

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”**



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

### Mass Times for The Epiphany of the Lord and Christmas Weekdays.

January 4 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: + Brone Nakas  
Reader: Veronica

January 5 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Epiphany of the Lord

Int: Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered  
Reader: Mark

January 6 Monday 8:00 am  
Christmas Weekday

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

January 9 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Christmas Weekday

Intention: Lynn Westlake

January 10 Friday Mass 8:00 am  
Christmas Weekday

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

January 11 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm  
The Baptism of the Lord - Vigil Mass

Intention: + Ramona Derencius  
Reader: Kate

January 12 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Baptism of the Lord

Intention: + Wendy Wilson  
Reader: Christina

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.  
— St. Peter Chrysologus



**Parish Breakfast:** After the 9 am Mass next Sunday, January 12 everyone is invited to the Parish Hall to strengthen our parish community through conversation and food. I would encourage everyone to be there regardless of which Mass you attend. To say “Hello” to your established friends and to make new ones. St. Theresa is a parish filled with interesting people and it is a blessing to be able to meet each other in a relaxed setting



The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). [CCC 528]

**Our Sunday Mass Obligation:** The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship. The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church." This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. [CCC – 2176-2178, 2181]

**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 Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, 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. 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 would like to thank all of the Parishioners of St Theresa and our guests for their prayers, best wishes, and generous financial support of our Parish throughout this past year.

I hope the year to come brings you peace, stronger faith, and a greater appreciation for how much God has blessed all of us.



Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Flower fund to help to decorate our altar this year.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to decorate our Church for Christmas.



“Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.” — St Augustine