

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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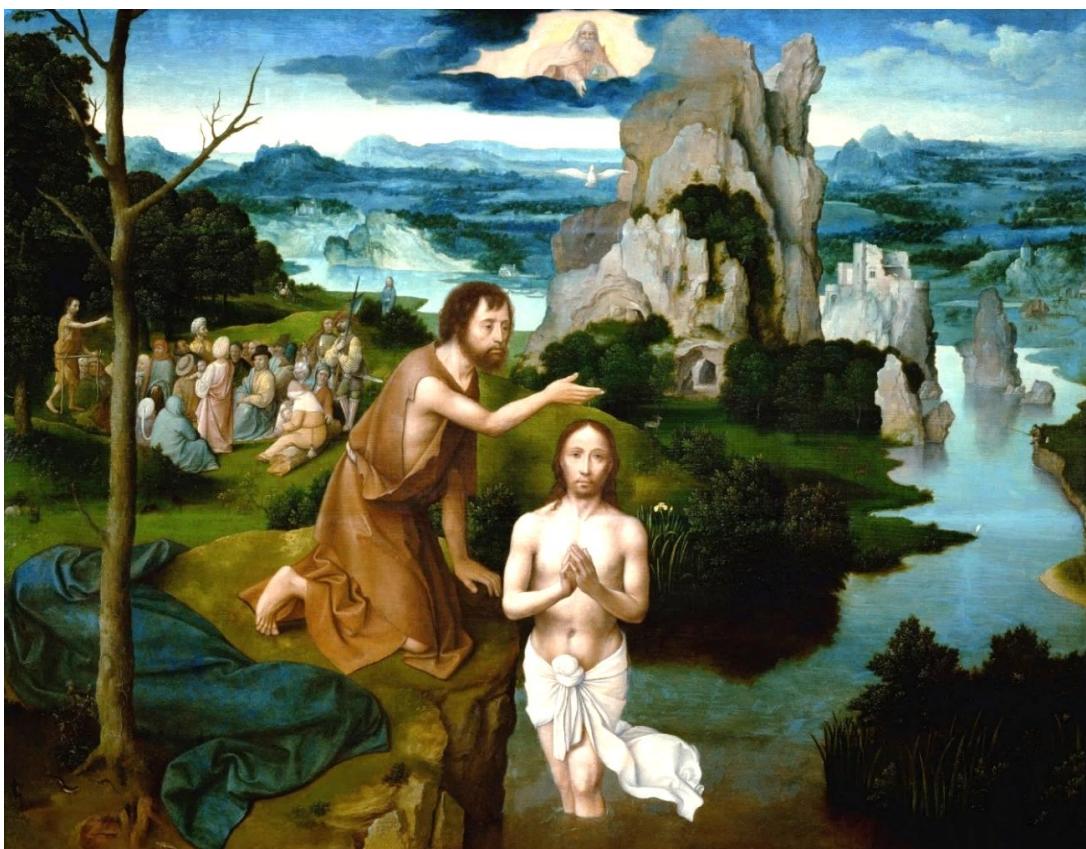
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“Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.” -St. Jerome

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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

Mass Times for The Baptism of the Lord and for the Second Week of Ordinary Time.

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

Intention: + Maria & Vladas Mikutis
Reader: Regina

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

Intention: + Linda Broadway
Reader: Christina

January 12 Monday 5:00 pm
First Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Ramona Derencius

January 15 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
First Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela

January 16 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
First Week of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

January 17 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Vida Nakas
Reader: Regina

January 18 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Winston & Sharon Adams
Reader:



“Dearly Beloved, each word and deed of Our Savior Jesus Christ is for us a lesson in virtue and piety. For this end also did He assumed our nature, so that every man and every woman, contemplating as in a picture the practice of all virtue and piety, might strive with all their hearts to imitate His example. For this He bore our body, so that as far as we could, we might repeat within us, the manner of His life. And so, therefore, when you hear mention of some word or deed of His, take care not to receive it simply as something that incidentally happened but raise your mind upwards towards the sublimity of what He is teaching and strive to see what has been mystically handed down to us”

- St Basil the Great

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.

Two Notes: 1) The names listed in our prayer list are not all suffering from illness. Some of the names represent special intentions for things other than illnesses. They or a member of their family may need some intercessory prayers for a variety of reasons.

2) Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased. They are also for the living on special days of their lives or requested in appreciation for their place in our lives.

“O Lord, wishing to fulfill all things that You ordained before the ages, You received the servants of Your mystery, from among the Angels, Gabriel, from among Men, the Virgin, from among the Heavens, the Star and from among the Waters, the Jordan, in which You washed away the sin of the world, O our Savior, glory to You.”

- St John Damascene

The Baptism of the Lord: Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". A crowd of sinners - tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life": "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God.

“Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God.”

- St. Vincent Ferrer

“Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism
and celebrate this feast in holiness.

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men,
for whom His every word and every revelation exist.

He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world.

You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light,
bathed in the glory of Him who is the light of heaven.

You are to enjoy more and more, the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity,
as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor,
proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord,
to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen”

-St Gregory of Nazianzen

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity

St. Theresa	Dec. 2025	Dec. 2024	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Dec. 2025)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Dec. 2024)
Offertory	\$ 8140	\$ 9530	\$ 47715	\$ 45154
CSA for 2025	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 9603	\$ 8492	\$ 8492	

“Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man
cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration
is effected by Baptism: "Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he
cannot enter into the kingdom of God (Jn 3:5)"

- St. Thomas Aquinas

