

# 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.



## **11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b

*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, Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz,

Michelle Varga, Lynn Skakum, Pat Brandt,

Mike Biase, Gene Donovan, Victor Adaniel

#### 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 June 16, 2024**

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

**June 16, 2024**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “**he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.**” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir*

**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, Halle Jackson, Leigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude 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, Dan Bailey, Dewayne Bailey

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BLACKSTONE**  
**Please pray for 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, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Rita Flowers, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Libby Smith, Barbara Miller, Helen Spain, Helen Hemetec, Sally Augustine, Maribel Arandea, Benny Borja, Rachael Kearney, Debbie Misorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR June 23**

Reader—Jim Guy  
 EM—Pat Irvine  
 Altar—Dona Selig  
 Ushers—Wade Warren/Bernard Marquis  
 m/Counters—Bernard Marquis/Tammy Hinchey

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$6,311.50	\$62,817.47	\$60,133.48	\$2,683.99

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,183.00	38,469.40	\$38,050.76	\$418.64

**IHM Finance Council**  
 Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Grace McDonald

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

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'****Jubilee 2025****EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Being in the Presence of the Lord

As belief in the real presence of Christ in the

Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species (Cf. CCC1379). Eucharistic

Adoration makes it possible to prolong and give more space for personal encounter with

Jesus truly present in the Eucharistic species outside the time of Mass. If in the Eucharist the Church demonstrates her fidelity to the command of the Lord "Do this in memory of me," to adore the Sacramental Body of the

Lord is to continue to make His remembrance. We contemplate Him whom we receive in Communion, to remain with Him, to be in His presence, the only one capable of transforming our lives and giving it meaning. Indeed, it is the real body of Christ, the Eucharist, that gives strength for journey of this earthly pilgrimage and sanctifies the mystical body, which is the Church.

Introduction to contemplative silence: a proposed format for prayer

In this Year of Prayer, all communities are invited to promote times of Eucharistic Adoration, and indispensable element of encountering the Lord. Each community should find the most appropriate ways and times to develop this practice that brings so many fruits of holiness to the Church.

(To be continued)

**ATTENTION CLUSTER PARISHES**

There seems to be a lack of communication among our churches involving cluster events.

We need a contact person from each church to help coordinate their specific role in any cluster events we have. We don't have many involving all three churches.

It is not a huge undertaking.

Please consider this volunteer position and call the office if you are interested. Thank you.

434-392-3934

**JUST AS A REMINDER ANY EVENT AT ANY CHURCH HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE**

**PASTOR**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,  
You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.

You created us and everything around us.

We turned away from you  
and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers.

They helped create us in your image.

We have disappointed them,

but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.

We bring all their needs to you

and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son,  
our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.

In Christ's name.

Amen.



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**

**JUNE 18—JUNE 23**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

- 9:00am Mass offered for Lisa T.  
Adoration to follow

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Christopher Allen

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Rick Cardinal
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Pat Pellegrino

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
WEEK OF June 10—June 16**

**WEDNESDAY, June 12**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We are looking for a volunteer to Chair the Altar Guild. If interested, please call the office for details. 434-392-3934**

**Parish Council**

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council. 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.

Please do not leave anything for the Food Pantry or Clothes Ministry at the outside door. There has been items left outside that have been left in the rain. The office is open Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm and the Food Pantry is open on Wednesday Morning. Please try to bring items during those times so that they aren't ruined. Thanks.

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

*Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Jim Croushorn*

*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 Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow, Taylor Armstrong, Tiffany King, Evangeline King*

*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, Captain Christopher Selig*

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$18,436.6	\$205,052.73	\$230,436.80	(\$25,384.07)

**St. Theresa Finance Council**  
Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,  
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

**FOOD PANTRY**

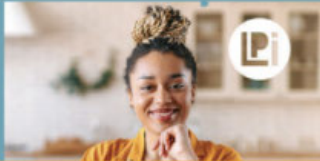
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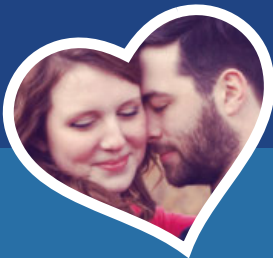
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