

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”



Mass Times for the Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Twenty-eighth Week of Ordinary Time.

October 14 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Beverly Kay Case & Family
Reader: Rose

October 15 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
Reader: Sal

October 16 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Int: Carl & Sandra Stadtmiller

October 19 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests
& martyrs, & their companions, martyrs

Int: Frank & Mary Clark

October 20 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Samantha Ervin

October 21 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: All in Need of Healing
Reader: Kate

October 22 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: David & Nicole Shepherd & Family
Reader: Veronica

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

“Truth suffers, but never dies.” – St. Teresa of Avila

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, 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 today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us." - St. Teresa of Avila



October Is Respect Life Month: Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, killings, of wars, or of hatred...If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?" - St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Sept. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Sept. 2022)
	\$ 7379	\$ 6756	\$ 22568	\$ 24315
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6341	

"I have offended the Lord, but thank God, one day I heard His call pointing out my sin, and instead of becoming arrogant and closed off in my pride, instead of slandering the Church because she disturbed me, I accepted instead that message of God. On that day, I humbly drew near the Lord and asked for forgiveness. Thankfully, there was a word which reprimanded me; there was someone who told me frankly that that was not the way to act. This is the role of the Church: not to ignore the circumstances of life but to point out to people their sins so that they repent." St Oscar Romero (The Scandal of Redemption)

The proclamation of the kingdom of God: Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest. The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven. To them - the "little ones" - the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom. Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them

to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents". The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins". Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic. (CCC 543-546)

THE EUCHARIST - "PLEDGE OF THE GLORY TO COME": In an ancient prayer the Church acclaims the mystery of the Eucharist: "O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the life to come is given to us." If the Eucharist is the memorial of the Passover of the Lord Jesus, if by our communion at the altar we are filled "with every heavenly blessing and grace," then the Eucharist is also an anticipation of the heavenly glory. At the Last Supper the Lord himself directed his disciples' attention toward the fulfillment of the Passover in the kingdom of God: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist she remembers this promise and turns her gaze "to him who is to come." In her prayer she calls for his coming: "Maranatha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!" "May your grace come and this world pass away!" The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you for ever through Christ our Lord." There is no surer pledge or dearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth "in which righteousness dwells," than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, "the work of our redemption is carried on" and we "break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ." (CCC 1402-1405)



“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things will pass away. God never changes; patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.” – St. Teresa of Avila

Prayer of St. Benedict

**Gracious and holy Father,
grant us the intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you, diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you.
May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you,
and may our tongues proclaim you.
Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,
that we may have the patience to wait for you
and the perseverance to look for you.
Grant us a perfect end--your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen