

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

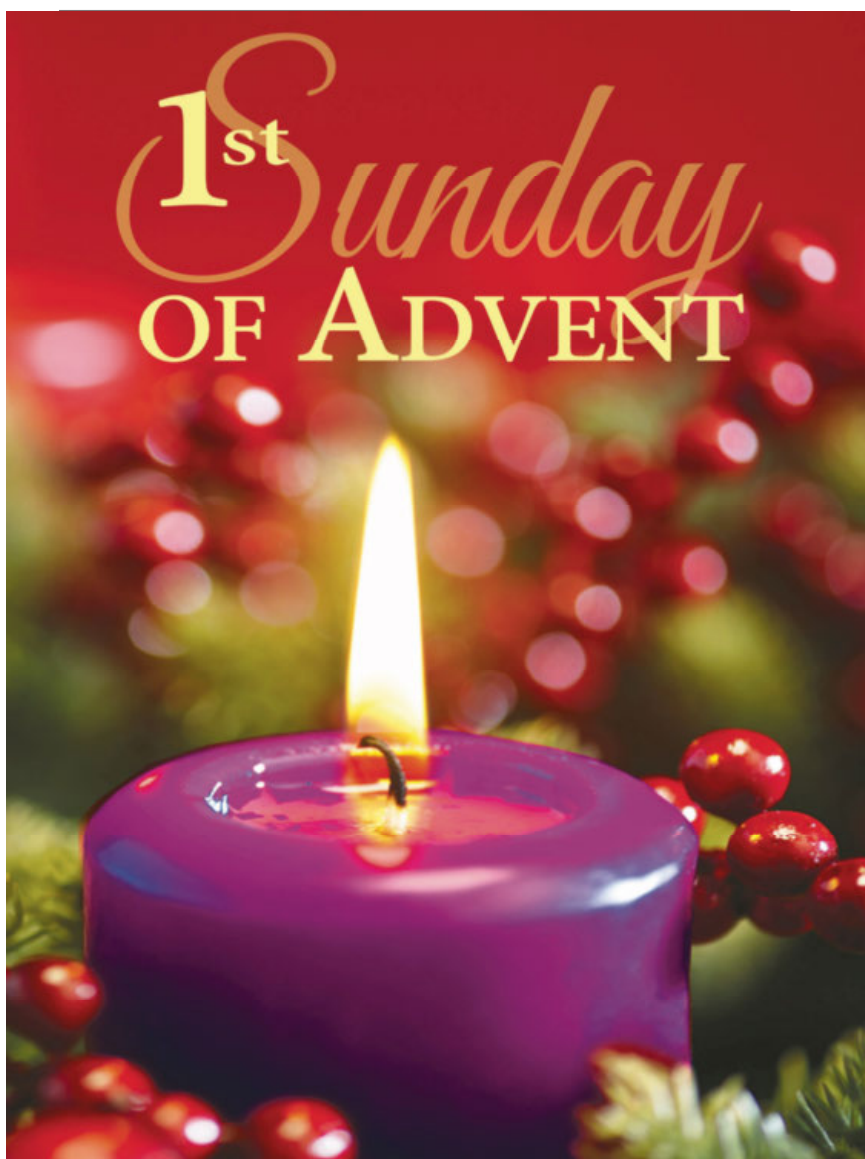
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

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.



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 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Being Surprised by Christ

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit *snooze* just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: *You know the time. The time is now.* We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties.

— 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, Matthew Smith

IHM—STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,2220.19	\$21,692.08	\$23,123.16	(\$1,431.08)

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 Dec. 4

The Lectors for Liturgy will be
 Reader —Jim Guy
 Ushers—Peggy Dunegan, Bernard Marquis
 Altar— Tammy Hinchey
 m/Counters—Scott Crawford, Lori Derflinger

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct, 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,181.00	\$11,503.30	\$14,123.16	(\$2,619.86)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



‘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 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 29—DECEMBER 4**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Frank E. Gitto
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Charles Phillips
- Adoration to follow

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Nathan Lysinger
- Adoration to follow

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- Adoration to follow

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Paul Brandt
- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory
- 9:10am—10:00am Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Willard Lutz & Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF NOV. 28—DEC. 4**

MONDAY, NOV. 28

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am RCIA—Parish Center



**St. Theresa's Parish Events
Committee wishes to thank
everyone for their support of our
annual Christmas Bazaar. We
made \$4,532! Your continued
generosity is greatly appreciated.**

*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 Oct. 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$20,937.93	\$75,303.66	\$85,287.42	(\$9,983.76)

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 11/16 we served people.

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