

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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## **EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass .

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:00pm 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.



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

***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 Closed***

***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

***Sacred Heart***

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

***Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:***

Tammy Hinchey (Chair, Parish Council), Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Mary McKay  
(Chair, Finance Council)

***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, Lynn

Skakum, Pat Brandt, Mike Biase, Gene Donovan

#### **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 January 14, 2024**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10  
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21  
and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk  
2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9  
-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,  
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk  
3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,  
5-7/Mk 3:20-21

#### **January 14, 2024**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

**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:**  
 Tom Neal, 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, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Sharon Watson, Rita Flowers, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,682.00	\$29,531.27	\$30,066.74	(\$535.47)

**IHM Finance Council**

**Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, 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, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer, George Thack, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Jan 21**

Reader—Jim Guy

EM—Pat Irvine

Altar—Nancy Fothergill

Ushers—Buck Dean/Bernard Marquis

m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Beth Gregory

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,290.00	\$17,839.60	\$19,025.38	(\$1,185.78)

**Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:**

Mary McKay, Chairman  
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

**“The time is always right to do what is right.”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Please notify the office if under special circumstances, you or a family member are in need of a priest or deacon's visitation**

## ‘CLUSTER NEWS’

### THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS OF REPARATION

Ave Maria Press gives us insight into **The Five First Saturdays of Reparation** devotion which is connected with Mary’s apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. In 1925, eight years after the initial apparitions, the Blessed Mother again appeared to the principal seer, Lucia dos Santos, at the convent at Pontevedra, Spain, and said: “I promised to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recited five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the all the mysteries of the Rosary, to make reparation to me.”

Later, in an apparition of Christ, Lucia was told that the confession could be made any time during the eight days before or the eight days after the First Saturday. “It could be longer still,” Christ told her, “provided that when they receive me, they are in the state of grace and intend to reparate to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

**Dear friends, we invite you to mark the five first Saturday devotions with us on 01/06/2024, 02/03/2024, 03/02/2024, 04/06/24, and 05/04/2024.**

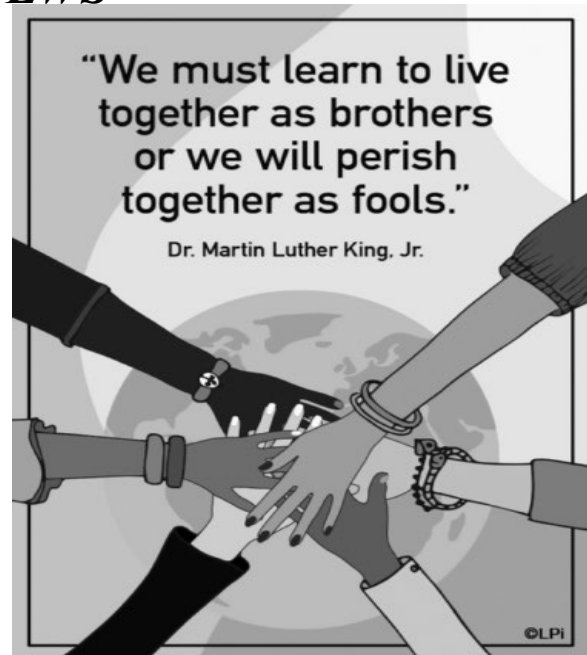
**Time: 9 am**

**Venue: St. Theresa Catholic Church, Farmville, VA.**

**Fr. Charles**

Reference:

[https://www.avemariapress.com/engagingfaith/learn-and-practice-the-five-first-saturdays-devotion?gclid=Cj0KCQiAvqGcBhCJARIsAFQ5ke5Pz8SguQXxMARqIKzvR8Df3JBmoMj9lQvSViOIHVjA2y8qbVnKvccaAq3BEALw\\_wcB](https://www.avemariapress.com/engagingfaith/learn-and-practice-the-five-first-saturdays-devotion?gclid=Cj0KCQiAvqGcBhCJARIsAFQ5ke5Pz8SguQXxMARqIKzvR8Df3JBmoMj9lQvSViOIHVjA2y8qbVnKvccaAq3BEALw_wcB)



**PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT  
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT AT ALL TIMES  
DURING MASS OR WHENEVER  
ATTENDING A FUNCTION,  
ESPECIALLY WHEN GOING TO THE  
RESTROOMS.**

**THANK YOU.**

### **ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS**

It's a good time to remind ANYONE wishing to be involved with the youth of the parish or vulnerable adults that you must attend a VIRTUS training session and have a background check completed. **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** is offered at a variety of times and locations and information for signing up and attending can be found at: **[Virtusonline.org](http://Virtusonline.org)**. Follow the registration link to find a session and time that best suits your schedule.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Tuesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall Semester. If you have any questions or are interested email Dan Holland at [farmvilleccm@gmail.com](mailto:farmvilleccm@gmail.com)

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**JANUARY 16—JANUARY 21**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Vinnie Bianco
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Jim McKenney
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Jim Biron
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Christopher Allen
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Mr. Bissell
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Joan Melcher

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF Jan 8—Jan 14**  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

*If you need help with odd jobs around the house,  
 please feel free to contact the Hampden-Sydney  
 Catholic Campus Ministries for assistance.*

*Call or Text*

*706-266-6591*

*Email—thorntonw26@hsc.edu*

**ADULT EDUCATION**

***Thursday, January 18th at 6pm in  
 the 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). You can also approach any council member. Council members are listed on the second page of the bulletin or on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. the Commons Area.

*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, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Pat Freudenthal

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners***—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, 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, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds, Karen Kulla, Joyce Spencer, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, Russell Baker, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron, Eliza Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Marq-"Bubba" Webb, Judy Biron, John Wunnenberg, Rich Eshelman, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Wells, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland

***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, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Major Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov., 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$15,798.77	\$104,990.84	\$115,218.40	(\$10,227.56)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), 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. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** It is truly appreciated. We served 69 people on January 3rd

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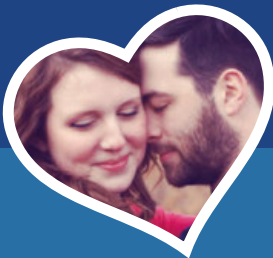
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