

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“The things that we love tell us what we are.”- St. Thomas Aquinas

**“Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”**



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

Mass Times for the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the Fifth Week of Easter.

May 2 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intention: Zofia Svedman
Reader: Mark

May 3 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Sal

May 4 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: The Ciesla Family

May 7 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Easter Weekday

Intention: Matthew Stone

May 8 Friday Adoration 7:00 am to 8:00 am
Easter Weekday Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Zofia Svedman

May 9 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Intention: Michael & Mary K. Peaden
Reader: Regina

May 10 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Intention: All Our Mothers
Reader: Christina

**“God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.”
- St. Augustine**

BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK: We will have a Parish Breakfast next Sunday, May 10, after our 9 am Mass. Everyone is invited to share good company and good food.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl: Thank you for once again generously helping those who are in need around the world!

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 Hien Nguyen, Zofia Svedman, 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, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Joanna 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..

“Try to keep your soul always in peace and quiet, always ready for whatever our Lord may wish to work in you. It is certainly a higher virtue of the soul, and a greater grace, to be able to enjoy the Lord in different times and different places than in only one”.
- St. Ignatius



THANK YOU! The Offertory Counting Team is composed of two women and two men who bring a wealth of personal, practical, and professional experience and knowledge to this essential work for our Parish. Without public acknowledgement and as volunteers they do this work **52 weeks a year** for our Parish. We should be very proud to have such parishioners and very grateful that we have the best, most accurate, efficient, easiest to work with, and kindest Offertory Counting Team in the Diocese.



We are greatly blessed by their service to St. Theresa!

HEAVEN: Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face:

By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.

This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

To live in heaven is "to be with Christ." The elect live "in Christ," but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name. For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom.

By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the

kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."

Because of his transcendence, God cannot be seen as he is, unless he himself opens up his mystery to man's immediate contemplation and gives him the capacity for it. The Church calls this contemplation of God in his heavenly glory "the beatific vision":

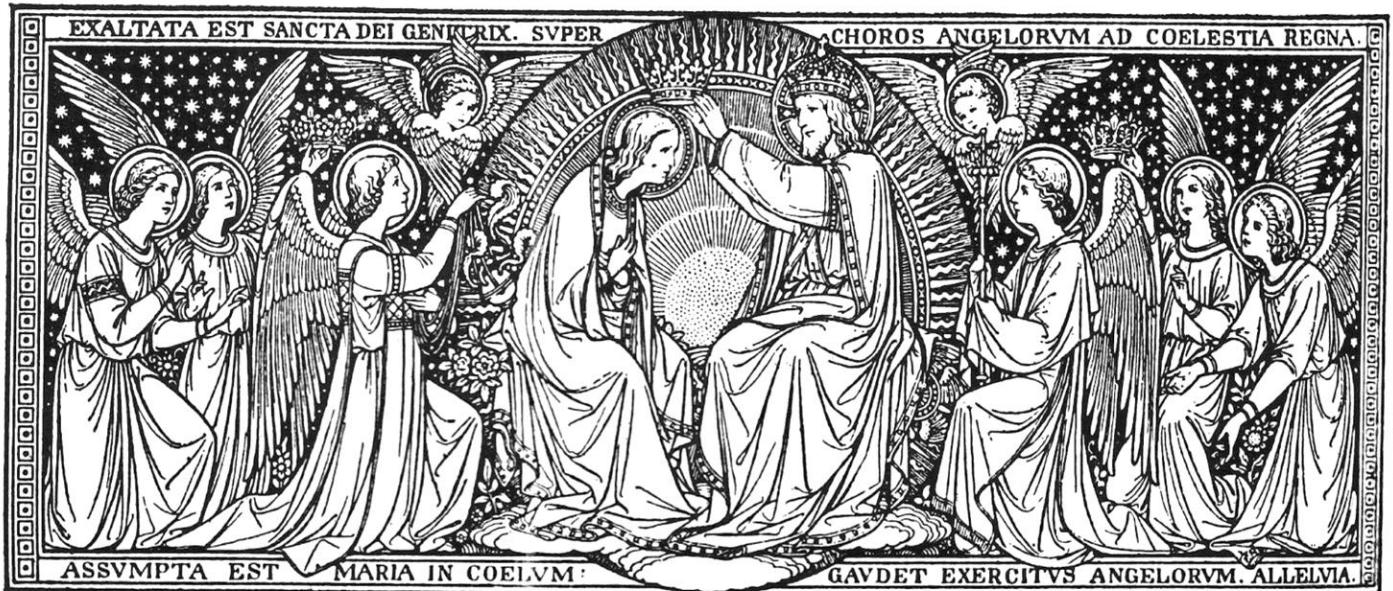
How great will your glory and happiness be, to be allowed to see God, to be honored with sharing the joy of salvation and eternal light with Christ your Lord and God, . . . to delight in the joy of immortality in the Kingdom of heaven with the righteous and God's friends. (CCC 1023-1028)

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa	Apl. 2026	Apl. 2025	Total for This FY (July 2025 – Apl. 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2024 – Apl. 2025)
Offertory	\$ 10172	\$ 8511	\$ 83139	\$ 77927
CSA - 2026	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7500	\$ 6085	\$ 4885	

“We seek for truth in ourselves; in our neighbors, and in its essential nature. We find it first in ourselves by severe self-scrutiny, then in our neighbors by compassionate indulgence, and, finally, in its essential nature by that direct vision which belongs to the pure in heart.”

- St. Bernard



“The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.”

- St. Pope John Paul II