

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**“Thus it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”**



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

The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Seventeenth Week of OT

July 29 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Carolyn Sue Case & Family

July 30 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Sr. Natalia Kwiatek

There will be no Monday Morning Mass this Week.

August 3 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Tillie Braff

August 4 Friday Adoration 7:00am – 8:00am
St. John Vianney, Priest – Mem. Mass 8:00 am

Int: Milczarski & Szostek Families

August 5 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Int: + Keith Harold Arnold & Family

August 6 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Intention: + Helena Szostek

Burse Club: This weekend we are collecting our annual Burse Club offering. The Burse Club prays for and raises money to educate future priests for our Diocese. Your donations to this worthy cause are very much appreciated!

In the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance."– St. Ambrose

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.

Just a Reminder: If you need to be anointed or need the sacrament of Reconciliation, please call our Office and set up a time, or let Fr. Paul know in person.

Catholic Charities Caring Coach: Catholic Charities changed their guidelines for the way food is distributed. The new guidelines make no sense in an area like ours and will not allow us to help people who need it the most. We were not consulted before the change in guidelines. We decided to end our cooperation with Catholic Charities in this matter. This means the food distribution **will not** be done at St. Theresa anymore.

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

St. Basil



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

There will be Breakfast in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass on August 13th. This is a chance to introduce yourself to fellow parishioners, make new friends, and to catch up with old friends. Regardless of which Mass you attend please join us for an opportunity to celebrate our Parish Community.



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

St. Theresa Parish	June 2023	June 2022	Total for This FY (July 2022 – June 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 - June 2022)
Offertory	\$ 6422	\$ 6940	\$ 90709	\$ 100092
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6106	

I am incredibly grateful for the continuing generosity of the members and guests of our parish. I understand your financial contributions represent a sacrifice on your part for the good of our whole community. This is never out of my thoughts.

"You are priests, not social or political leaders. Let us not be under the illusion that we are serving the Gospel through an exaggerated interest in the wide field of temporal problems." - St. Pope John Paul II

"Christ, 'holy, innocent, and undefiled,' knew nothing of sin, but came only to expiate the sins of the people. The Church, however, clasping sinners to her bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." All members of the Church, including her ministers, must acknowledge that they are sinners. In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time. Hence the Church gathers sinners already caught up in Christ's salvation but still on the way to holiness. (CCC – 827)

Why A Sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism? "You were washed, you were sanctified, you

were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has "put on Christ." But the apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." And the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us. *Conversion* to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls *concupiscence*, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of *conversion* directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

The Conversion of the Baptized: Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life. Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This *second conversion* is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first. St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a *communitarian* dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!" (CCC 1425-1428)

Every man receives his eternal recompense in his immortal soul from the moment of his death in a particular judgment by Christ, the judge of the living and the dead. "We believe that the souls of all who die in Christ's grace . . . are the People of God beyond death. On the day of resurrection, death will be definitively conquered, when these souls will be reunited with their bodies". "We believe that the multitude of those gathered around Jesus and Mary in Paradise forms the Church of heaven, where in eternal blessedness they see God as he is and where they are also, to various degrees, associated with the holy angels in the divine governance exercised by Christ in glory, by interceding for us and helping our weakness by their fraternal concern". Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God. By virtue of the "communion of saints," the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf. Following the example of Christ, the Church warns the faithful of the "sad and lamentable reality of eternal death" , also called "hell." Hell's principal punishment consists of eternal separation from God in whom alone man can have the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs. The Church prays that no one should be lost: "Lord, let me never be parted from you." If it is true that no one can save himself, it is also true that God "desires all men to be saved" , and that for him "all things are possible" "The holy Roman Church firmly believes and confesses that on the Day of Judgment all men will appear in their own bodies before Christ's tribunal to render an account of their own deeds" At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. Then the just will reign with Christ for ever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe itself will be transformed. God will then be "all in all" in eternal life. (CCC 1051-1060)

“Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary, but it should not be an endless preoccupation. You must dwell also on the glad remembrance of God's loving-kindness; otherwise, sadness will harden the heart and lead it more deeply into despair.” - St. Bernard

Prayer for Peace

O blessed Jesus give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule in me Christ, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace.

Amen.

(St. John of the Cross)

“Who is there that can adequately gauge the greatness of the humility, gentleness, self-surrender, revealed by the Lord of majesty in assuming human nature, in accepting the punishment of death, the shame of the cross?” - St. Bernard