

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.” — St. Augustine

**“For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.”**



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

Mass Times for The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time.

August 23 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Kelly Clark
Reader: Christina

August 24 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Anna Warpecha
Reader: Sal

August 25 Monday Mass – 8:00 am
Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: NWFLRC – Staff & Inmates

August 28 Thursday Mass – 8:00 am
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church-Memorial

Intention: + Catherine Chrisco

August 29 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Passion of St. John Baptist -Mem. Mass 8:00 am

Int: Mike & Kate Peaden & Family

August 30 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Int: Kathleen, Jack, & Gillian Peaden
Reader:

August 31 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Chester Urbanowicz
Reader: Veronica

“You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, and the best of Fathers waits there to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure to reap there in joy.” - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth": that is, of Christ Jesus. Christ must be proclaimed to all nations and individuals, so that this revelation may reach to the ends of the earth: God graciously arranged that the things he had once revealed for the salvation of all peoples should remain in their entirety, throughout the ages, and be transmitted to all generations.

"Christ the Lord, in whom the entire Revelation of the most high God is summed up, commanded the apostles to preach the Gospel, which had been promised beforehand by the prophets, and which he fulfilled in his own person and promulgated with his own lips. In preaching the Gospel, they were to communicate the gifts of God to all men. This Gospel was to be the source of all saving truth and moral discipline."

In keeping with the Lord's command, the Gospel was handed on in two ways: - orally "by the apostles who handed on, by the spoken word of their preaching, by the example they gave, by the institutions they established, what they themselves had received - whether from the lips of Christ, from his way of life and his works, or whether they had learned it at the prompting of the Holy Spirit"; - in writing "by those apostles and other men associated with the apostles who, under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing". [CCC 74-76]

“Love and practice simplicity and humility and don’t worry about the opinion of the world, because if the world had nothing to say against us, we would not be real servants of God.” - St. Padre Pio

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 Julie, Matas Baltus, Steve Bertrand, David Hilty, Brian Paridon, Caroline, Jess, 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.

“Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.” - St. Francis of Assisi

HELL: We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that he "will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire," and that he will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!"

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate

is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth."

God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance": [CCC 1033-1037]

“And when I hear it said that God is good and He will pardon us, and then see that men do not cease from evil-doing, oh, how it grieves me! The infinite goodness with which God communicates with us, sinners as we are, should constantly make us love and serve Him better; but we, on the contrary, instead of seeing in His goodness an obligation to please Him, convert it into an excuse for sin which will of a certainty lead in the end to our deeper condemnation.”

- St. Catherine of Genoa



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	

“Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are knowledgeable in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by means of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent.”

- St. Anthony the Great