

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”
He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to
me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”**



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

The Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Twenty-second Week of Ordinary Time.

September 2 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: Jade & PeeWee Amweg & Family
Reader: Christina

September 3 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Veronica

September 4 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Bob Holzschuh's Family

September 7 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Helena Rokosz

September 8 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Nativity of BVM - Feast Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Frank Biela

September 9 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Veronika Budzinauskiene
Reader: Kate

September 10 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
Reader: Sal

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

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”
– St. Peter (John 6:68-69)



There will be a Parish Breakfast after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass on September 10. Everyone is invited to attend. All you need to bring is a smile and a desire to get to know your fellow parishioners better. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

“The Body of Christ”, you are told, and you answer “Amen”. Be members then of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true. Why is this mystery accomplished with bread? We shall say nothing of our own about it, rather let us hear the Apostle Paul, who speaking of this sacrament says: “We being many are one body, one bread.” Understand and rejoice. Unity, devotion, charity! One bread: and what is this one bread? One body made up of many. Consider that bread is not made of one grain alone, but of many. At baptism, you were wetted with water. Then the Holy Spirit came into you like fire which bakes the dough. Be then what you see and receive what you are. – St. Augustine

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	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Aug. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Aug. 2022)
	\$ 7218	\$ 8789	\$ 15189	\$ 17559
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6196	

“The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection.”
– St Gregory the Great

Christ's death is the unique and definitive sacrifice: Christ's death is both the *Paschal sacrifice* that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world", and the *sacrifice of the New Covenant*, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the "blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices. First, it is a gift from God the Father himself, for the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself. At the same time it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in reparation for our disobedience.

Jesus substitutes his obedience for our disobedience: "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous." By his obedience unto death, Jesus accomplished the substitution of the suffering Servant, who "makes

himself an *offering for sin*", when "he bore the sin of many", and who "shall make many to be accounted righteous", for "he shall bear their iniquities".⁴⁴⁴ Jesus atoned for our faults and made satisfaction for our sins to the Father.

Jesus consummates his sacrifice on the cross: It is love "to the end" that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when he offered his life.⁴⁴⁷ Now "the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died." No man, not even the holiest, was ever able to take on himself the sins of all men and offer himself as a sacrifice for all. The existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons, and constitutes himself as the Head of all mankind, makes possible his redemptive sacrifice for all.

Our participation in Christ's sacrifice: The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]", for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps. In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering. (CCC 614-616, 618)

“How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been: how gloriously different are the saints.” - C.S. Lewis.

Sacrifice: It is right to offer sacrifice to God as a sign of adoration and gratitude, supplication and communion: "Every action done so as to cling to God in communion of holiness, and thus achieve blessedness, is a true sacrifice."¹⁶ Outward sacrifice, to be genuine, must be the expression of spiritual sacrifice: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit. . . ." The prophets of the Old Covenant often denounced sacrifices that were not from the heart or not coupled with love of neighbor. Jesus recalls the words of the prophet Hosea: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." The only perfect sacrifice is the one that Christ offered on the cross as a total offering to the Father's love and for our salvation. By uniting ourselves with his sacrifice we can make our lives a sacrifice to God. (CCC 2099 – 2100)

Prayer in Time of Suffering

**Behold me, my beloved Jesus,
weighed down under the burden of my
trials and sufferings,
I cast myself at Your feet,
that You may renew my strength and
my courage,
while I rest here in Your Presence.
Permit me to lay down my cross in
Your Sacred Heart,
for only Your infinite goodness can
sustain me;
only Your love can help me bear my
cross;
only Your powerful hand can lighten its
weight.
O Divine King, Jesus,
whose heart is so compassionate to
the afflicted,
I wish to live in You;
suffer and die in You.
During my life be to me my model and
my support;
At the hour of my death,
be my hope and my refuge.
Amen.**

