

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."- St. Clare of Assisi**

**"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."**



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

### Mass Times for The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Thirty-third Week of Ordinary Time.

November 15 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla  
Reader:

November 16 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Int: Larry & Pauline Zezula  
Reader: Sal

November 17 Monday Mass 8:00 am  
Thirty-third Week of Ordinary Time

Int: + Vince, Maria, Ramona Derecius

November 20 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Mem

Int: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

November 21 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am  
Thirty-third Week of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Anna Warpecha

November 22 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Intention: + Dolores M. Moody  
Reader: Christina

November 23 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Int: Frank & Elizabeth Konefal  
Reader: Sal

**"The creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise, to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant."- St. Anthony of Padua**



Larry & Pauline Zezula are celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Monday November 17. We wish Larry and Pauline a Happy Anniversary and a wonderful year to follow! May God continue to bless them, their family, and all those they love.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Throughout the month of November remember to pray each day for all who have died and for all the souls in purgatory.

**Book of Remembrance:** We have a Book of Remembrance near the sanctuary in our Church. You can record your deceased loved ones names in it and they will be remembered in prayer during the month of November. This is a cherished custom in the Catholic Church. It helps us to remember that our loved ones are a gift from God and that all Catholics are united by the Holy Spirit in the one Body of Christ.

**"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**

**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, for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy David Zurawska, and firefighters, especially David Shepherd, 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.

**Faith is a human act.** Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of. . . intellect and will to God who reveals", and to share in an interior communion with him.

In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."

**The freedom of faith.** To be human, "man's response to God by faith must be free, and. . . therefore nobody is to be forced to embrace the faith against his will. The act of faith is of its very nature a free act." "God calls men to serve him in spirit and in truth. Consequently they are bound to him in conscience, but not coerced. . . This fact received its fullest manifestation in Christ Jesus." Indeed, Christ invited people to faith and conversion, but never coerced them. "For he bore witness to the truth but refused to use force to impose it on those who spoke against it. His kingdom. . . grows by the love with which Christ, lifted up on the cross, draws men to himself."

**The necessity of faith.** Believing in Jesus Christ and in the One who sent him for our salvation is necessary for obtaining that salvation. "Since "without faith it is impossible to please [God]" and to attain to the fellowship of his sons, therefore without faith no one has ever attained justification, nor will anyone obtain eternal life "But he who endures to the end."

**Perseverance in faith.** Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good

conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith. "To live, grow and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity," abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

**Faith - the beginning of eternal life.** Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face", "as he is". So faith is already the beginning of eternal life: "When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy." [CCC 154 -155; 160 – 164]

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."**

**- St. Francis**

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

St. Theresa	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Oct. 2025)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Oct. 2024)
Offertory	\$ 7886	\$ 5109	\$ 29035	\$ 28591
<b>CSA for 2025</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 9603</b>	<b>\$ 8492</b>	<b>\$ 8492</b>	

### **For the Departed**

**We give back to you, O God, those whom you gave to us. You did not lose them when you gave them to us, and we do not lose them by their return to you. Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.**

**Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you that we may know that we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you. You have told us that you are preparing a place for us; prepare us also for that happy place, that where you are we may also be always, O dear Lord of life and death. Amen.**

**(Prayer of William Penn, 1710)**

