

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”



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

The Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Twenty-fourth Week of OT.

September 16 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Floyd & Lela Arnold & Family
Reader: Rose

September 17 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Jadwiga & Stanley Kuc
Reader: Mark

September 18 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Robert Espinosa

September 21 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast

Intention: Steven & Deborah Healis

September 22 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Wladyslaw Ciesla

September 23 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: Mother of Ellen Wild
Reader: Kate

September 24 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Zofia Sikon
Reader: Christina

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

“If you are suffering from a bad man’s injustice, forgive him, so there will not be two bad men.” — St. Augustine

Thank You!

THANK YOU to Alvera, Al, Sal, Gerry, Veronica, Debbie, and Steve for planning and hosting our Parish Breakfast last Sunday!
Their hard work, community spirit, and generosity are very much appreciated!



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.



A Very Happy 90th Birthday to Mr. Robert Espinosa!



Please congratulate Steven and Deborah Healis on their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

May their life together continue to be happy and full of blessings!



“Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil.” Pope St John Paul II

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	

“We must often draw the comparison between time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean”
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

. . . as we forgive those who trespass against us: This "as" is not unique in Jesus' teaching: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"; "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by *There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness, whether one speaks of "sins" as in *Luke* (11:4), "debts" as in *Matthew* (6:12). We are always debtors: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. It is lived out in prayer, above all in the Eucharist.

Thus the Lord's words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality. The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

Christian prayer extends to the forgiveness of enemies, transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master. Forgiveness is a high point of Christian prayer; only hearts attuned to God's compassion can receive the gift of prayer. Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin. The martyrs of yesterday and today bear this witness to Jesus. Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of men with one another.

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(CCC 2842-2845)

**“Let those who think I have said too little and those who think I have said too much, forgive me; and let those who think I have said just enough thank God with me.”
- St. Augustine**

Prayer for forgiveness

God of all love and mercy, we ask for your assistance today in helping us find and offer forgiveness. Though we are injured and struggle with anger and disappointment, we know all too well the harm done by ongoing conflict.

Help us better understand what hurt us and why we feel so deeply.

Give us the courage and perspective to stand in the shoes of the one who has injured us.

Remind us that forgiveness is the only way to find freedom from the pain and desire for revenge that can trap us.

Provide the grace for us to extend forgiveness as an action of strength and hope, not weakness.

We know, from your loving example, that forgiveness possesses a power far beyond our experience of suffering and being wronged. Inspire us, then, to reconcile and to bring peace to our relationships and society through the power of forgiveness.

In your mercy, we pray. Amen.



“That your enemies have been created is God's doing; that they hate you and wish to ruin you is their own doing. What should you say about them in your mind? "Lord be merciful to them, forgive them their sins, put the fear of God in them, change them!" You are loving in them not what they are, but what you would have them to become.” - Saint Augustine