

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“Lord, give us grateful hearts and keep us mindful of the needs of others.”

**“When it was evening, after sunset,
they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.
The whole town was gathered at the door.”**



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

Mass Times for The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time and for the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time.

February 3 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Katie & Brent Wall
Reader: Kate

February 4 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Stanislaw Bartulica & Parents
Reader: Mark

February 5 Monday 8:00 am
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr – Memorial

Intention: + Brian Vance

February 8 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela

February 9 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

February 10 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Lisa M. Moody
Reader: Christina

February 11 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Sr. Krystyna Malinowska
Reader: Veronica

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. We will have Mass at 8:00 am.

"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

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 David Zurawska, 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, 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.

PARISH BREAKFAST: There will be a Parish Breakfast next Sunday, February 11, after the 9:00 am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

How to Request a Mass Intention at St. Theresa: Please put your mass intention, a specific date, if desired, and the \$10 per mass offering into a plain envelope marked Mass Intention. Please include your name and a phone number in case there are any questions. Then, either put it into the offertory basket or hand it to Fr. Paul. If the date(s) you requested have already been scheduled, the mass intention will be scheduled at the next available mass closest to the requested date(s).

"We must understand then, that even though God doesn't always give us what we want, he always gives us what we need for our salvation" – St. Augustine

Tax Prep Time!

End of Year Financial Summary for Tax Purposes: If you need an end of year record of your financial gifts to St. Theresa, let Fr. Paul know and he will gladly prepare it for you.

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

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Dec. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Dec. 2022)
	\$ 8076	\$ 7399	\$ 47312	\$ 49904
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000			

Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2024: This weekend, February 3rd and 4th, marks the beginning of our annual diocesan-wide appeal to support the programs which benefit people throughout the diocese. CSA helps to ensure the education of future priests, the training of catechists for children and adults, programs to support healthy marriages and families, our Catholic schools, retired priests, and a variety of other activities which Bishop Wack has chosen.

These programs are too costly for any parish to support on their own, so we pool our resources for the good of all. A goal of our parish is to have every parishioner do their best to contribute to the CSA. I believe that St. Theresa is an example of what responsible Christian stewardship looks like for the rest of our diocese.

I have seen firsthand many examples of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Theresa and I know we will do our best to help Bishop Wack and our brothers and sisters in the diocese.

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus, get a new center, will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you." – Venerable Fulton Sheen

The signs of the kingdom of God: Jesus accompanies his words with many "mighty works and wonders and signs", which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah. The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his

miracles can also be occasions for "offense"; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons. By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all forms of human bondage. The coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of Satan's: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Jesus' exorcisms free some individuals from the domination of demons. They anticipate Jesus' great victory over "the ruler of this world".² The kingdom of God will be definitively established through Christ's cross: "God reigned from the wood." (CCC 547-550)



Christ the physician:

Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick

and you visited me." His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them. Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spit and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." And so in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us. Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.". But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion. (CCC 1503-1505)

How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" No one - no individual and no community - can proclaim the Gospel to himself: "Faith comes from what is heard." No one can give himself the mandate and the mission to proclaim the Gospel. The one sent by the Lord does not speak and act on his own authority, but by virtue of Christ's authority; not as a member of the community, but speaking to it in the name of Christ. No one can bestow grace on himself; it must be given and offered. This fact presupposes ministers of grace, authorized and empowered by Christ. From him, bishops and priests receive the mission and faculty ("the sacred power") to act in persona Christi Capitis; deacons receive the strength to serve the people of God in the diaconia of liturgy, word and charity, in communion with the bishop and his presbyterate. The ministry in which Christ's emissaries do and give by God's grace what they cannot do and give by their own powers, is called a "sacrament" by the Church's tradition. Indeed, the ministry of the Church is conferred by a special sacrament. (CCC 875)



**"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love in return."
- St. John Paul II**