

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." - St. Augustine

**"For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead."**



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

Mass Times for Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter.

March 30 Saturday Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Intention: Parishioners of St. Theresa
Reader: Kate

March 31 Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Resurrection of the Lord

Int: Scott & Christina Parrish & Family
Reader: Veronica

April 1 Monday 8:00 am
Monday in the Octave of Easter

Intention: + Donna Macijauskas

April 4 Thursday 8:00 am
Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Intention: Richard F. Moody

April 5 Friday Adoration 7:00am -8:00am
Friday in the Octave of Easter Mass 8:00am

Intention: Silvia Varga

April 6 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Intention: + Maria & Wladyslaw Lesniak
Reader: Veronica

April 7 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Intention: + Frank Biela
Reader: Sal

“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” - Pope Benedict XVI

The Joy of Easter: As Christians we are blessed with the joy that accompanies the undeniable fact that Jesus Christ has Risen! The Son's humble acceptance of our humanity and the suffering He endured for us should fill our hearts with joy today. He conquered death to offer us a chance to learn how to live. We know that while we were sinners it was God's enduring and unshakable love for us which led Him to die for us. It is the same enduring and unshakable love God gives to us through sharing in the Spirit of the Risen Lord. Given to us in our baptism and sacramental celebrations, this love is meant to be the center of our lives and actions.

As the Body of Christ the Church and its individual members are subjected to trials and suffering as inseparable parts of human existence. Jesus showed that we can be patient in suffering and overcome the fear and anxiety we feel. We can only do this if our relationship with Him is active, trusting, and mature. As members of the Body of Christ each of us are expected to offer God's love to a world desperate for meaning and longing for the hope only Jesus can provide:

“I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”

Remember all that is good in us, the compassion, mercy, and love we show to others, has its source in Him. Rejoice knowing His love is our guide to eternal life!

Thank You Parishioners: I would like to express my gratitude for your prayers for our parish, one another, and the Universal Church.

The generous gift of your time, work, and financial support of St. Theresa shows your faith and hope for the future.

May Our Risen Lord grant you peace and a deeper appreciation of His love for you.

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 Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob & Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Hella Tompkins, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Brone & Vida Nakas, Dennis & 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.

“The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: “Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?” The Resurrection answered: “That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death.” - Venerable Fulton Sheen

THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised. Christ's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life. The phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures" indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these predictions. The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he." The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I AM", the Son of God and God himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: "What God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'" Christ's Resurrection is closely linked to the Incarnation of God's Son, and is its fulfillment in accordance with God's eternal plan. The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is

above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: "Go and tell my brethren." We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection. Finally, Christ's Resurrection - and the risen Christ himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." The risen Christ lives in the hearts of his faithful while they await that fulfillment . In Christ, Christians "have tasted. . . the powers of the age to come" and their lives are swept up by Christ into the heart of divine life, so that they may "live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (CCC 651-655)



**Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die...
- John 11:25-26**



**“The glory of God is that man lives. Behold, man lives in Christ. Here is the moment in which what he, Christ, said is accomplished: ‘I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live’ (John 11:25).”
— St. John Paul II**

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	Feb. 2024	Feb. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Feb. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Feb. 2023)
	\$ 6955	\$ 5323	\$ 62504	\$ 59747
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 7770	\$ 6070	