

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.

February 2, 2025

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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 February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

February 2, 2025

Presentation of the Lord

Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophecies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **“the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— *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, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Rafael Hernandez

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

La Presentación de Jesús llevaron al Niño a Jerusalén para consagrarlo a Dios, como prescribe la ley judía. Y, mientras describe un rito previsto por la tradición, este episodio llama nuestra atención sobre el c “Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. El Evangelio cuenta que, José y María omportamiento de algunos personajes. Reflejados en el momento en que experimentan el encuentro con el Señor en el lugar donde se hace presente y cercano al hombre. Estos son María y José, Simeón y Ana, que son modelos de acogida y entrega de sus vidas a Dios” (Papa Francisco). ¿Cómo me presento ante Dios cada día de mi vida? Nuestros modelos son Simeón y Ana que tuvieron la lucidez para reconocer a Dios que llegaba en brazos de María y José al templo. Ellos, ya ancianos, nos enseñaron y mostraron el camino de ver, abrazar a Dios hecho niño y a anunciar la esperanza. Abracemos también nosotros la ternura de Dios y llevémosla a los tristes, a los enfermos, y a los que no tienen voz en muchos lugares de la sociedad en que vivimos, tal como son los niños y los ancianos. Abramos nuestro corazón al misterio de Dios que está en tantas personas que nos encontramos a diario, en casa, en el trabajo, y en nuestros vecindarios. Ojalá, que al final de nuestros días, Dios nos de la dicha de poder decir como el anciano Simeón: “Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu servidor muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador” (Lucas 2:29-30).

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

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Nov. 2024	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,690.15	\$17,584.55	\$17,708.25	(\$123.70)

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

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS – Feb. 9

Reader–William Pettus
 EM– Dona Selig
 Altar – Peggy Dunegan
 Ushers–Warren Wade/Buck Dean
 m/Counter–Lori Derflinger/Beth Gregory

'CLUSTER NEWS'**Sacred Heart and IHM Lay Ministers
(Lectors and Eucharistic)**

Meeting for the Reorientation of
Liturgical norms
Location: Bethany House Blackstone
February 8, 1 pm Saturday.

Come join Fr. Ronnie for an
excellent update

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be First Saturday Mass at
St. Theresa at 9:00am every month.
Next Mass will be Feb. 1

Campus Ministry News

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks
and speakers for its Wednesday
Night Dinners with the college stu-
dents for the Spring Semester.
If you have any questions or are
interested please email Dan
Holland at:
farmvilleccm@gmail.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

THE CLUSTER OFFICE WILL FOLLOW
THE PRINCE EDWARD'S SCHOOL
CLOSINGS. MASSES WILL NOT BE
CANCELLED UNLESS DIRECTED BY
THE PASTOR

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Paul and †Marilyn Semtner Adoration to follow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Teresa Miller

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

- 9:00am Mass offered for †George Thack

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

- 5:00pm Mass offered for Colette Mason Adoration to follow

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Bruce Bettis
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Verla & Willard Lutz, Bolivar and Teresa Alvarez

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 2-Feb. 9

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

- 9:00am CCD
- 9:00am Adult Education

BAKE SALE

Our first bake sale for 2025 will take place after each Mass next weekend Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9.

We would appreciate donations of baked goods that can be left in the church kitchen no later than 12 noon on Friday, February 7, or before any of the Masses that weekend. Items should be packaged and ready to sell. Thank you everyone and, as always, we appreciate your help with this fundraiser.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education is being held at 9:00am—10:00am every other week at the Parish Center at St. Theresa. Subject will be a short video review of the weekends readings with discussion to follow. Next Sessions are February 9 and 23.

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

Our Parishioners: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehma, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehma, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Bill Neu, Peg Giordano, Nancy Pempel

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 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



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 35 people on January 22nd.

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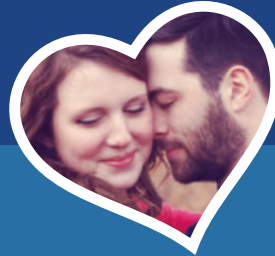
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