

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

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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.

December 1, 2024

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

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 December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

(1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "**fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world**" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "**look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**" He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— *Father John Muir*

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, Diane 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 Arandisorski, Darrell & Joyce Harney, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Margaret Brooks, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

October, 2024

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 5,684.00
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$24,108.45
 YTD Collection Budget: \$22,171.36
 Overage or (Shortage): \$1,837.09

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

Everyone in the cluster is invited to join the IHM parish in **Caroling and Cookies** on Saturday, December 7th about 6 pm immediately following the 5 pm Mass We will share cookies, beverages, and fellowship with caroling at Bethany House before walking across the street to Heritage Hall to carol for residents. Please bring one dozen cookies to share. Contact Grace McDonald if you have any questions.



All day Eucharistic Adoration will be offered Friday, December 6, following the 9 AM Mass until 9:30 pm. at St Theresa Parish.

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, 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, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Dalton Barksdale, Judy Tanner, Fred & Lillian Jones, Scott Crawford, Margaret Brooks. Commander Justin Lif-fick

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – DEC. 8

Reader-Dana Borum
 EM-Scott Crawford
 Altar –Dona Selig
 Ushers-Dennis Queensbury/Bernard Marquis
 m/Counter-Lori Derflinger/Bernard Marquis

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,284.00	\$13,894.40	\$14,335.25	(\$440.85)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Mary McKay, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
 Parish Council

First Saturday Mass will be offered at St. Theresa Parish on December 7 at 9 AM. Rosary will follow the Mass.

'CLUSTER NEWS'**ADORATION**

“Adoration is not a departure from life, rather it is the space to give meaning to everything, to receive a gift from God’s love, and to be able to bear witness to it in fraternal charity.”

Pope Francis

All day Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on Friday, December 6th, beginning immediately after the 9 am Mass and continuing until 9:30 pm. Please consider spending a grace-filled hour with our Lord!

You can sign up for your hour by signing the sheet in the Commons Area.

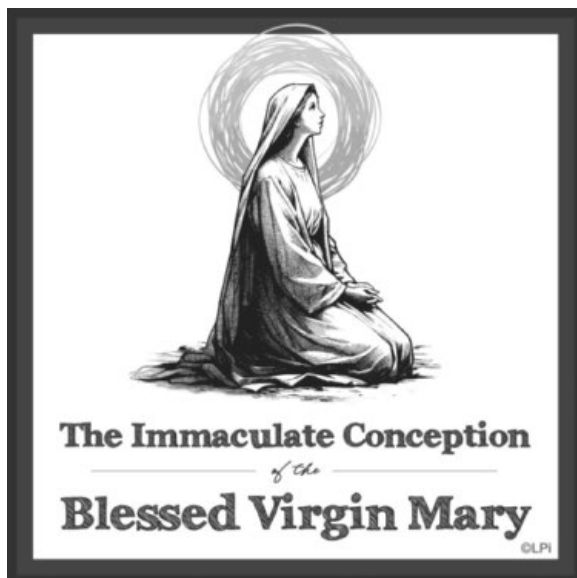
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9th**. Masses are as follows:

St. Theresa—9:00am and 7:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary—6:00pm

Sacred Heart—11:00am



RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE ON

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 11, 2024

6:00PM

St. Theresa Church—Farmville

**CAROLING AND COOKIES AT IHM**

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**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
DEC. 2-8**

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Gilbert McKenney

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Ralph Wubber

FIRST FRIDAY, DEC. 6

- 9:00am Mass offered for Paul Brandt

- Followed by Adoration until 9:30pm

FIRST SATURDAY, DEC. 7

- 9:00am Mass offered for Our Seminarians
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Jimmy Matthews & Richard Matthews

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Philip Fenaux
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Candy Donovan

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF Dec 1-Dec. 8**

WEDNESDAY, December 4

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, December 8

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am RCIA

**There will be First Saturday Mass
at St. Theresa at 9:00am every
month.**

**Next Mass will be December
7th.**



**NEXT ADULT ED WILL BE
DECEMBER 8 AT 9:00AM AT THE Parish
Center Subject will be a short video review
of the weekends readings with discussion to
follow.**

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

*Our Parishioners: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Bill Phil-
lips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie How-
ard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Jim
Croushorn, Peg Giordano*

*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, Ash-
ley Redd, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wal-
lace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John
Matthews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds,
Karen Kulla, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, 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, Tiffa-
ny King, Evangeline King, Maddox Cox, John Hardman*

*Our friends and relatives serving in the military—Donnie Dio-
nisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Fair-
cloth, 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 Efen Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan
Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner,
Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Captain Christopher Selig*

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Oct. 2024	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$17,085.00	\$80,474.59	\$85,205.02	(\$4,730.43)

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

New St. Theresa Parish Directory

- **Thurs. Dec. 12, 2-8:30 pm**
- **Friday, Dec. 13, 2-8:30 pm**
- **Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-4 pm**

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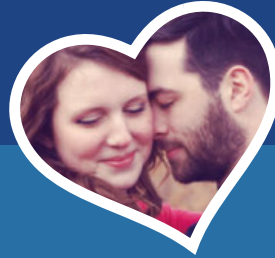
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