

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him."

- St Teresa of Avila

" Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"



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

**Mass Times for The Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
and the Twenty- eighth Week of Ordinary Time.**

October 12 Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Edward & Janina Sadauskas
Reader: Veronica

October 13 Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela
Reader: Mark

October 14 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Dolores Pulanecki

October 17 Thursday Mass - 8:00 am
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial

Intention: + Anieli Kwiatek

October 18 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
St. Luke, Evangelist – Feast Mass - 8:00 am

Int: Larry & Laura Arnold & Family

October 19 Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Samantha Ervin
Reader: Kate

October 20 Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Int: David & Nicole Shepherd
Reader: Sal

**Parish Breakfast: We will have a parish breakfast today after the 9:00 am Mass.
Everyone is invited!**

“May God protect me from gloomy saints.” – St Teresa of Avila



We would like to congratulate David & Nicole Shepherd who are celebrating their 3rd Wedding Anniversary on October 22. Their love and commitment to each other and their son is a wonderful sign of God’s love expressing itself in this world. We wish David & Nicole continued happiness!



October Is Respect Life Month: Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

**“There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience.”
– St. Mother Teresa**

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 Lidia Kraj, David Hilty, John Oakley, 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, 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.

**“I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now I was not always on the ground. I praise God for His mercy; for it was He only Who stretched out His hand to me. May He be blessed forever! Amen.”
– St. Teresa of Avila**

Love for the Poor: God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay. "It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence.

"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need." It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.

Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use: "Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you."

St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity":

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of

mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God:

“He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise.” But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

"In its various forms - material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death - human misery is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which man finds himself as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere."

Beginning with the Old Testament, all kinds of juridical measures (the jubilee year of forgiveness of debts, prohibition of loans at interest and the keeping of collateral, the obligation to tithe, the daily payment of the day-laborer, the right to glean vines and fields) answer the exhortation of Deuteronomy: "For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in the land.'" Jesus makes these words his own: "The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." In so doing he does not soften the vehemence of former oracles against "buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals . . .," but invites us to recognize his own presence in the poor who are his brethren. [CCC 2443-2449]

“Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can at the same time be here and present to the Lord. Your soul must hold fast to him, you must follow after him in your thoughts, you must walk his ways by faith, not in outward show.” – St. Ambrose

We thank our parishioners and guests for their generous support of St. Theresa.

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Sept. 2024	Sept. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2024 – Sept. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – Sept. 2023)
	\$ 9758	\$ 8699	\$ 23482	\$ 24860
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 8480	\$ 8305	



“Whenever we think of Christ, we should recall the love that led Him to bestow on us so many graces and favors, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of His love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love Him.” – St. Teresa of Avila