

# 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**

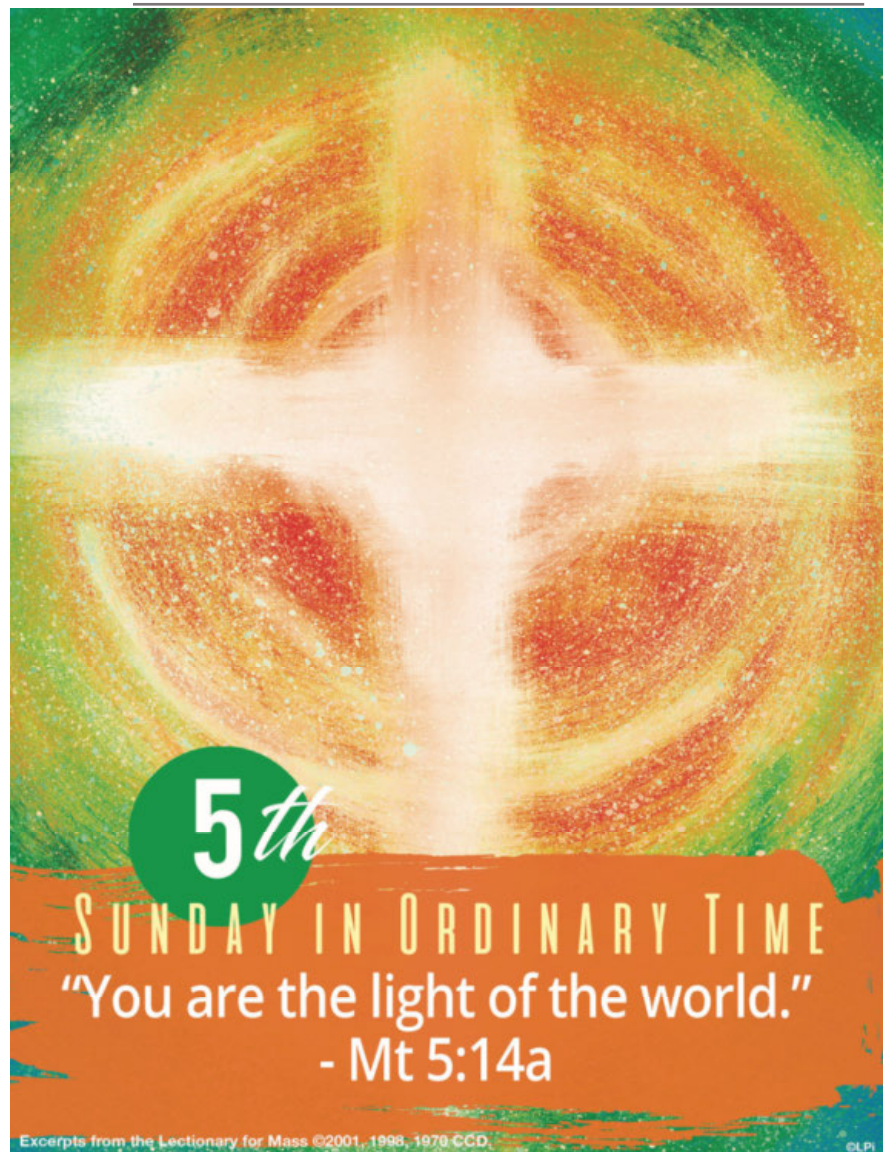
Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

## **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](mailto:sttheresascc@gmail.com)**

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Adam Blincoe,

Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz, Michelle Varga, Teri Har-

ris, Dean Lord, Kelly Nolan 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 February 5, 2023

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**If ...**

It's a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word “if” to explain away my own flaws. “If I wasn’t so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren’t always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn’t so hard.”

If, if, if.

I don’t always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can’t someone else season the dish? Sometimes it’s more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It’s so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

“If” can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” — Matthew 5:14*

**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, Richard Preston, C. B. Cordle, Maria M. Fuentes William Boan, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan*

**IHM—STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,900.00	\$32,469.16	\$33,400.12	(\$930.96)

**IHM Finance Council**

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

**BETHANY BARGAINS**

**Items for purchase in Bethany Bargains upstairs will be half-priced through Jan to make room for other donations. Purchases can be made after masses or by scheduling a time during weekdays to shop.**

**Contact Patty York or Maria McCrary for available times. And you are welcome to bring a friend.**

**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, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Feb. 12**

The Lectors for Liturgy will be  
 Reader—Nancy Fothergill  
 Ushers—Peggy Dunegan, Richard Hinchey  
 Altar—Peggy Dunegan  
 m/Counters—Beth Gregory/Scott Crawford

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec, 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,151.25	\$18,073.55	\$20,400.12	(\$2,326.57)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

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

**Cemetery Association Meeting**

Sacred Heart Cemetery Association will hold their bi-annual meeting on Sunday, February 12th following the 11 a.m. Liturgy. All Association members are asked to attend as this will be time of transition and re-elections of Officers.

**'CLUSTER NEWS'****OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS**

St. Theresa's Parish Events and Hospitality Committees would like to thank all who participated in our annual Birthday Celebration/Covered Dish Luncheon. We had a great turn out, the food was incredible, and a good time was had by all.

**Miraculous Medal**

Question:

What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

Answer:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."

The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem is a group that supports the Catholic community in Bethlehem, The Holy Land. George and Katherine Awwad will be at our parish on February 11th and 12th selling olive wood carvings made by the Catholic families after all masses.

Since the beginning of March of 2020, ahead of the busy Easter season, that draws thousands of visitors and worshipers to the city, The City of Bethlehem and the Nativity Church has been closed due to the coronavirus, thus this created a huge burden on the local Christian Families because they depend greatly on tourism and the olive wood sales.

Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. It is important that we show our support to our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem during these very difficult times.

**Campus Ministry** is looking for cooks and discussion leaders for Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm during the Spring semester. If interested contact:

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 7—FEBRUARY 12  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Frank Aleksa
- Adoration to follow

**THURSDAY, FEB. 9**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Vidal Umbau
- Adoration following Mass until 10:30am

**FRIDAY, FEB. 10**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, FEB. 11**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey

**SUNDAY, FEB. 12**

- 8:00a.m. Mass offered for †Howard Colvin, Jr.
- 10:30a.m. Mass offered for †Jim Biron

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF FEB. 7—FEB. 12**

**MONDAY, Feb. 6**

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**SUNDAY, Feb. 12**

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Nominations for three positions on Parish Council will be held this weekend.



Adult Education Class for February will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00pm at the Parish Center.

*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, Olie 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, 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, 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, Major Efen Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss*

## ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2022	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$31,590.23	\$122,967.19	\$123,192.94	(\$225.75)

### St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair)  
Noel Encarnacion, Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. It is truly appreciated. We served 52 people on January 25, 2023

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