

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**“Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'  
Anything more is from the evil one.”**



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

### **Mass Times for The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time and for the Sixth Week of Ordinary Time.**

February 11 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Mary Chap

February 12 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Julianna Chapukas

February 13 Monday 8:00 am  
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Maria Derencius

February 16 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Toma Son

February 17 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time.    Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Zofia Sikon

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

**“An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie, for an excuse is a lie guarded.”  
St. Pope John Paul II**



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Cynthia Dedinas, a long-time parishioner of St. Theresa, died on February 2, 2023. A funeral Mass for Cynthia was on February 7<sup>th</sup> followed by internment in Calvary Cemetery. Our condolences to her son Matt. May her soul rest in peace.



**“On each occasion I say: ‘Lord, thy will be done! It’s not what this or that one wants, but what You want me to do.’ This is my fortress, this is my firm rock, this is my sure support.” —St. John Chrysostom**



**Catholic Charities Food Drive:** Thank you very much to all who donated to those in need in our local community by providing food and other items for Catholic Charities! In challenging economic times it is tempting to only care about our own immediate needs. Your very generous response to the food drive is evidence that our Lord is alive in your hearts.

**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 cohort will begin in August of 2023. If you are interested go to <https://www.ptdiocese.org/layformationinstitute> for more information or contact 850-435-3523 or [layformation@ptdiocese.org](mailto:layformation@ptdiocese.org)

**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

**“In truth, opinion may be taken for understanding; understanding cannot be taken for opinion. How so? Because opinion may be deceived; understanding cannot be. If it could, it would not be understanding but opinion. For true understanding has not only certain truth, but the knowledge of truth”. – St. Bernard**

**Jesus and the Law:** Jesus, Israel's Messiah and therefore the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, was to fulfill the Law by keeping it in its all-embracing detail - according to his own words, down to "the least of these commandments". He is in fact the only one who could keep it perfectly. On their own admission the Jews were never able to observe the Law in its entirety without violating the least of its precepts. This is why every year on the Day of Atonement the children of Israel ask God's forgiveness for their transgressions of the Law. The Law indeed makes up one inseparable whole, and St. James recalls, "Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it."

The perfect fulfillment of the Law could be the work of none but the divine legislator, born subject to the Law in the person of the Son. In Jesus, the Law no longer appears engraved on tables of stone but "upon the heart" of the Servant who becomes "a covenant to the people", because he will "faithfully bring forth justice". Jesus fulfills the Law to the point of taking upon himself "the curse of the Law" incurred by those who do not "abide by the things written in the book of the Law, and do them", for his death took place to redeem them "from the transgressions under the first covenant". (CCC – 578 & 580)

**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:** Last weekend 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 to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every person within our diocesan boundaries. **A goal of our parish is to have every parishioner do their best to contribute to the CSA.** St. Theresa is an example of what responsible Christian stewardship looks like in practice.

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

| St. Theresa  | Jan. 2023      | Jan. 2022      | Total for This FY<br>(July 2022 – Jan. 2023) | Total for Prior FY<br>(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.**

**“One of the duties of fortitude is to keep the weak from receiving injury; another, to check the wrong motions of our own souls; a third, both to disregard humiliations, and to do what is right with an even mind. All these clearly ought to be fulfilled by all Christians, and especially by the clergy.” – St. Ambrose**

**Serenity Prayer**

**“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as Jesus did this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next”.**

**Reinhold Niebuhr**



**“The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts.” St. John Chrysostom**

