

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.” – St. Catherine of Siena**

**“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”**



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

### Mass Times for The Second Sunday of Lent and Second Week of Lent.

March 15 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Second Sunday of Lent

Int: Paul & Rosana Vinitsky & Family  
Reader: Christina

March 16 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Second Sunday of Lent

Intention: David Shearon  
Reader: Mark

March 17 Monday 8:00 am  
Lenten Weekday

Intention: Mary Jane Larson

March 20 Thursday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Lenten Weekday      Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Stanley Ciesla

March 21 Friday **Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm**  
Lenten Weekday      **Mass 6:00pm**

Intention: Frank Konefal

March 22 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Third Sunday of Lent

Intention: Stanislaw Kuc  
Reader: Mark

March 23 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Third Sunday of Lent

Intention: Sr. Margaret Nocun  
Reader: Sal

**“I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of Life.” John 8:12**

“Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God, and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.” - Pope Benedict XVI



**Frank Konefal – Friday March 21**  
**Stanley Kuc – Saturday March 22**  
**Sr. Malgorzata Nocun - Saturday March 22**

**Friday Mass Schedule and Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent beginning on March 14<sup>th</sup> we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Our Eucharistic Adoration will move to Thursdays from 7:00 am – 8:00 am before Thursday Mass.

**Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence:** The Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Church from age 14 onwards.

**Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** In the early Church, people who had little, fasted and gave the food or money they would have spent to buy it to those with even less than themselves. We are blessed to live in a country with abundant food and economic opportunities. Along with our daily prayers for the suffering people of the world, Operation Rice Bowl provides us with an opportunity to thank God for His blessings by helping His children who are in need. Please pick up a Rice Bowl box in the narthex and add what you can to it during Lent.

**Transfiguration of the Lord:** For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."

On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed, "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God" [CCC – 555-556]

**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 Caroline, Fred Landgraf, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Lidia Kraj, David Hilty, 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, Stanley & 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.

**Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2025:** Our 2025 CSA campaign has begun and is off to a good start. We need every parishioner do their best to contribute to the CSA. For those who have already helped, thank you!

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running,  
to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving.  
All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."  
- St. Francis de Sales

**We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.**

St. Theresa Offertory	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2024	Total for This FY (July 2024 – Jan. 2025)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – Jan. 2024)
	\$ 8446	\$ 7025	<b>\$ 52161</b>	\$ 55549
CSA for 2025	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	<b>\$ 9603</b>	<b>\$ 5340</b>	<b>\$ 4040</b>	

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one  
who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."  
- St. Gregory Nazianzen



"Recognize to whom you owe the fact you exist, that you breathe, that you  
understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope  
for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory... You have been made  
a child of God, coheir with Christ. Where did you get all this and from whom?"  
- St. Gregory Nazianzen

