

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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—Karel Bailey

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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.

May 4, 2025

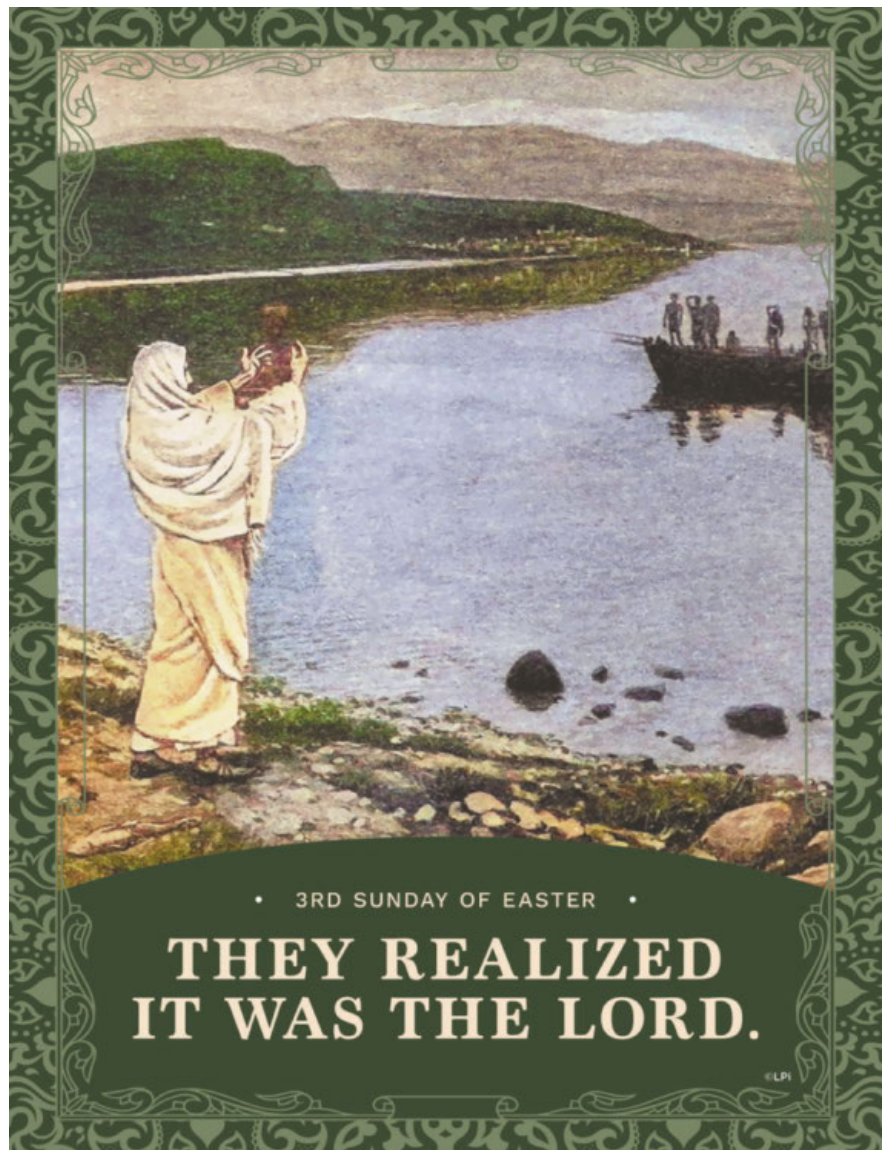
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The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

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 May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, **"Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12)**. The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *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 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

March, 2025

Monthly Regular Collection:: \$ 7,971.67
YTD Collected Sep. 2024: \$65,450.37
YTD Collection Budget: \$51,093.12
Overage or (Shortage): \$14,357.25

IHM Finance Council

Grace McDonald, Chair

Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz

Te apareciste de nuevo a tus discípulos a orilla del lago de Tiberíades. Ahí les preparaste de comer un pescado que Tú mismo habías cocinado en las brasas. Con este hecho, les mostraste que también al evangelizar se disfruta comiendo todos juntos en comunidad. Señor, enséname a compartir la alegría de tu Buena Nueva a mi familia y amigos. Que no pase desapercibido el amor que nos muestras con tus detalles de ternura en hechos sencillos, como el de una invitación a almorzar. *“Jesús, se acercó, tomó el pan y se lo repartió. Lo mismo hizo con los pescados” (Juan 21:13).*

“En la Eucaristía se comunica el amor del Señor por nosotros: un amor tan grande que nos nutre de sí mismo, un amor gratuito siempre a disposición de toda persona hambrienta y necesitada de regenerar las propias fuerzas. Vivir la experiencia de la fe significa dejarse alimentar por el Señor y construir la propia existencia no sobre bienes materiales, sino sobre la realidad que no perece: los dones de Dios, su Palabra y su Cuerpo. El alimento que nos nutre verdaderamente y que nos sacia es solo el que nos da el Señor” (Papa Francisco).

¿Qué enseñanza podemos llevar a cabo de este hecho concreto de Jesús al preparar el desayuno a sus discípulos? ¿De qué forma expreso detalles de amor a mi familia y amigos? La presencia de Jesús en nuestra vida nos debe llenar de esperanza. ¡Aleluya!

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—May 11

Reader—Kathy Oliver

Ushers—Warren Wade/Peggy Dunegan

EM—Pat Irvine

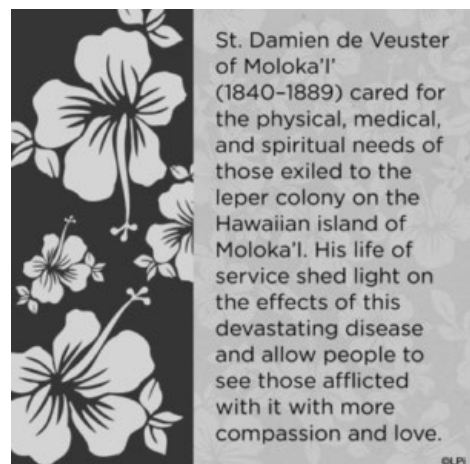
Altar—Dona Selig

m/Counters —Lori Derflinger/Beth Gregory

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected March, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,168.00	\$32,114.05	\$32,886.75	(\$772.70)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

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



‘CLUSTER NEWS’

Lily Adaniel

Giuseppe Aldi

Wyatt Austin

Aurora Blincoe

Jonah Charles

Gabriella Derome

Ezekiel Retuya

Caroline Shaver

Nicole Tovar

Noah Tovar

Madelyn Wheeler

Rhys Wheeler

**The Rosary, *Explained***

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, “there is no more excellent way of praying.”

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five “decades,” with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a part time experienced bookkeeper for the Cluster Parishes. It will be 12 -15 hours per week. If interested, please call the office or stop by pick up an application. Thank you.

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for †Jim Biron

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Philip Fenaux

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 9:00 am Mass offered for our First Communicants

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Glenn, Bernie, & Mary Jane Kaiser

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00am Mass offered for †Pope Francis
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Marilyn Reid

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4-MAY 11 WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
- 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 June 7.

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.



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 Ancil, 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

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected March. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$22,413.00	\$182,166.10	\$195,470.34	(\$13,304.24)

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 mashed potatoes, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, canned fruit, corn flakes, cereal, jelly, and small peanut butters. Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** The food pantry served 63 people this week. Thank you so much! Your help is truly appreciated.

* The flowers on the altar this weekend are given in loving memory of Helen McLane by her family.

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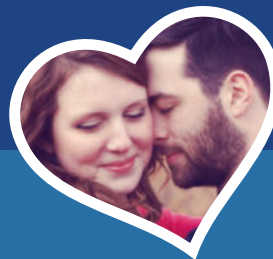
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