

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose

**"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to little ones."**



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

Mass Times for The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time.

July 8 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fourteenth Sunday of OT

Intention: + Helena Rokosz

July 9 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fourteenth Sunday of OT

Intention: + Frank Biela

No Mass on Monday this Week

July 13 Thursday 8:00 am
Weekday of OT

Int: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

July 14 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin - Mem Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Silvia Perez

July 15 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fifteenth Sunday of OT

Intention: + Patrick Tompkins

July 16 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fifteenth Sunday of OT

Intention: Zofia Sikon

“There is something in humility which strangely exalts the heart.” - 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 Mrs. Deborah Baker, Stanley and Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob and 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, 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.

“Be humble towards God and gentle with your neighbor. Judge and accuse no one but yourself, and ever excuse others. Speak of God always to praise and glorify Him, speak of your neighbor only with respect -- do not speak of yourself at all, either well or ill.”
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



I would like to thank Veronica, Gerry, Alvera, Al, Sal, Larry, and Freddie for planning preparing, and hosting our coffee and doughnuts this past Sunday! It was a pleasant surprise and it was very good to have a chance to speak with parishioners I have not seen for a couple months. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated!

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

St. Theresa Parish	May 2023	May 2022	Total for This FY (July 2022 - May 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 - May 2022)
Offertory	\$ 7593	\$ 8693	\$ 84287	\$ 93152
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 7167	\$ 5706	

“The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it.”
- St. Vincent de Paul

The Father revealed by the Son: Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

For this reason the apostles confess Jesus to be the Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"; as "the image of the invisible God"; as the "radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature".

Following this apostolic tradition, the Church confessed at the first ecumenical council at Nicaea in 325 that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, that is, one only God with him. The second ecumenical council, held at Constantinople in 381, kept this expression in its formulation of the Nicene Creed and confessed "the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father".

The Father and the Son revealed by the Spirit: Before his Passover, Jesus announced the sending of "another Paraclete" (Advocate), the Holy Spirit. At work since creation, having previously "spoken through the prophets", the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them "into all the truth". The Holy Spirit is thus revealed as another divine person with Jesus and the Father.

The eternal origin of the Holy Spirit is revealed in his mission in time. The Spirit is sent to the apostles and to the Church both by the Father in the name of the Son, and by the Son in person, once he had returned to the Father. The sending of the person of the Spirit after Jesus' glorification reveals in its

fullness the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The apostolic faith concerning the Spirit was confessed by the second ecumenical council at Constantinople in 381: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father." By this confession, the Church recognizes the Father as "the source and origin of the whole divinity". But the eternal origin of the Spirit is not unconnected with the Son's origin: "The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son, of the same substance and also of the same nature. . . Yet he is not called the Spirit of the Father alone, . . . but the Spirit of both the Father and the Son." The Creed of the Church from the Council of Constantinople confesses: "With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified."
(CCC 240-245)

Humility and The Kingdom of God: The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To them - the "little ones" - the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.

Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. "He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents". The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins".

Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic. (CCC 544 – 546)



“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.”

St. Thomas Aquinas