

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**“The kingdom of heaven may be likened  
to a man who sowed good seed in his field.  
While everyone was asleep his enemy came  
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.”**



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

### The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Sixteenth Week of OT

July 22 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: Hella & + Patrick Tompkins

July 23 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary

Intention: + Tadeusz Rokosz

**There will be no Monday Morning Mass this Week.**

July 27 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Fr. Izidorius Gedvila

July 28 Friday Adoration 7:00am – 8:00am  
Sixteenth Week of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Sr. Anna Szostek

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

“If God is, why is there evil? But if God is not, why is there good?” – St. Augustine



The flowers decorating the sanctuary were donated by Maria Doniec in loving memory of Julia & Wladyslaw Gliszczynski, Witoria & Wladyslaw Smalarz, and Helena Rokosz.



WSZYSTKIEGO  
NAJLEPSZEGO Z OKAZJI  
URODZIN!

Sr. Natalia is celebrating her Birthday on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Wish her

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
Stolat!



**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.

“Do you know who the upright of heart are? They are those who wish what God wishes. Therefore, do not try to twist God's will to you own but correct your will to that of God. The will of God is a rule of conduct. By it you have the means of being converted and of correcting your evil ways.” – St. Augustine

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

| St. Theresa Parish | June 2023 | June 2022 | Total for This FY<br>(July 2022 –<br>June 2023) | Total for Prior FY<br>(July 2021 -<br>June2022) |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Offertory          | \$ 6422   | \$ 6940   | \$ 90709  | \$ 100092                                       |
| CSA for 2023       | Goal      | Pledged   | Received  |   |
|                    | \$ 3385   | \$ 6836   | \$ 5436   |   |

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.

**Providence and the scandal of evil:** If God the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world, cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent in advance, but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away in advance. There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is not in part an answer to the question of evil.

But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better. But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world "in a state of journeying" towards its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection.

We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face",<sup>184</sup> will we fully know the ways by which - even through the dramas of evil and sin - God has guided his creation to that definitive sabbath rest<sup>185</sup> for which he created heaven and earth. (CCC – 309-310, 312)

**"The kingdom of God is at hand":** "Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.'" "To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth." Now the Father's will is "to raise up men to share in his own divine life". He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom".

Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God". By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery - his death on the cross and his Resurrection - he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." Into this union with Christ all men are called. (CCC – 541-542)

**"Let us always bear in mind that at our baptism we became temples of the living God and that every time we turn our minds to worldly things, to the devil and the flesh which we renounced at baptism, we are profaning this sacred temple of God." - St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

### **Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**



**O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, dare to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.**

**Grant me the *Spirit of Wisdom*, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,  
the *Spirit of Understanding*, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your truth,  
the *Spirit of Counsel*, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,  
the *Spirit of Fortitude*, that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,  
the *Spirit of Knowledge*, that I may know God and know myself and grow more perfect in the science of the Saints,  
the *Spirit of Piety*, that I may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others,  
the *Spirit of the Fear of the Lord*, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him.**

**Teach me, dear Lord, to be your faithful disciple and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us." - St. John Paul II**