

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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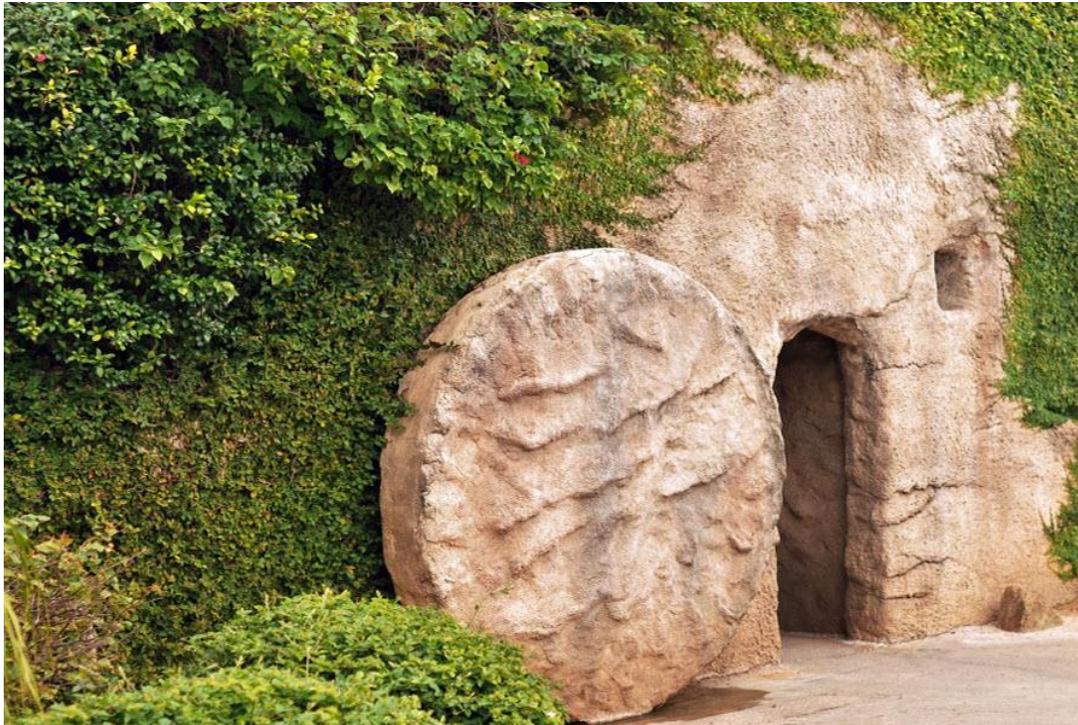
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"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." - St. Augustine

**"Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter"**



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

Mass Times for Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter.

April 8 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Intention: + Brittany Weaver & Family

April 9 Easter Sunday Masses 9:00 am
The Resurrection of the Lord 11:00 am

Intention: Chris Ciesla & Family
Intention: Sr. Agnes Therese

April 10 Monday 8:00 am
Monday in the Octave of Easter

Intention: Anna Warpecha

April 13 Thursday 8:00 am
Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Intention: + Patrick Tompkins

April 14 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Friday in the Octave of Easter Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

April 15 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Intention: Zofia Sikon

April 16 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Intention: + Frank Biela

Priest Retreat: Due to the requirement that priests attend an annual retreat, there will be no daily Masses on April 24, 27, and 28th. Masses will resume on Saturday, April 29 with our 5:00 pm Vigil Mass.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Flower collection! The sanctuary looks beautiful. Thank Sr. Natalia for finding the flowers and for her skill in arranging them.

“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” - Pope Benedict XVI



The Joy of Easter: As Christians we are blessed with the joy that accompanies the fact that Jesus Christ has Risen! The Son of God's humble acceptance of our humanity and the suffering He endured for us should fill our hearts with gratitude, joy, and sorrow for the sins we commit. He conquered death to offer us a chance to truly live. We know that it was God's will and love for us which led Him to die for us. It is the same love God shares with us through the sacraments – the center of our lives as Catholics. Jesus showed us that we can be patient in suffering, overcome any fear and anxiety, and unite our suffering to His

for the world. We can only do this if our faith in Him is strong. As the Body of Christ the Church and its individual members are subject to tribulation and suffering as inseparable parts of human existence. However it is as members of the Body of Christ we see them in the proper perspective so that each of us can bring God's love to a world desperate for meaning and starving for the hope only Jesus can provide:

“I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”

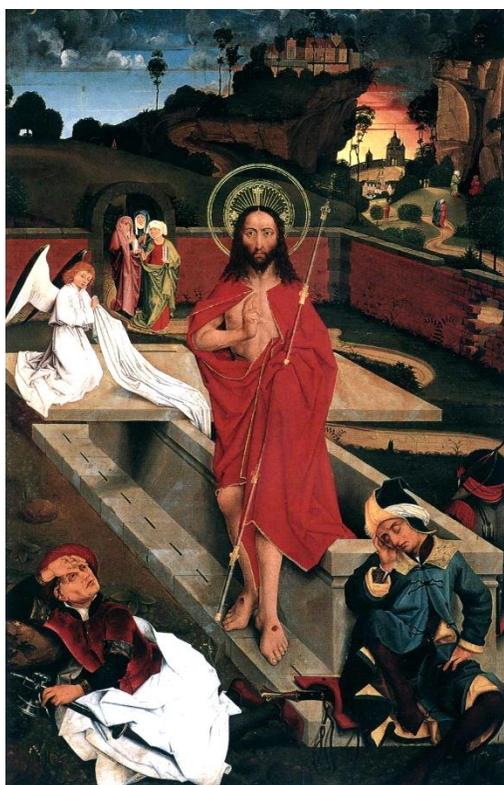
Remember all that is good in us – the compassion, mercy, and love we show toward others – has its source in Him. **Rejoice in knowing His love is our guide to eternal life!**

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 Mrs. Deborah Baker, 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.

“The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: "Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?" The Resurrection answered: "That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death." - Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen



The empty tomb: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed". This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.

The appearances of the Risen One: Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves. They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the Twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the faith of his brothers, and so sees the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"