

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“One who has hope lives differently.” – Pope Benedict XVI

**“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”**



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

Mass Times for The Third Sunday of Advent and the Third Week of Advent.

December 14 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Third Sunday of Advent

Intention: Jadwiga & Stanislaw Kuc
Reader: Kate

December 15 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
Reader: Veronica

December 16 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Advent Weekday **Advent Confessions 4:00 pm**

Int: + Wiktoria & Wladyslaw Smalarz

December 19 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Advent Weekday



Intention: Steve & Patricia Bertrand

December 20 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Advent Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + John Clark

December 21 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Intention: Stanislaw & Anna Jarzabek
Reader: Christina

December 22 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Sal

“In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

Advent Parish Confessions: On Monday December 16, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. From 4:00 pm until all have been heard. Please enter the Church and be seated on the side closest to the parking lot. Advent is a good time to examine our lives in detail, resolve to change what needs to be changed, and to use the grace available through the sacrament of reconciliation to transform our lives.



HAPPY 53rd Wedding Anniversary to Steve & Patricia Bertrand!

Their Anniversary is on Wednesday December 18th.

May God continue to bless their marriage.



Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, December 25 is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Nativity of the Lord.

**Christmas Mass Schedule: Tuesday December 24 Midnight Mass
Wednesday December 25 9:00 am**

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.” – Pope Benedict XVI



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and talent for the good of St. Theresa. The Offertory counting team, the Finance Committee, the Readers, the Ushers, those who provide our monthly Parish Breakfast, those who decorate, clean, and tend to our buildings and grounds are a great blessing to our parish family.

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 and Brian Paridon as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, 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.

Offertory: We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Offertory	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2024 – Nov. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – Nov. 2023)
	\$ 5033	\$ 5454	\$ 35624	\$ 40069
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 8480	\$ 8355	

“Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us.” - Pope Benedict XVI



The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the

faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

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