

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.

December 22, 2024

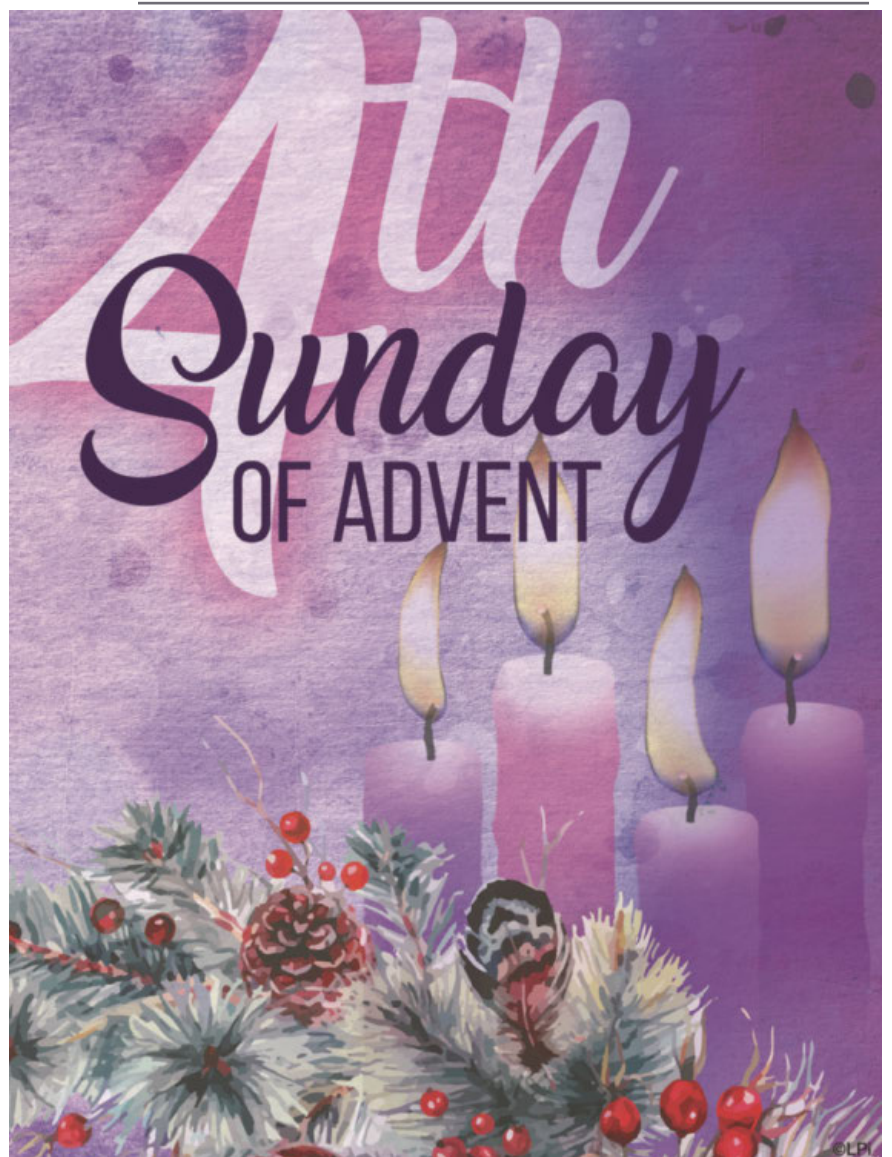
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/*Ti* 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 2:41

December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that **“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”** (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— *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, Jeannie Peters

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE
November, 2024

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 7,162.25
YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$31,270.70
YTD Collection Budget: \$27,511.68
Overage or (Shortage): \$3,759.02

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

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, 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 Liffick

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – DEC. 29

Reader-Nancy Fothergill
EM-Pat Irvine
Altar –Dona Selig
Ushers-Peggy Donovan/Dennis Queensbury
m/Counter-Tammy Hinchey/Bernard Marquis

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

| Monthly Regular Collection | YTD Collected Nov. 2024 | YTD Collection Budget | Overage or (Shortage) |
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| \$3,690.15 | \$17,584.55 | \$17,708.25 | (\$123.70) |
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Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



'CLUSTER NEWS'

2024
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE

Saint Theresa Catholic Church
Farmville

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Masses)
 December 24th, 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 Midnight Mass at 12:00am
 December 25th, Wednesday, 9:00am
 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Masses
 December 31, 7:00pm
 January 1, 9:00am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic
Church
Blackstone

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil Masses)
 December 24, 4:00pm Vigil
 6:00pm – Spanish Mass
 December 25, 9:00am
 Solemnity of Mary, Holy mother of God – Masses
 December 31, 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 January 1, 9:00am

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Meherrin

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass)
 December 25, 11:00am
 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Mass
 January 1, 11:00am

HOLIDAY
OFFICE HOURS

Office will be closed from December 23rd through January 1. Will re-open January 2. There will be no daily Masses.

SIMBANG MASS**Filipino Christmas Mass**

December 22, 6 pm

At St. Theresa Parish in Farmville

All are welcome!

The “Simbang Gabi,” also known as Misa de Gallo is an ancient but little-known custom of preparing for the coming of the Child Jesus. It is a long-treasured and cherished Philippine tradition, originally a series of “dawn masses” for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Its liturgical significance emanates from the Season of Advent, being the time of spiritual preparation and purification to welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. The Mass at Dawn, “Simbang Gabi”, is a profound expression of Marian Devotion because we join Mary in joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus. It starts every December 16th and is one of the oldest and most important religious celebrations in the Philippines before Christmas. Here in the United States, Filipino immigrants brought with them this distinct tradition which has planted deep roots in many states like California, New York, Chicago, New Jersey, and in Virginia, receiving a strong and unequivocal support by the bishop of the Diocese of Richmond and the Office of Ethnic Ministries.



ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 22

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for the †Donovan Family

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

- 12:00 AM Mass offered for †Philip Fenaux
- 9:00 AM Mass offered for †Bob Varner

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

- 9:00 am NO MASS

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

- 9:00am NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Theresa Capezza

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Dan & Esther Donovan
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Carlos Oziel Cruz Cruz

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 23-Dec. 29

WEDNESDAY, December 25

- 10:00am - NO Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, December 29

- 9:00am NO CCD
- 9:00am NO RCIA class

There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be Jan. 4



Flowers in memory of Betty Olinger

The Food Pantry served 54 people on December 11

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

Our Parishioners: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, 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, 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, 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, Tiffany King, Evangeline King, Maddox Cox, John Hardman

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 Pempel, Captain Christopher Selig

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

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| \$17,085.00 | \$80,474.59 | \$85,205.02 | (\$4,730.43) |
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**Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party at St Theresa's Parish Hall
3-6:30 PM (Ball drop at 6 pm)
Cost: \$5 (10 and up)**

**Music, coloring, and games for kids and adults, door prizes, 50/50
*All proceeds go to purchase of AED for the Parish Hall**

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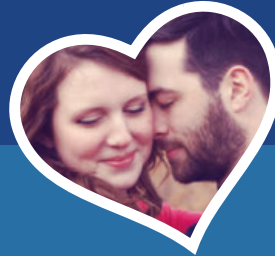
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