

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.

April 20, 2025

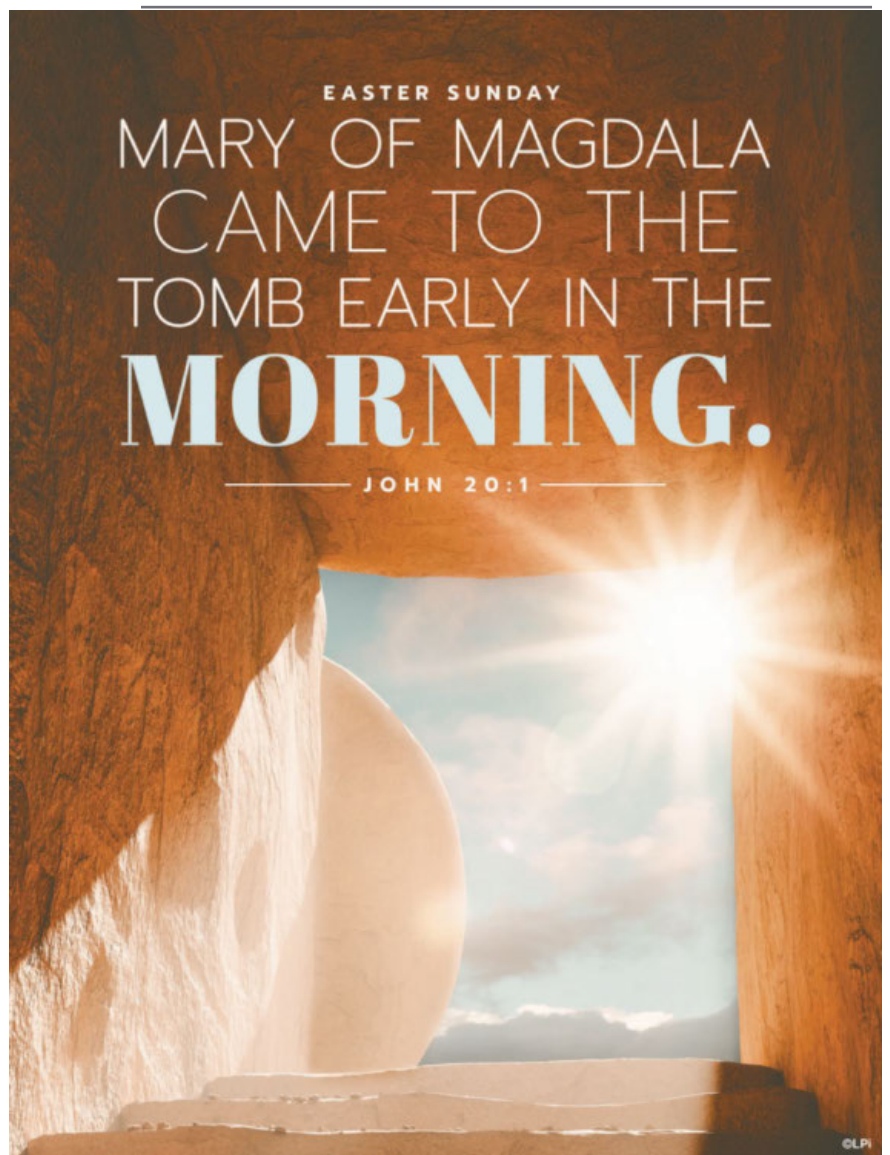
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 20, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "**the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place**" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

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

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
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.

First Friday Mass Every Month at IHM at 6 pm
Next Mass is on May 2nd at 6 pm



Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin
Prayer List - Reminder: *List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office.* Mary Hind, Scott Crawford, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman

Schedule of Ministers—April 27

Reader– William Pettus
Ushers– Dan Derflinger/Dennis Queensbury
EM–Judy Guy
Altar–Tammy Hinchey
m/Counters --Lori Derflinger/Beth Gregory

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

***The Parish Office will be closed
from April 18-29***

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

***Congratulations to our
Confirmands!***

Lizabeth B Cruz-Araujo

Leah Hall

Julian Price

Selvin Perez Mandeq



**20 de abril de 2025
Domingo de Pascua**

Seven Sorrows of Mary, Explained

The Seven Sorrows of Mary refer to seven key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem, the meeting of Jesus and Mary as he carried his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, the removal of the Body of Christ from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

These events illustrate the great suffering endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother, and remind Christians to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example.

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary dates to the early centuries of Christianity, with such proponents as St. Ephrem, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Bridget of Sweden.

The Seven Sorrows devotion can take the form of seven Hail Marys, seven Rosaries or a novena, all recited while meditating upon the individual sorrows.

El Señor Jesús vive y de ello damos testimonio porque hemos sido testigos de su Resurrección. La presencia del resucitado llena de alegría todas las cosas y al mundo entero. ¡Ha cumplido su palabra; está vivo! “*Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero, vio y creyó. Pues no habían entendido todavía la Escritura: él debía resucitar de entre los muertos*” (Juan 20:8-10). Jesús ya nunca volverá a morir, ¡Cristo Resucitó! ¡Verdaderamente Resucitó! ¿Crees esto? Es el saludo de este gozo pascual de este Domingo de Pascua.

Todos los bautizados debemos de estar alegres porque, por el hecho de ser bautizados, somos hijos e hijas de Dios, herederos del cielo, miembros de la Iglesia y por lo tanto estamos llamados a resucitar con él. Sin embargo, debemos estar conscientes que esto no ocurrirá de modo rápido y como apretar un botón mágico. Hay que trabajar en ello; debemos de poner nuestro esfuerzo en mejorar cada día. Hay que acercarnos a la intimidad de Dios por medio de una relación personal con él y a través de la oración y los sacramentos. La salvación ya está realizada; solo nos toca a nosotros aceptarla y seguir caminando con fe y gozo. Este es el gran regalo que Jesús nos da: salvación, gracia y amor. ¡Aleluya! ¡Felices Pascuas de Resurrección! Dejemos que Jesús nos acompañe en el camino y que su presencia en la Eucaristía nos consuele cada vez que lo recibimos.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

- 5:30 pm No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:00 am No Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 9:00 am No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Don Huard

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- 10:30am Mass offered for † Verla & Willard Lutz, Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-APRIL 27

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:00am CCD and RCIA

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be First Saturday Mass at St. Theresa at 9:00am every month. Next Mass will be May 3.

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 May 4, and May 18.

Easter Vigil Catechumens:

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

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 Antcil, 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, 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. Right now the pantry needs canned tomatoes, tuna helper, instant scalloped potatoes, spaghetti noodles, and pasta sauce. Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages. The food pantry served 57 people this week . Thank you so much! Your help is truly appreciated.**

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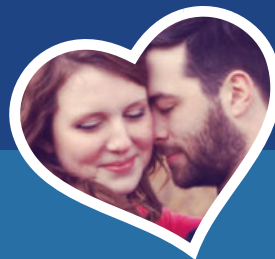
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