

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



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

Mass Times for the Fourth Sunday of Easter and the Fourth Week of Easter.

April 29 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Intention: + Paul & Irene Myer & Family

April 30 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Intention: The Nocum Family

May 1 Monday 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: + Frank Biela

May 4 Thursday 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

May 5 Friday 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: Milczarski & Szostek Families

May 6 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intention: + Michael Victor Case

May 7 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla



Long-time parishioner Antoni Szucko died on April 20.
Antoni was an intelligent and faithful man with a wonderful sense of humor. We pray for Antoni and offer our condolences to his family.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of god rest in peace



"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way." - St. Jerome



THANK YOU! I would like to thank all of the people who donate their time, knowledge, and other resources for the good of St. Theresa. Some volunteered and others were asked to serve and agreed. All of our volunteers deserve our gratitude and appreciation for quietly doing the tasks that allow our parish to function and to concentrate on the work and Word of God.



CRS Operation Rice Bowl: Thank you for generously helping those who are in need around the world!

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, 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.

Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2023: Our CSA campaign has started and we need everyone to support it. Thank you to those who have pledged and for those who have not, please consider doing so.

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

St. Theresa	Feb. 2023	Feb. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2022 – Feb. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 – Feb. 2022)
Offertory	\$ 5158	\$ 8993	\$ 58,747	\$ 69,044
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6187	\$ 4616	

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.

The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep. (CCC 754)

"This Kingdom shines out before men in the word, in the works and in the presence of Christ." To welcome Jesus' word is to welcome "the Kingdom itself. "The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the "little flock" of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is. They form Jesus' true family. To those whom he thus gathered around him, he taught a new "way of acting" and a prayer of their own. (CCC 764)



Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Christ, the "living Stone" thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it. Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The "power of the keys" designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: "Feed my sheep." The power to "bind and loose" connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom. (CCC 553 – 554)

"How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" No one - no individual and no community - can proclaim the Gospel to himself: "Faith comes from what is heard." No one can give himself the mandate and the mission to proclaim the Gospel. The one sent by the Lord does not speak and act on his own authority, but by virtue of Christ's authority; not as a member of the community, but speaking to it in the name of Christ. No one can bestow grace on himself; it must be given and offered. This fact presupposes ministers of grace, authorized and empowered by Christ. From him, bishops and priests receive the mission and faculty ("the sacred power") to act in persona Christi Capitis; deacons receive the strength to serve the people of God in the *diaconia* of liturgy, word and charity, in communion with the bishop and his presbyterate. The ministry in which Christ's emissaries do and give by God's grace what they cannot do and give by their own powers, is called a "sacrament" by the Church's tradition. Indeed, the ministry of the Church is conferred by a special sacrament. Intrinsicly linked to the sacramental nature of ecclesial ministry is its character as service. Entirely dependent on Christ who gives mission and authority, ministers are truly "slaves of Christ," in the image of him who freely took "the form of a slave" for us. Because the word and grace of which they are ministers are not their own, but are given to them by Christ for the sake of others, they must freely become the slaves of all. (CCC 875-876)

"Is not our Lord as meek and humble in the Blessed Sacrament as He was during His life on earth? Is He not always the Good Shepherd, the Divine Consoler, the Changeless Friend? Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!" - St. Peter Julian Eymard

