

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.” – St. Catherine of Siena

“Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.”



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

Mass Times for The Fifth Sunday of Lent and Fifth Week of Lent.

March 21 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Christina

March 22 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intention: Sr. Margaret Nocun
Reader: Veronica

March 23 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Lenten Weekday

Intention: Stanislaw & Lidia Kraj

March 26 Thursday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Lenten Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Rita Derencius

March 27 Friday **Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm**
Lenten Weekday **Mass 6:00pm**

Intention: + Vince Derencius

March 28 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Intention: + Janina Kucharska
Reader: Mark

March 29 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Intention: Thao Bui & Hung Nguyen
Reader: Sal

“Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience Then why not keep clear of sin instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow ...” Thomas a Kempis (*The Imitation of Christ*)

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR ST. THERESA

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

- Mass at 6:00 pm
- Adoration until 8:00 pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Stations of the Cross – 2:30 pm
- Service – 3:00 pm

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

- 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Lenten Church Confessions – Monday, March 30 at 4:00 pm
All Confessions - Up to 15 minutes before any Mass or by Appointment.

“What good would it have done Lazarus when he came out of the tomb, if it had not been said, ‘Unbind him and let him go’? He came forth bound; not on his own feet, therefore, but by some power leading him. Let this be in the heart of the penitent: when you hear a man confessing his sins, he has already come to life again; when you hear a man lay his bare conscious in confessing, he has already come forth from the sepulcher; but he is not yet unbound. When is he unbound? By whom is he unbound? ‘Whatever you loose on earth,’ he says, ‘shall be loosed in heaven.’ Rightly is the loosing of sins able to be given by the Church, but the dead man cannot be raised to life again except by the Lord’s calling him interiorly for this latter is done by God in a more interior way.”

— St. Augustine

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 Zofia Svedman, Matas Baltus, Steve Bertrand, David Hilty, Brian Paridon, Jess, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, 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.

Operation Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services (CRS): 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.

Catholic Charing Appeal (CSA) 2026: Our CSA campaign has started and we need everyone to support it. Thank you to those who have pledged and for those who have not, please consider doing so.

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

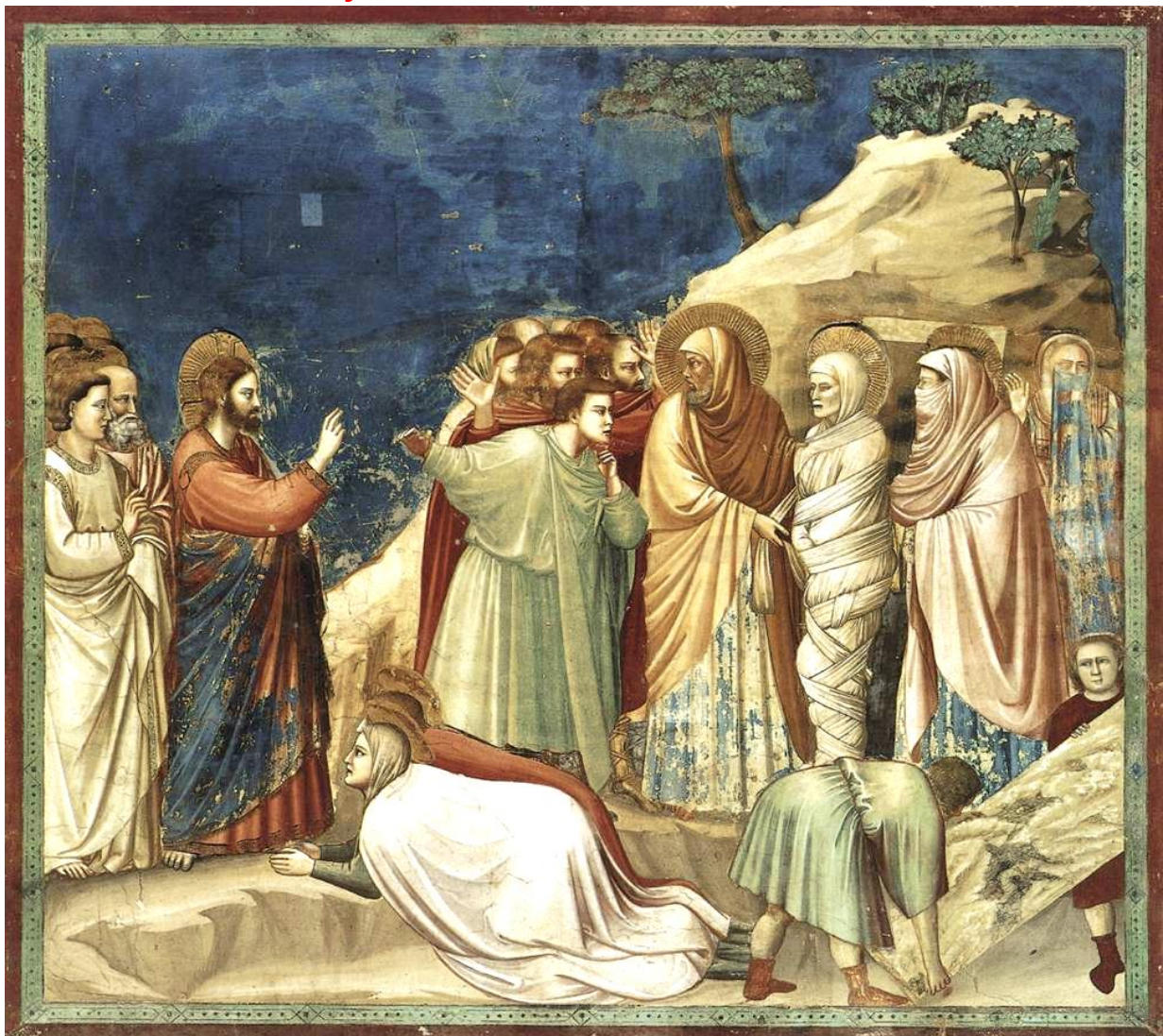
St. Theresa	Feb. 2026	Feb. 2025	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Feb. 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Feb. 2025)
Offertory	\$ 8681	\$ 7001	\$ 63782	\$ 60601
CSA - 2026	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7500	\$ 5360	\$ 3560	

Our Parish CSA goal this year is \$7500. It is important to remember that any money over that goal remains at St. Theresa to support our parish needs. Please do what you can to help support this charitable effort for our Diocese and Parish.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OURS : The progressive revelation of the Resurrection God revealed the resurrection of the dead to his people progressively. Hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead established itself as a consequence intrinsic to faith in God as creator of the whole man, soul and body. The creator of heaven and earth is also the one who faithfully maintains his covenant with Abraham and his posterity. It was in this double perspective that faith in the resurrection came to be expressed. The Pharisees and many of the Lord's contemporaries hoped for the resurrection. Jesus teaches it firmly. To the Sadducees who deny it he answers, "This is why you are wrong, that you do not know either the scriptures or the power of God." Faith in the resurrection rests on faith in God who "is not God of the dead, but of the living." But there is more. Jesus links faith in the resurrection to his own person: "I am the Resurrection and the life." It is Jesus himself who on the last day will raise up those who have believed in him, who have eaten his body and drunk his blood. Already now in this present life he gives a sign and pledge of this by restoring some of the dead to life, announcing thereby his own Resurrection, though it was to be of another order. He speaks of this unique event as the "sign of Jonah," the sign of the temple: he announces that he will be put to death but rise thereafter on the third day. To be a witness to Christ is to be a "witness to his Resurrection," to "[have eaten and drunk] with him after he rose from the dead." Encounters with the risen Christ characterize the Christian hope of resurrection. We shall rise like Christ, with him, and through him. From the beginning, Christian faith in the resurrection has met with incomprehension and opposition. "On no point does the Christian faith encounter more opposition than on the resurrection of the body." It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?

How do the dead rise? What is "rising"? In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection. Who will rise? All the dead will rise, "those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment." How? Christ is raised with his own body: "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"; but he did not return to an earthly life. So, in him, "all of them will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear," but Christ "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body," into a "spiritual body": [CCC 992-999]

Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-27



GIOTTO di Bondone (1304-06): Scenes from the Life of Christ: Raising of Lazarus