

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



CLUSTER OFFICE: 700 BUFFALO STREET • FARMVILLE, VA 23901

Rev. Christopher Hess, Pastor

Rev. Ronnie Dolosa, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Emmett McLane

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Director of Religious Education

—Karel Bailey

Director of Campus Ministry— Dan Holland

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.

August 24, 2025

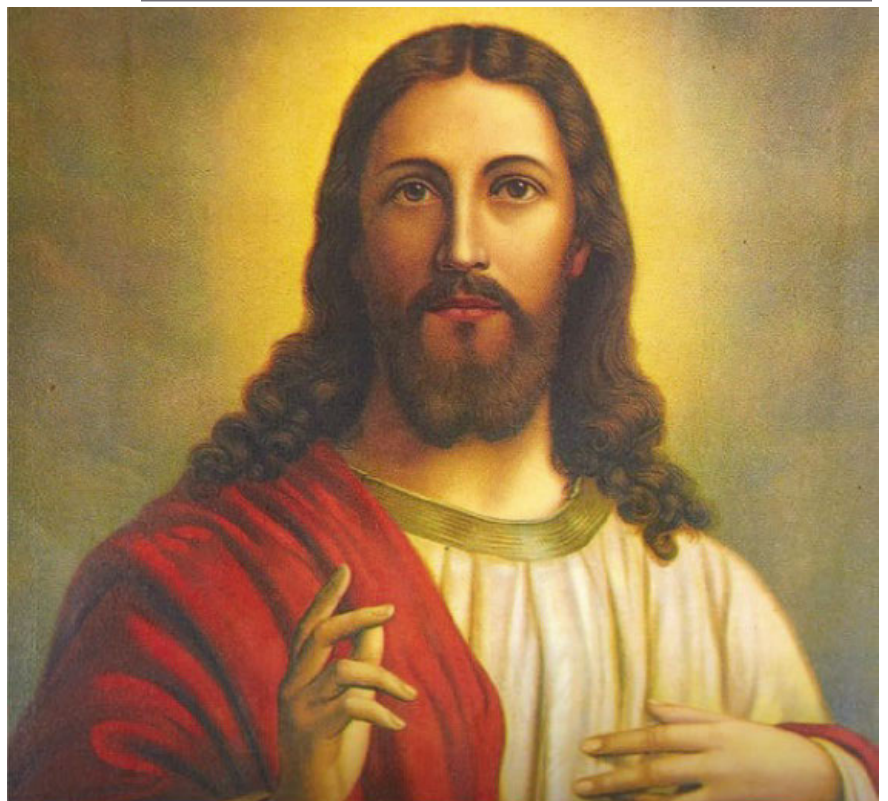
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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 August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep 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: Diane Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson,Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria M. Fuentes, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Helen Hemetec,, Tina & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Alex Ruiz,Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski, Margaret Brooks

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE	
August 2025	
Monthly Regular Collection::	\$ details to come soon!
YTD Collected Sep. 2025:	\$
YTD Collection Budget:	\$
Overage or (Shortage):	\$
IHM Finance Council	
Grace McDonald, Chair, Paul Semtner, Patty York, Norma Ruiz, Tito Perez	

IHM Spaghetti Dinner!

Our Fall Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
will be Friday, September 19th
From 5-7 pm

Donations of food and help for the day of
the event will be most appreciated.

More details to come soon.



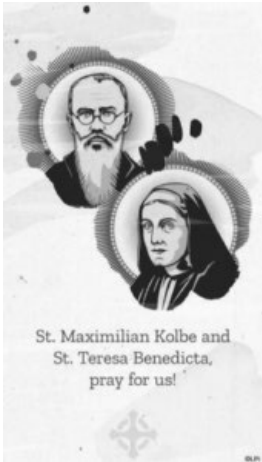
Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin

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 , Teresa Holdren, Terry and Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman

Schedule of Ministers—August 31
Reader—Dana Borum
Ushers—Warren Wade/Dennis Queensbury
EM —Judy Guy
Altar—Nancy Fothergill
M/Counters—Tammy Hinchey/
Beth Gregory

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April, 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,885.00	\$35,999.05	\$36,259.75	(\$260.20)

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:
Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey, Chair
Parish Council, Dana Borum, Kathy Oliver



‘CLUSTER NEWS

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy communion for the homebound Catholics in our area please contact Deacon Emmett McLane or Consuelo Alvarez.

*ermclane@embarqmail.com
alvarezcj@longwood.edu*

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Christian Initiation of Adults is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members to the faith. It is a period of learning about the faith by exploring our beliefs, traditions, and practices. We begin on Sunday, September 7, and following Sundays at 9 am at the Parish Center. For questions and information please contact the office, Fr. Chris or Fr. Ronnie, or Deacon Emmett.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Wednesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall semester. If you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions please contact:

*Dan Holland
farmvilleccm@gmail.com*



**ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 24**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Anthony Escoto
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
- 9:00 am Mass offered for †Jerry Edwards
SATURDAY AUGUST 30
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for †Ralph Wubben
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
- 8:00am Mass offered for St. Jean Vianney center residents
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Pat Masella

**ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 24—AUGUST 31**
WEDNESDAY,

- 10:00am - Food Pantry and Clothes Ministry
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
- 9:00am No Adult Education

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

There will be a First Saturday Mass
at St. Theresa at 9:00am every
month. Next Mass will be
September 6th.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

*Please—no more donations to the clothing
ministry.*

We are full!!

*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, Cecily Hill, Ed Slate*

***Friends & Relatives of Parishioners**—Louis & John 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, Bill Krout, Harry Roman*

***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, LTC Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez (retired), Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Captain*

St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck, Paul Duers

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April. 25	YTD Coll20ection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$24,172.89	\$206,338.99	\$215,518.58	(\$9,179.59)

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 66 people on 8-6.

*Please - if anyone has extra garden veggies—the Food Pantry will take any fresh extra veggies you might have. Please leave in the refrigerator at the church or bring to the pantry on Wednesday morning. Thank you!!!

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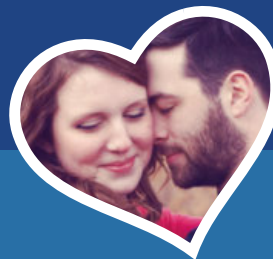
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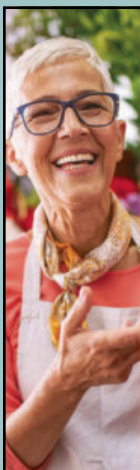
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