

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love says let it be!”
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”



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

Mass Times for the Ascension of the Lord and the Seventh Week of Easter.

May 11 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Ascension of the Lord



Int: Michael & Mary Kathryn Peaden
Reader: Mark

May 12 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Ascension of the Lord

Intention: + Sofia & Tadeusz Rokosz
Reader: Christina

May 13 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: Shelley A. Ervin

May 16 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: + Son Nguyen

May 17 Friday Adoration 7:00 am - 8:00 am
Easter Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

May 18 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Pentecost

Int: The Lesniak & Varga Families
Reader: Veronica

May 19 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Pentecost

Intention: + Victoria & Jan Konefal
Reader: Mark

**We will have a Parish Breakfast this Sunday, May 12, after the 9:00 am Mass.
Everyone is invited.**



Happy Mother's Day: God's joy in creating humanity is shared in a deep and special way with every woman who is a Mother. A mother's love and the difficult work she does caring for her child has a special place in God's heart. It is a reminder of the selflessness and love humanity is capable of and is an ongoing prayer of thanksgiving to our loving God. May all mothers continue to be blessed and may their sons and daughters realize the blessing their mother is to them.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Michael and Mary Kathryn Peaden are celebrating 50 years of marriage on May 11th. Mike & Kate are a blessing to our parish and we wish them health and continued happiness.



Thank You: We are very grateful to our parishioners and guests who throughout the year contribute money for the cost of the flowers which decorate our sanctuary. Sr. Natalia does a wonderful job throughout the year decorating our Church. Please thank her in person when you see her for her skill and dedication to St. Theresa. Thank you all!

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.

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
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 8055	\$ 6455	

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.

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers." – St. Maximilian Kolbe

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty

days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle. The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension. This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified." Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end". (CCC 659-664)



**“The Ascension completes our faith in Him, who was God as well as man.”
~ St. Leo the Great**