

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."
And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.**



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

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Eighteenth Week of OT

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

August 7 Monday Mass 5:00 pm
Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: Anthony Arnone

August 10 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr- Feast

Intention: Zofia Sikon

August 11 Friday Adoration 7:00am – 8:00am
St. Clare, Virgin – Mem. Mass 8:00 am

Int: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

August 12 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Betty Renza

August 13 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Chris Ciesla & Family

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. We will have Mass on Monday evening August 14th at 6:00 pm and on Tuesday August 15th at 8:00 am.

Confessions: Confessions are heard up until 15 min. before any Mass and by appointment.



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.



“The spirit is the mind’s eye through which we see God, face to face, and by which we partake of the divine nature, and are transfigured, in this life by degrees, through our participation in the mystical body of Christ”. - St Anastasius of Sinai.

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.

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 Cathy Andrews, 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.

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.

“Christ did not enchant men; He demanded that they believe in Him: except on one occasion, the Transfiguration. For a brief while, Peter, James, and John were permitted to see Him in His glory. For that brief while they had no need of faith. The vision vanished, and the memory of it did not prevent them from all forsaking Him when He was arrested, or Peter from denying that he had ever known Him.” - W. H. Auden

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

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

I am very 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. In addition to financial contributions we have a number of parishioners who volunteer their time and knowledge for the good of St. Theresa. The people who count your contributions, our Finance Committee, our Readers, the Vestiarki Sisters, those who clean our church and tend the grounds, the parishioners who plan and organize the breakfasts and dinners in the Parish Hall, and the parishioners who freely share their time and professional knowledge when an expert opinion is needed.

A foretaste of the Kingdom: the Transfiguration: From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."

On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed, "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God": (CCC 554-556)

Give Me Discerning Eyes

**Almighty God,
author of my life,
help me learn to read what you have written on my heart.
Give me discerning eyes
and an untiring spirit
to look within me
in order to understand how to reach outside of me.
And once I have begun to read you aright,
give me the generosity to help others to read you,
to sound you out one letter,
one word of radical giving at a time.**

- Author Unknown

