

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it emotionally.”  
Flannery O’Connor**

**“I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.”**



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

### Mass Times for the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the Fifth Week of Easter.

April 27 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intention: Charlie & Cristina Varga  
Reader: Christina

April 28 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Int: + Stanislaw Bartulica & Family  
Reader: Veronica

April 29 Monday 8:00 am  
St. Cathrine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor Church- Mem.

Int: + Stanislaw & Aleksandra Obrochta

May 2 Thursday 8:00 am  
St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor Church - Memorial

Intention: + Chap Nguyen

May 3 Friday Adoration 7:00 am - 8:00 am  
Sts. Philip & James, Apostles - Feast Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

May 4 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Intention: Emily Neuman  
Reader: Kate

May 5 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla  
Reader: Sal

**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 Larry Arnold, 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, 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.

**“Soon we will have priests reduced to the role of social workers and the message of faith reduced to a political vision. Everything will seem lost, but at the right time, only in the most dramatic phase of the crisis, the Church will be reborn. It will be smaller, poorer, almost catacumbal, but also holier. For it will no longer be the church of those who seek to please the world, but the church of believers in God and his Eternal Law. The revival will be the work of a small, seemingly insignificant, but indomitable, remnant, undergone a process of purification. Because that’s how God works A small flock withstands evil.”**

**Pope Benedict XVI**

**The Church is communion with Jesus:** From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them, and gave them a share in his mission, joy, and sufferings. Jesus spoke of a still more intimate communion between him and those who would follow him: "Abide in me, and I in you. . . . I am the vine, you are the branches." And he proclaimed a mysterious and real communion between his own body and ours: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." When his visible presence was taken from them, Jesus did not leave his disciples orphans. He promised to remain with them until the end of time; he sent them his Spirit. As a result communion with Jesus has become, in a way, more intense: "By communicating his Spirit, Christ mystically constitutes as his body those brothers of his who are called together from every nation." The comparison of the Church with the body casts light on the intimate bond between Christ and his Church. Not only is she gathered *around him*; she is united *in him*, in his body. Three aspects of the Church as the Body of Christ are to be more specifically noted: the unity of all her members with each other as a result of their union with Christ; Christ as head of the Body; and the Church as bride of Christ. (CCC 787-789)

**The communion of the Holy Spirit:** In every liturgical action the Holy Spirit is sent in order to bring us into communion with Christ and so to form his Body. The Holy Spirit is like the sap of the Father's vine which bears fruit on its branches. The most intimate cooperation of the Holy Spirit and the Church is achieved in the liturgy. The Spirit who is the Spirit of communion, abides indefectibly in the Church. For this reason the Church is the great sacrament of divine communion which gathers God's scattered children together. Communion with the Holy Trinity and fraternal communion are inseparably the fruit of the Spirit in the liturgy. The epiclesis - ("invocation upon") is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit - is also a prayer for the full effect of the assembly's communion with the mystery of Christ. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" have to remain with us always and bear fruit beyond the Eucharistic celebration. The Church therefore asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to make the lives of the faithful a living sacrifice to God by their spiritual transformation into the image of Christ, by concern for the Church's unity, and by taking part in her mission through the witness and service of charity. (CCC 1108 -1109)

**“But each of us can decide today: the lie of atheism will no longer pass through me; I no longer wish to renounce the light of faith; I no longer wish, out of convenience, laziness or conformism, to allow light and darkness to cohabit within me.”**

**- Cardinal Robert Sarah**

**Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2024:** Our CSA is 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	Mar 2024	Mar. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Mar. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Mar. 2023)
	\$ 8995	\$ 7306	\$ 69700	\$ 67057
<b>CSA for 2024</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 7000</b>	<b>\$ 8055</b>	<b>\$ 6455</b>	