

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“There is no greater honor than to serve Christ.” – St. Ambrose**

**“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
At once they left their nets and followed him.**



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

### Mass Times for The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time and for the Third Week of Ordinary Time.

January 24 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Ludwig & Genoweta Drycz  
Reader: Christina

January 25 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Karl H. Moody  
Reader: Veronica

January 26 Monday 8:00 am  
Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops – Memorial

Intention: + Noi Nguyen

January 29 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Third Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + In Hoang

January 30 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Third Week of Ordinary Time Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Dommitra Biela

January 31 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Jan & Marijanna Kuc  
Reader: Mark

February 1 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla  
Reader: Sal



**Mr. Robert Espinosa, a long-term parishioner of St. Theresa died on January 20. Our condolences to his family.**

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
May he rest in peace.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen.**

**"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of abortion, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of "freedom" can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God's gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women – the ability to love as a woman." – St. Mother Teresa**

**Mass Celebrating Black History Month:** The Catholic African-American Awareness Group of Okaloosa County invites everyone to join them at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church , 1028 White Point Road, Niceville on January 25, 2026, at 2:00 pm for Mass with our Bishop William Wack to celebrate Black History Month. The Eglin Airforce Base Brotherhood Gospel Choir will begin the celebration at 2:00 pm. All are welcome as we celebrate the long history of African-American Catholics in the United States.

**On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced in his Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis", that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.**

**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.

**"The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." – Pope Francis**

**The Church is Apostolic:** The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the apostles, in three ways: 1) she was and remains built on "the foundation of the Apostles," the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself; 2) with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, the "good deposit," the salutary words she has heard from the apostles; 3) she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, "assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor". (CCC – 857)

**The Apostolate:** The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is "sent out" into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways. "The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well." Indeed, we call an apostolate "every activity of the Mystical Body" that aims "to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth."

"Christ, sent by the Father, is the source of the Church's whole apostolate"; thus the fruitfulness of apostolate for ordained ministers as well as for lay people clearly depends on their vital union with Christ. In keeping with their vocations, the demands of the times and the various gifts of the

Holy Spirit, the apostolate assumes the most varied forms. But charity, drawn from the Eucharist above all, is always "as it were, the soul of the whole apostolate."

The Church is ultimately one, holy, catholic, and apostolic in her deepest and ultimate identity, because it is in her that "the Kingdom of heaven," the "Reign of God," already exists and will be fulfilled at the end of time. The kingdom has come in the person of Christ and grows mysteriously in the hearts of those incorporated into him, until its full eschatological manifestation. Then all those he has redeemed and made "holy and blameless before him in love," will be gathered together as the one People of God, the "Bride of the Lamb," "the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God." For "the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." (CCC 863-865)

**"Whoever removes the Cross and its interpretation by the New Testament from the center, in order to replace it, for example, with the social commitment of Jesus to the oppressed as a new center, no longer stands in continuity with the apostolic faith."**

– Hans Urs von Balthasar

**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

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Time!**

**Year End Financial Statements:** If you need a summary of your donations to St. Theresa for the year 2025 for tax preparation, please let Fr. Paul know and he will get it for you.



**"As I have already observed, the Church, having received this preaching and this faith, although scattered throughout the whole world, yet, as if occupying but one house, carefully preserves it. " – St. Irenaeus**

