

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.**



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

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) and the Twentieth Week of OT

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

August 21 Monday Mass 8:00 am
St. Pius X, Pope - Memorial

Intention: + Wladyslaw Ciesla

August 24 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

Int: + Michael & Mary Kathryn Peaden

August 25 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

August 26 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Russel Baker
Reader: Rose

August 27 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Anna Warpecha
Reader: Veronica

“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

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



Thank you to our hosts for the Parish breakfast last Sunday!

These friendly and hard-working parishioners wanted all of us to have a chance to get to know each other and develop stronger bonds as a community.



The breakfast was wonderful and the company even better!

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.

“Whatever you do, do not think of yourself, but of God.” -St. Vincent Ferrer

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.

“May we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges.” -- St. Gregory of Nyssa

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
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6136	

Jesus teaches us how to pray: When Jesus prays he is already teaching us how to pray. His prayer to his Father is the theological path (the path of faith, hope, and charity) of our prayer to God. But the Gospel also gives us Jesus' explicit teaching on prayer. Like a wise teacher he takes hold of us where we are and leads us progressively toward the Father. Addressing the crowds following him, Jesus builds on what they already know of prayer from the Old Covenant and opens to them the newness of the coming Kingdom. Then he reveals this newness to them in parables. Finally, he will speak openly of the Father and the Holy Spirit to his disciples who will be the teachers of prayer in his Church.

From the Sermon on the Mount onwards, Jesus insists on conversion of heart: reconciliation with one's brother before presenting an offering on the altar, love of enemies, and prayer for persecutors, prayer to the Father in secret, not heaping up empty phrases, prayerful forgiveness from the depths of the heart, purity of heart, and seeking the Kingdom before all else. This filial conversion is entirely directed to the Father.

Once committed to conversion, the heart learns to pray in faith. Faith is a filial adherence to God beyond what we feel and understand. It is possible because the beloved Son gives us access to the Father. He can ask us to "seek" and to "knock," since he himself is the door and the way.

Just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, so he teaches us

filial boldness: "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Such is the power of prayer and of faith that does not doubt: "all things are possible to him who believes." Jesus is as saddened by the "lack of faith" of his own neighbors and the "little faith" of his own disciples as he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Roman centurion and the Canaanite woman. (CCC 2607 - 2610)

**“There is no one who is without faults, and who is not in some way a burden to others, whether he is a superior or a subject, an old man or a young one, a scholar or a dunce.”
-St. Robert Bellarmine**



Christ and the Canaanite Woman
by Annibale Carracci, 1594-1595

Prayer for the Healing of a Loved One

Lord, You walked on the earth, understood the broken world, yet also rose from death into resurrected life.

I pray for my loved one that they would be held at this time in your loving arms.

Bless the work of the doctors, surgeons and hospital staff, and bring the power of your resurrection life into their body.

Come fill my loved one with your restorative Spirit.

May your resurrection life bring healing and wellness into their being.

May your grace carry them through this hard time into a new season filled with hope and joy.

Amen.



“Thus united to them in the fellowship of life, we will understand the things revealed to them by God and, then escaping the peril that threatens sinners in the judgment, will receive that which is laid up for the saints in the kingdom of heaven.”

- St. Athanasius