

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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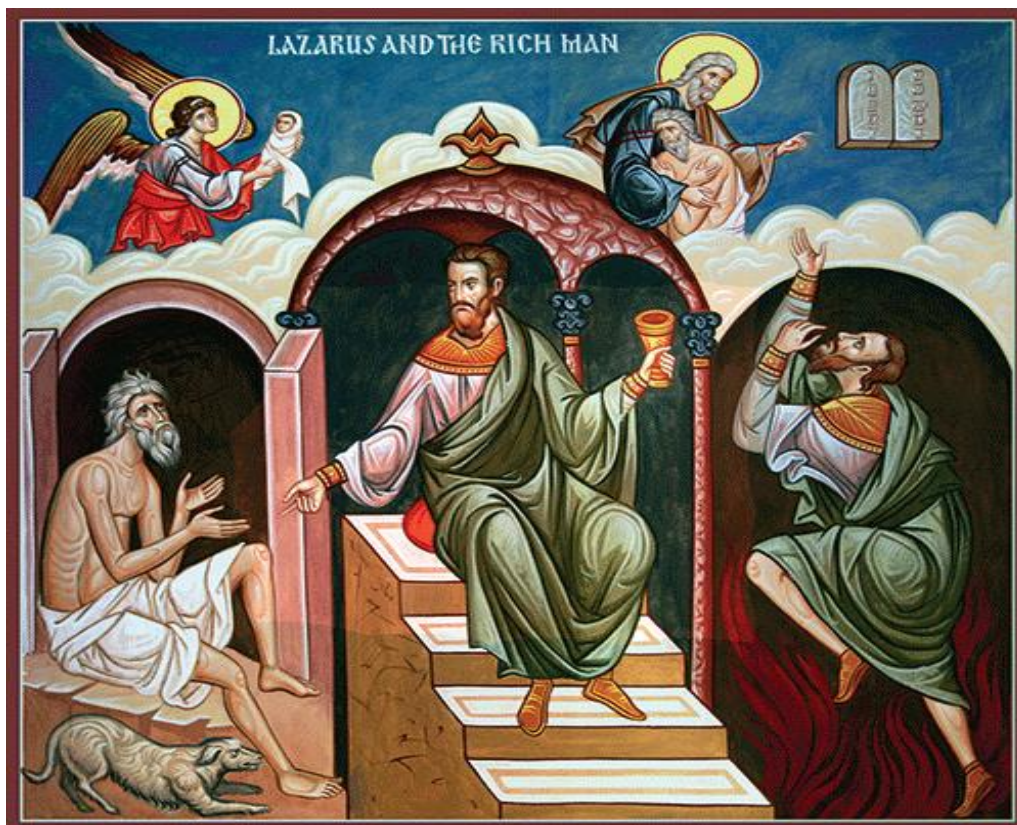
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“God asks little, but He gives much.” – St. John Chrysostom

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.”



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

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

September 27 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Int: Michael & Mary Peaden & Family
Reader: Kate

September 28 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Chris Pyzyznski & Family
Reader: Veronica

September 29 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels – Feast

Int: Alex & Mary Ndenkeng & Family

October 1 Wednesday Mass 8:00 am
St Therese of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor of Church – Memorial of Our Patron Saint

Int: Parishioners of St. Theresa

October 2 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial

Intention: Lynn Zanetic

October 3 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Twenty-sixth Week of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Veronica McKee

October 4 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Julianna Chapukas
Reader: Kate

October 5 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Barbara Konefal
Reader: Mark

"You, who think that you have a healthy hand, beware lest it is withered by greed or by sacrilege. Hold it out often. Hold it out to the poor person who begs you. Hold it out to help your neighbour, to give protection to a widow, to snatch from harm one whom you see subjected to unjust insult. Hold it out to God for your sins." - St Ambrose



We would like to wish Happy Birthday to:
– Lynn Zanetic on Wednesday
October 1
and
-- Veronica McKee on Friday
October 3



"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
— St. Therese of Lisieux



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.

"For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus." — St. Thérèse

Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul--a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven--through a purification immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation. [CCC 1021-1022]

"What sort of people are we? When God gives, we want to receive, when He asks, we refuse to give? When a poor man is hungry, Christ is in need, as He said Himself: "I was hungry and you gave me no food." Take care not to despise the hardship of the poor, if you would hope, without fear, to have your sins forgiven... What He receives on earth, He returns in heaven." – St. Caesarius of Arles

Love for the Poor: God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay." It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence. "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need. "It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.

Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use: "Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence

against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you."

St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs. "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity": When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice.

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God:

"He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?"

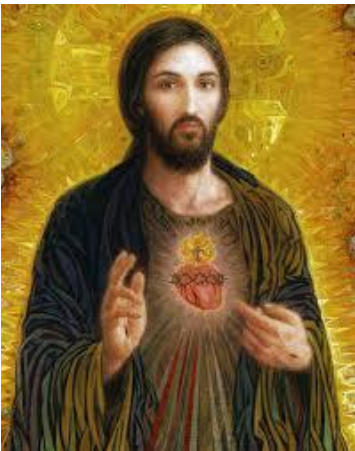
"In its various forms - material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death - human misery is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which man finds himself as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere."

When her mother reproached her for caring for the poor and the sick at home, St. Rose of Lima said to her: "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus. [CCC 2437- 2448]

“Proud is many a man who looks down on his neighbor because the wool of his cloths is finer! Yet as fine as it is, a poor sheep wore it upon her back before it came upon his back, and all the while she wore it, she was after all still only a sheep. And why should he now think himself better than she was simply by having that wool—wool that, even though it is now his, is still not so truly his as it was truly hers?”
-St. Thomas More

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Parish	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2024	Total for This FY (July 2025 – June 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 - June 2025)
Offertory	\$ 7539	\$ 8190	\$ 14197	\$ 16161
CSA for 2025	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 9603	\$ 8286	\$ 8286	



“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ “
Mt. 25: 34-36

