

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**“If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him,  
and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”**



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

### Mass Times for The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sixth Week of Ordinary Time, Ash Wednesday, and Weekdays after Ash Wednesday.

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

Intention: Lisa M. Moody  
Reader: Christina

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

Intention: + Sr. Krystyna Malinowska  
Reader: Veronica

February 12 Monday 8:00 am  
Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Maria Derencius

February 14 **Ash Wednesday** 8:00 am

Intention: + All Souls In Purgatory  
Reader: Kate

February 15 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Thursday After Ash Wednesday

Intention: The Derencius Family

February 16 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Friday After Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Jozef Szostek

February 17 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: Rita Derencius  
Reader: Christina

February 18 Sunday Masses 9:00 am  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: + Julianna Chapukas  
Reader: Sal

**Friday Mass Schedule and Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent beginning on February 23rd we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm.

**Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Church from age 14 onwards.

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

**Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** In the early Church, people who had little, fasted and gave the food or money they would have spent to buy it to those with even less than themselves. We are blessed to live in a country with abundant food and economic opportunities. Along with our daily prayers for the suffering people of the world, Operation Rice Bowl provides us with an opportunity to thank God for His blessings to us by helping His children who are in need. Please pick up a Rice Bowl box in the narthex and add what you can to it during Lent.

**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.

**Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2024:** We are continuing our annual diocesan-wide appeal to support the programs which benefit the whole diocese. The 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 to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every person within our diocesan boundaries.

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.

Each breath we take, our faith, our families, our parish, and our diocesan Church are gifts from God. 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 our brother and sisters in the diocese who need to know our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

**“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could.”**

**- St. Gregory Nazianzen**

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

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Jan. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Jan. 2023)
	\$ 7025	\$ 7351	\$ 55549	\$ 54589
<b>CSA for 2024</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 7000</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	

**“Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor which Jesus has given to us.” St. Francis of Assisi**



**Year End Financial Statements:** If you need a summary of your donations to St. Theresa for the year 2020 for your taxes please let Fr. Paul know and he will get it for you.

**The punishments of sin:** To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but

as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.



The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

**The Communion of Saints:** The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God's grace is not alone. "The life of each of God's children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all the other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, as in a single mystical person." In the communion of saints, "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things." In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. Thus recourse to the communion of saints lets the contrite sinner be more promptly and efficaciously purified of the punishments for sin. (CCC 1472-1475)

**“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.” St. Gregory the Great**

## RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS

**Respect for the souls of others: scandal:** Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense.

Scandal takes on a particular gravity by reason of the authority of those who cause it or the weakness of those who are scandalized. It prompted our Lord to utter this curse: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." Scandal is grave when given by those who by nature or office are obliged to teach and educate others. Jesus reproaches the scribes and Pharisees on this account: he likens them to wolves in sheep's clothing.

**Scandal can be provoked by laws or institutions, by fashion or opinion.** Therefore, they are guilty of scandal who establish laws or social structures leading to the decline of morals and the corruption of religious practice, or to "social conditions that, intentionally or not, make Christian conduct and obedience to the Commandments difficult and practically impossible." This is also true of business leaders who make rules encouraging fraud, teachers who provoke their children to anger, or manipulators of public opinion who turn it away from moral values. Anyone who uses the power at his disposal in such a way that it leads others to do wrong becomes guilty of scandal and responsible for the evil that he has directly or indirectly encouraged. "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" (CCC 2284-2287)

**“Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.”  
St. Catherine of Siena**