

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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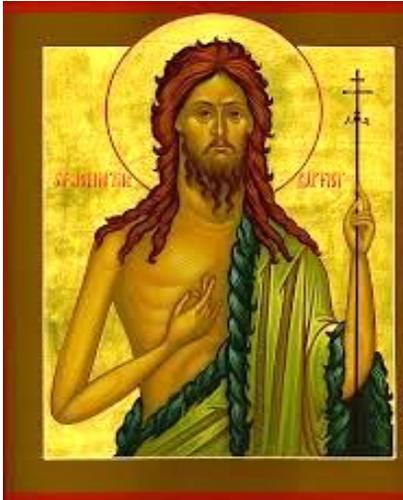
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“There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”



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

Mass Times for The Second Sunday of Advent, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Second Week of Advent.

December 6 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Advent

Intention: Ed & Pamela Lang
Reader: Regina

December 7 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Mark

December 8 Monday **Mass 8:00 am**

Int: The Vestiarki Sisters of Jesus

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM – Holy Day of Obligation

December 11 Thursday 8:00 am
Advent Weekday

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

December 12 Friday Adoration 7:00am - 8:00 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Feast Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Hella Tompkins

December 13 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Third Sunday of Advent

Int: Mary Mae Swielerman Robinson
Reader:

December 14 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent

Intention: + Vince Derencius
Reader: Christina



Parish Breakfast: After the 9 am Mass next Sunday December 14, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall to strengthen our parish community through conversation and food. I would encourage everyone to be there, regardless of which Mass you attend, to say “Hello” to your established friends and to make new ones. St. Theresa is a parish filled with interesting people and it is a blessing to be able to meet each other in a relaxed setting!



"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world." - Pope Benedict XVI



**Happy Birthday Wishes to
Luong Nguyen and John Biela.
They share a birthday on
Friday December 12.**



Thank you!



**Thank you to everyone who has
volunteered their time and talent for the
good of St. Theresa. The Offertory
Counting Team, the Finance Committee,
the Readers, Ushers, all who organize
and prepare food for our Parish
Breakfasts, all who decorate, clean, and
improve our buildings and grounds, all of**



**our parishioners and guests who so generously support our Parish,
and all who contribute to Sr. Natalia's flower fund.
You are all a great blessing to our parish.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule: Wednesday December 24 Midnight Mass
 Thursday December 25 9:00 am**

"Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord Himself gave ten times as much of His life to her as He gave to His Apostles." - Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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 Ruth Windholtz, 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, 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.

**"What happened to Mary turns our attention to Jesus Christ, the only Mediator of salvation, and helps us to see life as a loving plan with which we must cooperate responsibly. Mary is not only a model of the call, but also of the response. Indeed, she said "yes" to God at the beginning and at every successive moment of her life, fully complying with his will, even when she found it obscure and hard to accept."
- St. John Paul II**

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

“Where is the heart that loves? On the thing it loves. Therefore, where our love is, there our heart is held captive. It cannot leave it; it cannot be lifted higher, it cannot go either to the right or the left; see, it is fixed. Where the miser’s treasure is, there is his heart and where our heart is, there is our treasure.” - St Vincent de Paul

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa	Nov. 2025	Nov. 2024	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Nov. 2025)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Nov. 2024)
Offertory	\$ 10390	\$ 7033	\$ 39505	\$ 35624
CSA for 2025	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 9603	\$ 8492	\$ 8492	

“The fruit of silence is *prayer*, the fruit of prayer is *faith*, the fruit of faith is *love*, the fruit of love is *service*, the fruit of service is *peace*.”

— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



“The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the Kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.”

- St Pope Gregory III

