

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“Lord, give us grateful hearts and keep us mindful of the needs of others.”

**His mother said to the servers,
“Do whatever he tells you.”**



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

Mass Times for The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time and for the Second Week of Ordinary Time.

January 18 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Brone Nakas
Reader: Kate

January 19 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Chris Ciesla & Family
Reader: Sal

January 20 Monday 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Brent & Katie Wall

January 23 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Dolores Merecki

January 24 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor – Mem. Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Frances Ciesla

January 25 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Kark H. Moody
Reader: Christina

January 26 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela
Reader: Veronica

"The day that man forgets that love is identical with sacrifice, he will ask how a God of love could demand mortification and self-denial."

Venerable Fulton Sheen.

DAY OF PRAYER ON JANUARY 22: January 22 is a day the Church prays to do away with abortion in our country and throughout the world as we remember the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the US. This misguided and legally unsupportable decision has led to the needless deaths of millions of unborn children in our country. It is a profoundly sorrowful day as we ask God for His mercy and forgiveness for such dreadful behavior.

Abortion was leading cause of deaths worldwide in 2024: There were 45.1 million abortions in 2024. That figure exceeds the number of deaths from cancer (8.2 million), AIDS (1.7 million), traffic accidents (1.35 million), and suicide (1.1 million)—combined.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The week of January 18 through January 25 is a week the Church prays for the unity of all Christians. It is our prayer that there will be one flock with one Shepherd as we work to spread God's reign throughout the world.

"It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey." – St. Ignatius of Loyola

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.

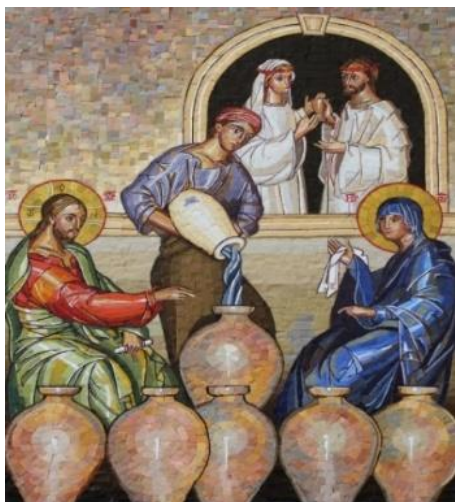


There are special prayer requests for Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Lidia Kraj, David Hilty, John Oakley, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob & Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, 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.

Notes: 1) The names listed in our prayer list are not all suffering from illness. Some of the names represent special intentions for things other than illnesses. They or a member of their family may need some intercessory prayers for a variety of reasons.

2) Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased. They are also for the living on special days of their lives, in appreciation for their place in our lives, for a special intention of our prayers, or for a group of people in need of prayers.

3) **How to request a Mass Intention:** Please write the intention(s) on a piece of paper along with the preferred date(s); include your name and phone number in case there are any questions. The Mass offering is \$10 per Mass. Place the paper and offering in an envelope (available in the narthex) labeled Mass Intentions and give it to Fr. Paul or put it into an offertory basket. If the requested date(s) are not available, the Mass will be scheduled on the date(s) closest to the requested date.



The Gospel reveals to us how Mary prays and intercedes in faith. At Cana, the mother of Jesus asks her son for the needs of a wedding feast; this is the sign of another feast - that of the wedding of the Lamb where he gives his body and blood at the request of the Church, his Bride. It is at the hour of the New Covenant, at the foot of the cross, that Mary is heard as the Woman, the new Eve, the true "Mother of all the living." [CCC 2618]

Marriage in the Lord: The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God, by becoming incarnate and giving his life, has united to himself in a certain way all mankind saved by him, thus preparing for "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman

as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts. The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God himself has determined it "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder." This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life.

This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her," adding at once: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church."

The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath. which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant. [CCC 1612 -1617]

“To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”
— St. John Paul II

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Offertory	Dec. 2024	Dec. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2024 – Dec. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – Dec. 2023)
	\$ 8091	\$ 9288	\$ 43715	\$ 48524
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 8355	\$ 8355	



“Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.” — St. Louis de Montfort

