

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”**



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

Mass Times for The Epiphany of the Lord and the week after Epiphany.

January 3 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: R. John Nakas
Reader: Mark

January 4 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Epiphany of the Lord

Intention: + Vince Derencius
Reader: Sal

January 5 Monday 8:00 am
St. John Neumann, Bishop – Memorial

Intention: Rita Derencius & Family

January 8 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Thursday after Epiphany

Int: + Agnes & Albert Warpecha

January 9 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Friday after Epiphany Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Lynn Westlake

January 10 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Baptism of the Lord – Feast

Intention: + Maria & Vldas Mikutis
Reader: Regina

January 11 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Baptism of the Lord – Feast

Intention: + Linda Broadway
Reader: Christina

“If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus....; for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.” - St John Chrysostom



The Funeral Mass for Ruth Windholtz will be at 10:00am on Thursday January 8 at St. Theresa. At 9:30 am there will be a time for prayer and remembering Ruth before Mass. May her soul rest in peace in the eternal embrace of our loving God.



“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.”
— St. Peter Chrysologus



The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the

magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). [CCC 528]



“As you kneel at the feet of the child Jesus on the day of His Epiphany and see Him a king bearing none of the outward signs of royalty, you can tell Him:

**“Lord, take away my pride;
crush my self-love,
my desire to affirm myself
and impose myself on others.
Make the foundation of my personality
my identification with you.”**

- St Josemaria Escriva

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 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, Vida Nakas, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, 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.

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms.” — St Augustine

Thank You: I would like to thank all of the Parishioners of St Theresa and our guests for their prayers, best wishes, and generous financial support throughout this past year.
I hope the year to come brings you peace, stronger faith, and a greater appreciation for how much God has blessed all of us.

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.” — St John Chrysostom