

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“Lord, give us grateful hearts and keep us mindful of the needs of others.”**

**“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors...”**



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

### Mass Times for The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sixth Week of Ordinary Time, Ash Wednesday, and Weekdays after Ash Wednesday.

February 14 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Chris Ciesla & Family  
Reader: Christina

February 15 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Frank Biela  
Reader: Mark

February 16 Monday 8:00 am  
Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Benjamin Drycz

February 18 **Ash Wednesday** 8:00 am

Intention: + All Souls In Purgatory  
Reader:

February 19 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Thursday After Ash Wednesday

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla

February 20 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Friday After Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Petryk Biela

February 21 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: + Emilja Kaczowka  
Reader:

February 22 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
First Sunday of Lent

Intention: + Thang Nguyen  
Reader: Veronica

**Friday Mass Schedule and Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during Lent beginning on February 27th we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm.**

**Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Church from age 14 onwards.

Join a Discussion and Video about the Upcoming Sunday's Gospel Reading: During Lent, beginning on February 19, and on the following Thursday mornings after Mass, there will be a chance for everyone interested to gather and view a video from Dr. Brant Pitre. He explains the next Sunday's Gospel reading in depth. After the video, there will be a discussion about the video and about the Gospel. This is a chance to meet informally, learn, and discuss with fellow parishioners the Sunday Gospel Reading. Everyone is invited and welcome to spend some time during Lent with fellow parishioners and the Word of God.

**Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** In the early Church, people who had little, fasted and gave the food or money they would have spent to buy it to those with even less than themselves. We are blessed to live in a country with abundant food and economic opportunities. Along with our daily prayers for the suffering people of the world, Operation Rice Bowl provides us with an opportunity to thank God for His blessings to us by helping His children who are in need. Please pick up a Rice Bowl box in the narthex and add what you can to it during Lent.

**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, 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.

**Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2026:** We are continuing our annual diocesan-wide appeal to support the programs which benefit the whole diocese. The CSA helps to ensure the education of future priests, the training of catechists for children and adults, programs to support healthy marriages and families, our Catholic schools, retired priests, and a variety of other activities which Bishop Wack has chosen. These programs are too costly for any parish to support on their own, so we pool our resources for the good of all. A goal of our parish is to have every parishioner do their best to contribute to the CSA. I believe that St. Theresa is an example of what responsible Christian stewardship.

**“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could.”**  
**- St. Gregory Nazianzen**

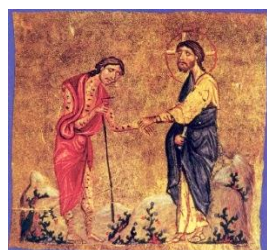
**We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.**

St. Theresa	Jan. 2026	Jan. 2025	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Jan. 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Dec. 2025)
Offertory	\$ 7386	\$ 8446	\$ 55101	\$ 53600
CSA - 2026	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	
	<b>\$ 7500</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>	

**“Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor which Jesus has given to us.” St. Francis of Assisi**



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



**The punishments of sin:** To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is

punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

**The Communion of Saints:** The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God's grace is not alone. "The life of each of God's children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all the other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, as in a single mystical person." In the communion of saints, "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things." In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. Thus recourse to the communion of saints lets the contrite sinner be more promptly and efficaciously purified of the punishments for sin. (CCC 1472-1475)

**“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.” St. Gregory the Great**

## **RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS**

**Respect for the souls of others: scandal:** Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense.

Scandal takes on a particular gravity by reason of the authority of those who cause it or the weakness of those who are scandalized. It prompted our Lord to utter this curse: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." Scandal is grave when given by those who by nature or office are obliged to teach and educate others. Jesus reproaches the scribes and Pharisees on this account: he likens them to wolves in sheep's clothing.

**Scandal can be provoked by laws or institutions, by fashion or opinion.** Therefore, they are guilty of scandal who establish laws or social structures leading to the decline of morals and the corruption of religious practice, or to "social conditions that, intentionally or not, make Christian conduct and obedience to the Commandments difficult and practically impossible." This is also true of business leaders who make rules encouraging fraud, teachers who provoke their children to anger, or manipulators of public opinion who turn it away from moral values. Anyone who uses the power at his disposal in such a way that it leads others to do wrong becomes guilty of scandal and responsible for the evil that he has directly or indirectly encouraged. "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" (CCC 2284-2287)

**“Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.”**

**- St. Catherine of Siena**

