

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole.” - St. Irenaeus

“At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid..”



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

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Nineteenth Week of OT

August 8 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Mark

August 9 Sunday Masses 9:00 am
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
Reader: Sal

August 10 Monday Mass 8:00 am
St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr – Feast

Intention: Lyn Burton

August 13 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Int: Scott & Christina Parrish & Family

August 14 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr – Mem. Mass 8:00 am Intention: Hien Nguyen

August 15 Saturday Assumption of BVM – Solemnity Mass 8:00 am
Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Jeffrey & Emelyn Loreto & Family
Reader: Regina

August 16 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Victoria & John Konefal
Reader: Veronica

The Assumption of BVM is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

“Man, why do you think so little of yourself when God thinks so highly of you? Why dishonor yourself when God so honors you? Why be so concerned with the stuff from which you are made and so little with the purpose for which you are made? All visible creation is your home. For you the light dispels the darkness; for you the sun, moon, and stars shed their light; for you the earth bears flowers and trees and fruits; for you the air and the earth and water are filled with marvelous life—all so that earthly life may not be sad and make you blind to the joy of eternity.” - Saint Peter Chrysologus

Dear Lord, please watch over your precious child Naomi. Wrap her in your loving arms, ease her pain, and bring healing to her body. Please also grant her family strength, wisdom, and peace during this difficult time. Amen.

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 Emelyn Loreto, Chavet Paridon, Naomi Parrish, 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, Gail & 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.

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Offertory	July 2026	July 2025	Total for This FY (July 2026 – July 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2025 – July 2025)
	\$ 8198	\$ 6658	\$ 8198	\$ 6658
CSA for 2026	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7500	\$ 8288	\$ 8288	

Now, however, "we walk by faith, not by sight"; we perceive God as "in a mirror, dimly" and only "in part". Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it [CCC 164]

Only faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weaknesses in order to draw to itself Christ's power. The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that "nothing will be impossible with God", and was able to magnify the Lord: "For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." "Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe - even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature." [CCC 273-274]



“It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.” should dwell in the divine tabernacles... it was fitting that God’s Mother should possess what belongs to her Son. - St John Damascene

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin: "*All generations will call me blessed*": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin" with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary. [CCC 971]

Assumption: "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: [CCC 966]

**“As the most glorious Mother of Christ, our Savior and our God
and the giver of life and immortality, has been endowed with life by Him,
she has received an eternal incorruptibility of the body together with Him who has raised
her up from the tomb and has taken her up to Himself in a way known only to Him.”
- St Modestus of Jerusalem**