

# CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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*June 30, 2024*

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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.



## **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" - Mk 5:41

*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](mailto: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 30, 2024**

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13 -14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how *easy* it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *always* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

— *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, Barbara Nannery

**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 –July 7**

Reader—Karen Halay  
 EM—Judy Guy  
 Altar—Pat Irvine  
 Ushers—Buck Dean/Peggy Dunegan  
 m/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/Scott Crawford

**IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected May 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,586.11	\$68,403.58	\$65,600.16	\$2,803.42

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

**SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected May 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,693.00	42,162.40	\$41,509.92	\$652.48

**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**

**SILENT ADORATION:** the central moment of

Eucharistic Adoration should be a special time devoted to silent prayer, to that special dialogue with the Lord Jesus in which the heart of God speaks to the heart of man-  
ad cor loquitur – as St. John Henry Newman taught us.

At this time, we can present special prayer intentions to the Lord to which Eucharistic Adoration can be dedicated: for example, for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for the sick, for families, etc.

This silence can be interspersed with short hymns - even a litany - or a few short readings, taken either from Sacred Scripture or from the teaching of the saints; likewise it can be very beneficial to recite the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, knowing that we are invoking the one who first accepted the Lord's words - allowing God who became incarnate to bring about Redemption – and who is present with us, in adoring her Son in the consecrated Host.

**EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING:** the celebration concludes with blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. This blessing, although it always retains the character of a sacramental, is unique compared to all other types of blessings (with holy water, with the relics of the saint, through the intercession of the B.V. Mary, etc.) because in this blessing the Lord is present with His Body, in a true, real and substantial way. With the Eucharistic blessings, He comes close to us in a very special way, embracing everyone present and drawing everyone to Himself.

This moment can be considered the culmination of the rite of adoration, the crowning of that dialogue which has been going on in silence before Jesus and which, now, like a shining sun, infuses His warmth into our souls.

Next week we will address The Family as a School of Prayer

**MARRIED COUPLES**

**MARRIED COUPLES.** Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! We love to have priests on our experiences as well, so invite your favorite priest and give their vocation some new vitality!

For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (only 15 slots left!)

October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD

November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA



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

**JULY 2—JULY 7**

**TUESDAY, JULY 2**

NO DAILY MASS  
**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

NO DAILY MASS  
**FIRST FRIDAY, JULY 5**

- 9:00am Mass offered for †Sean Brown  
Adoration to follow  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6**
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Ed Bailey  
**SUNDAY, JULY 7**
- 8:00am Mass offered for †Rick Cardinal
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Parishioners of the Clus.

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE**

**WEEK OF June 24—June 30**

**MONDAY, June 24—June 28**

- 6:00pm Vacation Bible School in Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, June 26**

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry

**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 .

Thank you.

*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 May2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,764.00	\$222,816.81	\$251,385.60	(\$28,568.79)

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

**FOOD PANTRY**

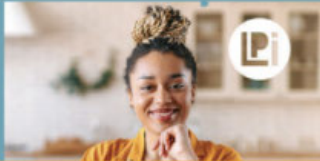
The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** It is truly appreciated. We served 50 people on June 19.

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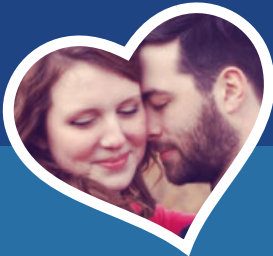
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