

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 4:00 pm until 4:45pm 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

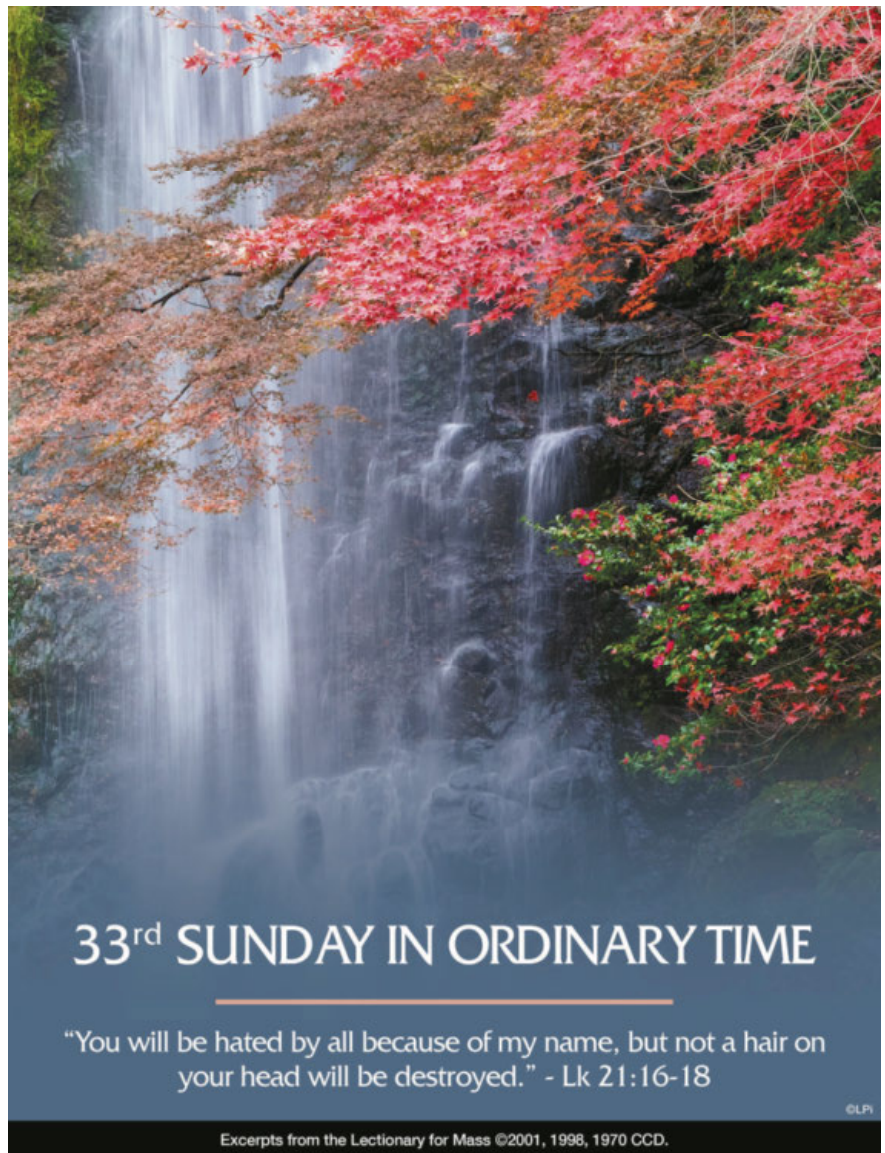
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

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.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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:

***Tammy Hinchey (Chair), Lori Derflinger, Sherry
Kingsbury, Scott Crawford,***

St. Theresa

709 Buffalo Street

Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Adam Blincoe,

Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz, Michelle Varga, Terri

Harris, Dean Lord, Mary Gail Roldan and

Lynn Skakum

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 November 13, 2022

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Eyes On Your Own Paper

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place.”

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old “keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper” rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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; 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 Guierroero, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle, William Boan, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan,

IHM—STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Sept. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4,953.22	\$15,471.56	\$16,700.06	(\$1,228.17)

IHM Finance Council

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

QUILT RAFFLE

IHM will have a quilt raffle fundraiser for full-sized handmade quilts that were donated. Three drawings will be held after Sunday Mass, Dec. 4. Tickets are available for purchase from any IHM Council Member. Tickets are \$5.00 for ticket or \$10.00 for three tickets. Winners do not need to be present and are only eligible for one quilt.

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, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Sid Smyth, The Shortt Family, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Jean Watts, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Nov. 20

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader—Sherry Kingsbury
 Ushers—Peggy Dunegan, Richard Hinchey
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey, Scott Crawford

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Aug 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,708.25	\$8,322.30	\$10,200.06	(\$1,877.76)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Tammy Hinchey, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Sherry Kingsbury

The Prayer to St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said through the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.
 Amen

‘CLUSTER NEWS’**Advent wreath meaning and symbolism**

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **HOPE**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle is also purple which represents **FAITH**. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and it symbolizes **JOY**. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

The fourth candle is purple it is called the "Angel's Candle," it symbolizes **PEACE**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior.

Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.

**ADVENT TALK at IHM by Father Paul**

There will be an Advent Talk on **Sunday, November 27**, the first Sunday of Advent, led by Father Paul, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Blackstone, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The theme will be "Journey with the Maji and Follow the Star".

ADVENT RETREAT at St. Theresa by Father Tochi

There will be an Advent Retreat on **Saturday December 3**, led by Father Tochi, at Saint Theresa Parish Center from 10am to 12 noon. Topic: Journey from Self-centeredness to God-Centeredness.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE
WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14TH
6:00PM
AT
ST. THERESA**

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 15—NOVEMBER 20**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Sue & Jack Donovan
- Adoration to Follow

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ryan Donovan
- Adoration to follow until 10:30am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sophia Skoniesny
- Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory
- 9:10am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Elias Jones

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF NOV. 14—NOV. 20**
MONDAY, NOV. 14

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center
- **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16**
- 10:00am Food Pantry—Parish Center
- 10:00am Clothing Ministry—Parish Center
- **SUNDAY, NOV. 20**
- 9:00am CCD classes—Parish Center
- 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center



**ADULT EDUCATION AT ST THERESA
PARISH CENTER**

Adult Education Class for December will be on
December 21 at 6:00pm at the Parish Center.
(Due to Reconciliation Service on
December 14th)

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

***Our Parishioners:** Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, Judy Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, David Pope, Ollie Burger, Eniko Swanick, Jennifer Pearson, Jane Donovan, Pat Ely*

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Julia Joyce Horn, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Jerry Smith, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Austin & Dani, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Tina Kingsbury, Laura Cowhig, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Paul Moneta, Mark Knowles, Tara, Mikea Family, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, The Korman Family, Carly, Michelle Reynolds*

***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, Jaimie Bliss*

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Sept. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$16,930.15	\$54,365.73	\$61,596.47	(\$7,230.74)

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 11/2 we served 33 people.

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