

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.

April 13, 2025

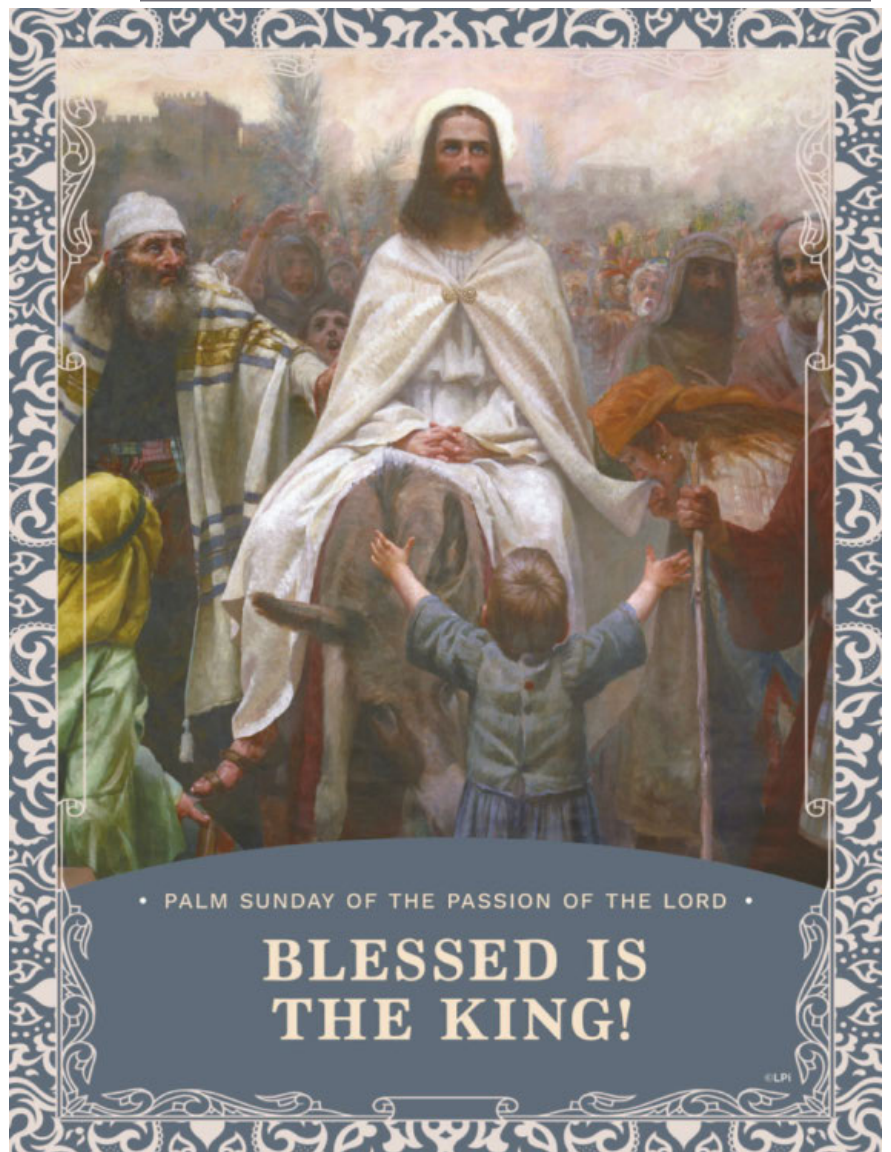
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/

Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/

Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

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 Heme-tec, 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, Paul Semtner, Jasan Marie Dewitt

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, Commander Justin Liffick, Karen Price, Wendy Rapole

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

January, 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 5,877.25
 YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$51,292.95
 YTD Collection Budget: \$39,302.40
 Overage or (Shortage): \$11,990.55

Schedule of Ministers—April 20

Reader– Jim Guy/Pat Irvine
 Ushers– Dennis Queensbury/Bernard Marquis
 EM– Judy Guy
 Altar–Pat Irvine
 m/Counters --Bernard Marquis/Tammy Hinchey

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

IHM would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their monetary and manpower support of the Fish Fry and Bake Sale event we held on Friday, March 28th. We raised \$1020 to be used toward painting the first floor of Bethany House. It was a wonderful event.

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$2,861.00	\$24,647.55	\$25,297.50	(\$649.95)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
 Parish Council



'CLUSTER NEWS***Easter Food Blessing***

**Passion of the Lord - Regular Mass
Schedule
Distribution of Palms
Easter Triduum Services**

April 17th Holy Thursday

**St. Theresa – 7:00pm - Mass of the
Lord's Supper**

**IHM – 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Sup-
per**

April 18th Good Friday

The Lord's Passion

**St. Theresa – 3:00 pm Stations of the
Cross**

St. Theresa - 7:00pm The Lord's Passion

**IHM – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross and
The Lord's Passion**

**Sacred Heart – 3:00pm Stations of
the Cross and The Lord's Passion**

April 19th Holy Saturday

**St. Theresa - 8:00pm - The Easter Vigil
in the Holy night**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary – 8:00pm –
The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night**

April 20th- Easter Sunday of the**Resurrection of the Lord**

**St. Theresa – Mass at 8:00am and
10:30am**

IHM – 9:00am

Sacred Heart – 11:00

**The Parish Office will be closed
from April 18-22**

**There will be no daily Masses
that week**

Were you raised in an Eastern European Home?

Do you remember taking food to church on Easter Saturday to be blessed? Fr. Chris will bless the Easter food on Saturday, April 19th at noon.

Traditional baskets include: white napkin to line the basket, unsliced loaf of bread, Babka or sweet rolls, ham or bacon, Kielbasa, butter, decorated hard boiled eggs, horse radish, wine or vinegar, small shaker of salt, and a new white candle. Please plan to join us in the Commons area of St. Theresa church.

***Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Explained***

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion.

The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar.

**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 13**

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Pres Nowlin
- Adoration to follow.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00 pm Mass offered for the Donovan family

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 pm Mass offered for St. Theresa Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Vincent Bianco
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Ann Adams

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF APRIL 13-APRIL 20**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00am No CCD or RCIA

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

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

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 April 6, May 4, and May 18.

Easter Vigil Catechumens:

*Richard Ramirez
Kevin Oliver
Taylor Pulley
Raleigh Cooper
Kelsey McFadden
Sophia Mitchell*

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, Peg Giordano, Nancy Pempel, Sydney Stafford, Cecily Hill

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, 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, Dennis Maglione

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, Matthew Lepalm

**ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE
Thank you!!!**

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Jan. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$18,638.04	\$144,838.83	\$150,361.80	(\$5,522.97)

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 54 people on March 26.



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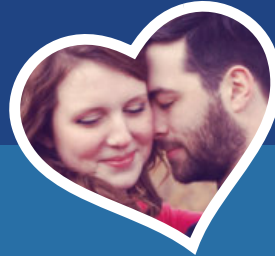
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