preparation, please let Fr. Paul know and he will get it for you.

**Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2023:** February 5 marked the beginning of our annual diocesan-wide CSA appeal to support programs which, among others, ensure the education of future priests, train catechists for children and adults, programs to support healthy marriages and families, our Catholic schools, assisting the needy in various ways, and other activities which Bishop Wack has chosen. **A goal of our parish is to have every parishioner do their best to contribute to the CSA.**

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

St. Theresa	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2022 – Jan. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 – Jan. 2022)
Offertory	\$ 7329	\$ 11,732	\$ 53,797	\$ 60,051
CSA for 2023	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 3385</b>			

**Our Parish CSA goal this year is \$3385. It is important to remember that any money over that goal remains at St. Theresa to support our parish needs. Please do what you can to help support this charitable effort for our Diocese and Parish.**

“It should be of no concern to you how anyone else acts; you are to be My living reflection, through love and mercy. I answered, “Lord, but they often take advantage of my goodness.” That makes no difference, My daughter. That is no concern of yours. As for you, be always merciful toward other people, and especially toward sinners.”

– Jesus to St. Faustina

**Complete Trust in God**

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you this far in life. Hold fast to His dear hand and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will lovingly carry you in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unflinching strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads, and all anxious imaginations.

- St. Francis de Sales



“The patient man goes through a great and good purification when he grieves more over the malice of one who harms him than for his own injury; when he prays readily for his enemies and forgives offenses from his heart...”

– Thomas à Kempis

