

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

“Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”



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

Mass Times for The Third Sunday of Lent and Third Week of Lent.

March 2 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Third Sunday of Lent

Intention: Michael Peadar
Reader: Christina

March 3 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Lent

Intention: Arthur Silkowski
Reader: Sal

March 4 Monday 8:00 am
Lenten Weekday

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

March 7 Thursday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Lenten Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Dee Schroeder

March 8 Friday **Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm**
Lenten Weekday **Mass 6:00pm**

Intention: John & Maria Doniec

March 9 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Intention: Ann Ivers
Reader: Mark

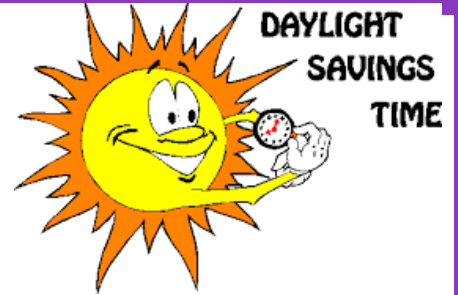
March 10 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Intention: Bill Taube
Reader: Veronica

“The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God.” – Pope Benedict XVI



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME
BEGINS
MARCH 10 2024**



“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment’s hesitation.”
- Catherine Doherty

Confessions for Lent: Confessions will be heard on Monday March 11th at 5:30 pm in the Church.

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.

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 Gerry Sott, 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.



Thank you to Stanley Jarzabek and Maria for the work they did inside of our Church!



Parish Breakfast: There will be a Parish Breakfast after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass on March 10. Everyone is invited!

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS): 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.

Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2024: Our CSA campaign needs your help. It has gotten off to a good start, but we need everyone to support it. Thank you to those who have pledged and for those who have not, please consider doing so.

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
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 4595	\$ 3995	

“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



Cecco del Caravaggio Christ driving money changers from Temple (1610)

Jesus and the Temple: Like the prophets before him Jesus expressed the deepest respect for the Temple in Jerusalem. It was in the Temple that Joseph and Mary presented him forty days after his birth. At the age of twelve he decided to remain in the Temple to remind his parents that he must be about his Father's business. He went there each year during his hidden life at least for Passover. His public ministry itself was patterned by his pilgrimages to Jerusalem for the great Jewish feasts. Jesus went up to the Temple as the privileged place of encounter with God. For him, the Temple was the dwelling of his Father, a house of prayer, and he was angered that its outer court had become a place of commerce. He drove merchants out of it because of jealous love for his Father: "You shall not make my Father's house a house of trade. His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'" After his Resurrection his apostles retained their reverence for the Temple. On the threshold of his Passion Jesus announced the coming destruction of this splendid building, of which there would not remain "one stone upon another". By doing so, he announced a sign of the last days, which were to begin with his own Passover. But this prophecy would be distorted in its telling by false witnesses during his interrogation at the high priest's house, and would be thrown back at him as an insult when he was nailed to the cross. Far from having been hostile to the Temple, where he gave the essential part of his teaching, Jesus was willing to pay the Temple-tax, associating with him Peter, whom he had just made the foundation of his future Church. He even identified himself with the Temple by presenting himself as God's definitive dwelling-place among men. Therefore his being put to bodily death presaged the destruction of the Temple, which would manifest the dawning of a new age in the history of salvation: "The hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father." (CCC 583-586)

The New Law or the Law of the Gospel: The Law of the Gospel "fulfills," refines, surpasses, and leads the Old Law to its perfection. In the Beatitudes, the New Law fulfills the divine promises by elevating and orienting them toward the "kingdom of heaven." It is addressed to those open to accepting this new hope with faith - the poor, the humble, the afflicted, the pure of heart, those persecuted on account of Christ and so marks out the surprising ways of the Kingdom. The Law of the Gospel fulfills the commandments of the Law. The Lord's Sermon on the Mount, far from abolishing or devaluing the moral prescriptions of the Old Law, releases their hidden potential and has new demands arise from them: it reveals their entire divine and human truth. It does not add new external precepts, but proceeds to reform the heart, the root of human acts, where man chooses between the pure and the impure, where faith, hope, and charity are formed and with them the other virtues. The Gospel thus brings the Law to its fullness through imitation of the perfection of the heavenly Father, through forgiveness of enemies and prayer for persecutors, in emulation of the divine generosity. (CCC 1967-1968)

**"It is simply impossible to lead a virtuous life without the aid of prayer."
- St. John Chrysostom**