

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, Concluded with Benediction at 12 pm, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass and every Thursday after 9:00am Mass

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:30 pm until 5:15pm and Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appt.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class and to schedule Baptism.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

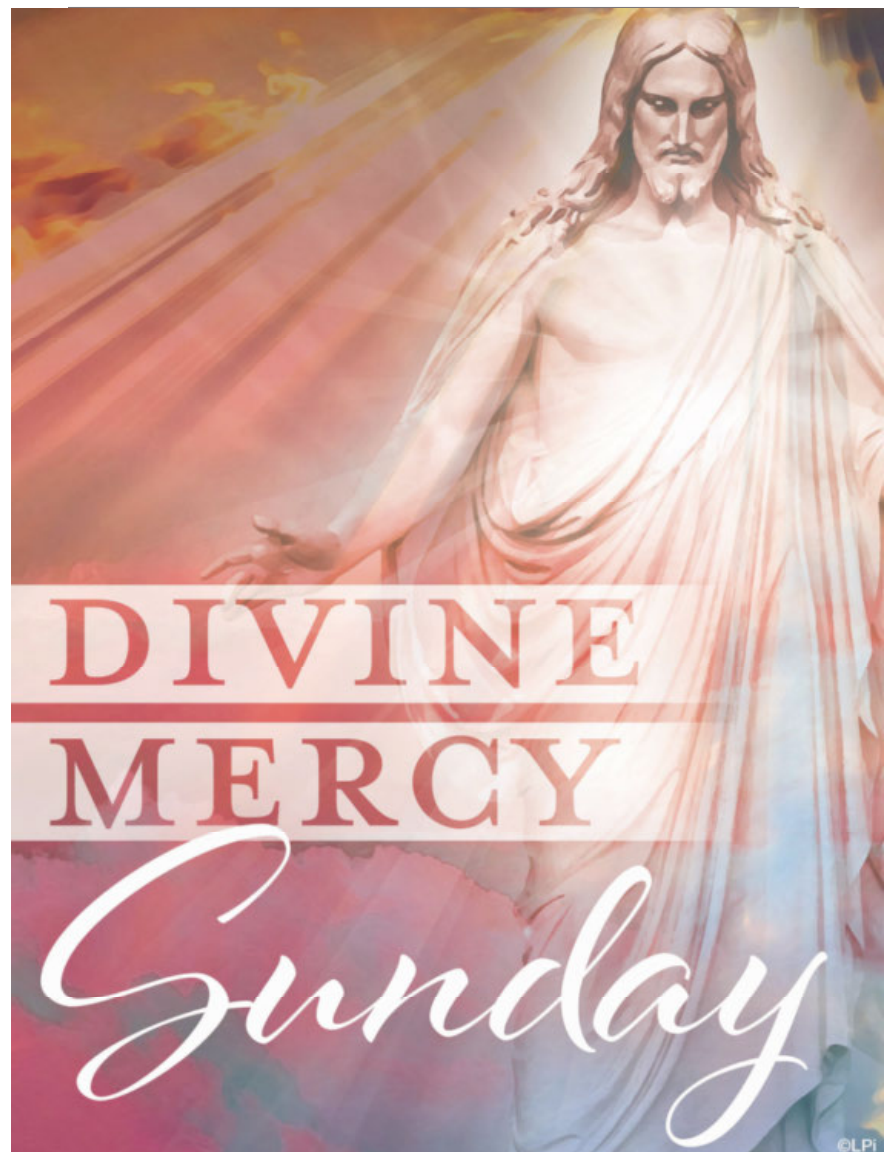
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

## **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

Welcome to all new parishioners, please register in the church office. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic contact the office to talk to Father and learn about the RCIA classes.



*The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center*

*700 Buffalo Street, Farmville, VA.*

*Office Hours*

*Tuesday—Thursday*

*9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.*

*Friday 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.*

**Nativity Catholic Cemetery**

15896 James Anderson Hwy W

Buckingham, VA 23921

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

903 S Main Street

Blackstone, VA 23824

Mass:

Saturday—5:00p.m.

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council:**

David McKenna, (Chair), Esther Sablan

Dr. Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz,

Eduardo Perez, Rita Parsons

**Sacred Heart**

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:**

Lori Derflinger (Co-Chair), Sherry Kingsbury

(Co-chair), Scott Crawford,

Tammy Hinchey

**St. Theresa**

709 Buffalo Street

Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:30 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

**St. Theresa Parish Council**

***Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com***

Pat Brandt, Eniko Swanick, Dr. Rodrigo Roldan,

Doreen Hines, Karen Schinabeck, Ann Marie

Howard, Adam Blincoe, Dottie Zimalong,

Lisa Haertel

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of God, gathered in worship in the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of churches are a diverse community of Catholics striving to live the message of the Gospel by evangelizing Christ's Word through our worship, prayer, and outreach work, to the community.

**Readings for the week of April 24, 2022**

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone**

**Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification Resubmit if needed: Paul Semtner, Diane Menting, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr., Juan Daniel Ramirez, Patricia Simmons. Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, John & Ellen Thompson, Dr. Donald Hill, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Frankie Leon Guerroero, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Mar. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,025.26	\$50,305.54	\$42,749.85	\$7,555.69

**IHM Finance Council**

Paul Semtner (Chair) , Rita Parsons, Patty York,  
Norma Ruiz, Juan Ramirez

**Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin**

**Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office.** Chrissy Dix, Wanda Bailey, Helen Truskoski, Sean Presley, Halle Jackson, Lesleigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, , Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Kennis Crawford, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Mary Beth Shortt, Beth Gregory, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Sid Smyth

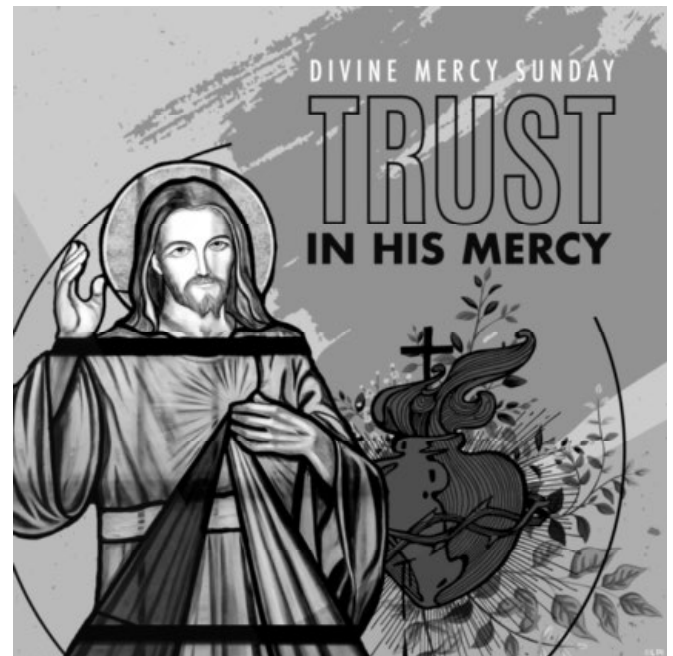
**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR MAY 1**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader — Pat Irvine  
 Ushers—Dan Derflinger, Bernard Marquis  
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan  
 m/Counters—Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Mar. 2021	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,845.00	\$27,023.87	\$31,874.70	(\$4,580.83)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**  
 Tammy Hinchey, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, , Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury



**‘CLUSTER NEWS’**



**FOOD PANTRY**

Vacation Bible School at St. Theresa Parish Center in Farmville will be starting Monday, June 13th through Friday, June 17th from 6pm to 8pm Grades K-5.

Watch future bulletins for registration information

The Food Pantry is in dire need of meat and canned goods. We appreciate all the donations both in food and monetarily. Our inventory is very low at this time and any help would be appreciated.. Again, thank all of you for all of your support. The Food Pantry Team.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Question:**

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

**Answer:**

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

**Online Newsletter**

The cluster's online newsletter is published each Saturday and sent directly to your cell phone or email address. To subscribe, please send an email to [centralVAcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:centralVAcatholic@gmail.com) or text SALVE



ADULT EDUCATION NEXT CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY May 18th FROM 6:00 to 7:00PM At the Parish Center

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 26—MAY 1  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

- 5:30p.m. Mass offered for †Keith Hayden  
Followed by Adoration and Reconciliation
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Paul & Mary Wubben  
Family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Katherine Varga
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for: Judy Jamieson
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Bonnie Harrison

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF APRIL 25—MAY 1  
MONDAY, APRIL 25**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- 10:00am Food Pantry—Parish Center

**Parish Council**

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council by e-mail at [sttheresascc@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresascc@gmail.com). Or you can approach any council member. Council members are listed on the second page of the bulletin or on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.

**New Parishioners**

If you are new to our parish we welcome you and invite you to take a few moments to register. Registration forms are located in the Kiosk in the commons area or you can get one in the parish office during the week. Please complete and return to the parish Office. Welcome!

*Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested*

*Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Jim McKenney, Ollie Burger*

**Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**— Louis Wunnenberg, Louis Wunnenberg, Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Jackson Barnes, Bucky, Don & Betsy Glasson, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Emily Barnes, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Joan Long, Carole Byran, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Bob and Carole Byron, Austin & Dani, Joyce Spencer, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Tina Kingsbury, Laura Cowhig, Megan Smart, Shan Biron,

**Our friends and relatives serving in the military**— Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind, Jr., Taylor Anctil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Brian Blaszkiewicz, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, LTC Efen Aranzamendez, Army and 1LT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner

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\$17,824.00	\$168,071.63	\$179,999.82	(\$11,928.19)

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
Mike Wolyniak (Chair)  
Susie Hemler, Noel Encarnacion,  
Nancy Pempel, Steve Barber

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. It is truly appreciated. On April 13 we served 34 people.

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