

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**“At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid..”**



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

### **The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Nineteenth Week of OT**

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

Intention: + Betty Renza  
Reader: Kate

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

Intention: Chris Ciesla & Family  
Reader: Mark

August 14 Monday Mass 6:00 pm  
Solemnity of The Assumption of the BVM - HDO

Intention: The Biela Family

August 15 Tuesday Mass 8:00 am  
Solemnity of The Assumption of the BVM - HDO

Intention: Vestiarki Sisters of Jesus

August 17 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Jankowski

August 18 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Weekday of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Wanda Zurek- Jankowski

August 19 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Deborah Baker  
Reader: Veronica

August 20 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela  
Reader: Sal

**“God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole.” - St. Irenaeus**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

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



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

There will be Breakfast in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**“Man, why do you think so little of yourself when God thinks so highly of you? Why dishonor yourself when God so honors you? Why be so concerned with the stuff from which you are made and so little with the purpose for which you are made? All visible creation is your home. For you the light dispels the darkness; for you the sun, moon, and stars shed their light; for you the earth bears flowers and trees and fruits; for you the air and the earth and water are filled with marvelous life—all so that earthly life may not be sad and make you blind to the joy of eternity.” - Saint Peter Chrysologus**

**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 and 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.

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

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	July 2023	July 2022	Total for This FY (July 2022 – June 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2021 – June 2022)
	\$ 7971	\$ 8770	\$ 90709	\$ 100092
<b>CSA for 2023</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 3385</b>	<b>\$ 6896</b>	<b>\$ 6106</b>	

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.

Now, however, "we walk by faith, not by sight"; we perceive God as "in a mirror, dimly" and only "in part". Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it (CCC 164)

Only faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weaknesses in order to draw to itself Christ's power. The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that "nothing will be impossible with God", and was able to magnify the Lord: "For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." "Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe - even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature." (CCC 273-274)



**“It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth,  
should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death.  
It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast,  
should dwell in the divine tabernacles...**

**it was fitting that God’s Mother should possess what belongs to her Son  
and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.”  
- St John Damascene**

**Devotion to the Blessed Virgin:** "*All generations will call me blessed*": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin" with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary. (CCC 971)

**Assumption:** "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: (CCC 966)

**“As the most glorious Mother of Christ, our Savior and our God  
and the giver of life and immortality, has been endowed with life by Him,  
she has received an eternal incorruptibility of the body together with Him who has raised  
her up from the tomb and has taken her up to Himself in a way known only to Him.”  
- St Modestus of Jerusalem**