

**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills**

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

**"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God."**



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

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

Intention: All in Need of Healing  
Reader: Rose

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

Int: David & Nicole Shepherd & Family  
Reader: Veronica

October 23 Monday Mass 8:00 am  
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Dolores Moody

October 26 Thursday **No Mass Priest Convocation**

October 27 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Weekday of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Al Holzschuh

October 28 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: All Parental Caregivers  
Reader: Kate

October 29 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: Zofia Sikon  
Reader: Veronica

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

**"Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace...Peace will be the last word of history.." - 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, 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.

**"Truth suffers, but never dies." – 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.

**"The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish." St. John Paul II**

**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
<b>CSA for 2023</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6341	

**"Any human society, if it is to be well-ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation this principle, namely, that every human being is a person, that is, his nature is endowed with intelligence and free will. Indeed, precisely because he is a person he has rights and obligations flowing directly and simultaneously from his very nature."**  
- Pope John XXIII

**RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION:** "Participation" is the voluntary and generous engagement of a person in social interchange. It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society. As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life. The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another. "One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom." As with any ethical obligation, the participation of all in realizing the common good calls for a continually renewed conversion of the social partners. Fraud and other subterfuges, by which some people evade the constraints of the law and the prescriptions of societal obligation must be firmly condemned because they are incompatible with the requirements of justice. Much care should be

taken to promote institutions that improve the conditions of human life. It is incumbent on those who exercise authority to strengthen the values that inspire the confidence of the members of the group and encourage them to put themselves at the service of others. Participation begins with education and culture. "One is entitled to think that the future of humanity is in the hands of those who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism."  
(CCC 1913-1917)

**“Stupidity is also a gift of God, but one mustn’t misuse it.” St. John Paul II**

**The political community and the Church:** Every institution is inspired, at least implicitly, by a vision of man and his destiny, from which it derives the point of reference for its judgment, its hierarchy of values, its line of conduct. Most societies have formed their institutions in the recognition of a certain preeminence of man over things. Only the divinely revealed religion has clearly recognized man's origin and destiny in God, the Creator and Redeemer. The Church invites political authorities to measure their judgments and decisions against this inspired truth about God and man: Societies not recognizing this vision or rejecting it in the name of their independence from God are brought to seek their criteria and goal in themselves or to borrow them from some ideology. Since they do not admit that one can defend an objective criterion of good and evil, they arrogate to themselves an explicit or implicit totalitarian power over man and his destiny, as history shows.

**The Church, because of her commission and competence, is not to be confused in any way with the political community. She is both the sign and the safeguard of the transcendent character of the human person.** "The Church respects and encourages the political freedom and responsibility of the citizen." It is a part of the Church's mission "to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it. The means, the only means, she may use are those which are in accord with the Gospel and the welfare of all men according to the diversity of times and circumstances."  
(CCC 2244-2246)

**“Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.”  
- St. Francis of Assisi**

### **Prayer for A Just Society**

**O God, author of true freedom,  
whose will it is to bind all men and women together  
as one Body of Christ,  
grant to us, we pray,  
the grace to purify our hearts  
and the strength to overcome evil and build a just  
society,  
so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect  
our minds or hearts  
but will be replaced with a love that respects the  
dignity of each person.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**“Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.” - Pope Benedict XVI**