

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose

**‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’
Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God.**



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

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

August 2 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention + Helena Szostek
Reader: Christina

August 3 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Mark

August 4 Monday Mass 8:00 am
St. John Vianney, Priest - Memorial

Intention: + Anna Warpecha

August 7 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

August 8 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Saint Dominic, Priest – Mem. Mass – 8:00 am

Intention: + Mary Nguyen Ty

August 9 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Peter Nguyen Thang
Reader: Mark

August 10 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela
Reader: Veronica

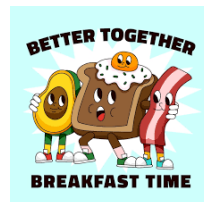
Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass on Thursday August 14 at 6:00 pm and on Friday August 15 at 8:00 am.

It has been said that self-love dies three days after ourselves! We are enormously attached to our own ego and humility is a very difficult virtue to acquire. Sometimes, we have struggled for years to gain it and quite suddenly, we meet with another disastrous fall. It would be easy to be overcome by discouragement at this stage but, this should not be allowed to happen. When we fall, we should say to God in our repentance: "It is good for me to be humbled." To ourselves, we should say immediately: "Let us begin all over again."

- Antonio Cardinal Bacci



PARISH BREAKFAST: We will have a Parish Breakfast on August 10th after our 9:00 am Mass. Everyone is invited to catch up with old friends and to make new friends.



"Let us thank God for having called us to His holy faith. It is a great gift, and the number of those who thank God for it is small." – St. Alphonsus Liguori

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, as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Matas Baltus, Steve Bertrand, David Hilty, Brian Paridon, Caroline, Jess, Fred Landgraf, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Lidia Kraj, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, 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.

"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears - of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not inclined to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor's. . . . You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

The tenth commandment unfolds and completes the ninth, which is concerned with concupiscence of the flesh. It forbids coveting the goods of another, as the root of theft, robbery, and fraud, which the seventh commandment forbids. "Lust of the eyes" leads to the violence and injustice forbidden by the fifth commandment. Avarice, like fornication, originates in the idolatry prohibited by the first three prescriptions of the Law. The tenth commandment concerns the intentions of the heart; with the ninth, it summarizes all the precepts of the Law.

The Disorder of Covetous Desires: The senses' appetite leads us to desire pleasant things we do not have, e.g., the desire to eat when we are hungry or to warm ourselves when we are cold. These desires are good in themselves; but often they exceed the limits of reason and drive us to covet unjustly what is not ours and belongs to another or is owed to him.

The tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power. It also forbids the desire to commit injustice by harming our neighbor in his temporal goods:

When the Law says, "You shall not covet," these words mean that we should banish our desires for whatever does not belong to us. Our thirst for another's goods is immense, infinite, never quenched.

Thus it is written: "He who loves money never has money enough."

It is not a violation of this commandment to desire to obtain things that belong to one's neighbor, provided this is done by just means. Traditional catechesis realistically mentions "those who have a harder struggle against their criminal desires" and so who "must be urged the more to keep this commandment":

. . . merchants who desire scarcity and rising prices, who cannot bear not to be the only ones buying and selling so that they themselves can sell more dearly and buy more cheaply; those who hope that their peers will be impoverished, in order to realize a profit either by selling to them or buying from them . . . physicians who wish disease to spread; lawyers who are eager for many important cases and trials.

The tenth commandment requires that envy be banished from the human heart. When the prophet Nathan wanted to spur King David to repentance, he told him the story about the poor man who had only one ewe lamb that he treated like his own daughter and the rich man who, despite the great number of his flocks, envied the poor man and ended by stealing his lamb. Envy can lead to the worst crimes. "Through the devil's envy death entered the world":

“We fight one another, and envy arms us against one another. . . . If everyone strives to unsettle the Body of Christ, where shall we end up? We are engaged in making Christ's Body a corpse. . . . We declare ourselves members of one and the same organism, yet we devour one another like beasts.”

Envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin:

St. Augustine saw envy as "the diabolical sin." "From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity."

Envy represents a form of sadness and therefore a refusal of charity; the baptized person should struggle against it by exercising good will. Envy often comes from pride; the baptized person should train himself to live in humility:

Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God. Because his servant could conquer envy by rejoicing in the merits of others, God will be praised.



We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Offertory	June 2025	June 2024	Total for This FY (July 2024 – June 2025)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – June 2024)
	\$ 10100	\$ 9150	\$ 94278	\$ 93649
CSA for 2025	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 9603	\$ 8186	\$ 7736	

**“Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of himself.”
– St Teresa of Calcutta**