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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

903 S Main Street
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Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council

David McKenna (Chair), Esther Sablan, Dr.
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SACRED HEART

2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council

Tammy Hinchey (Chair), Lori Derflinger,
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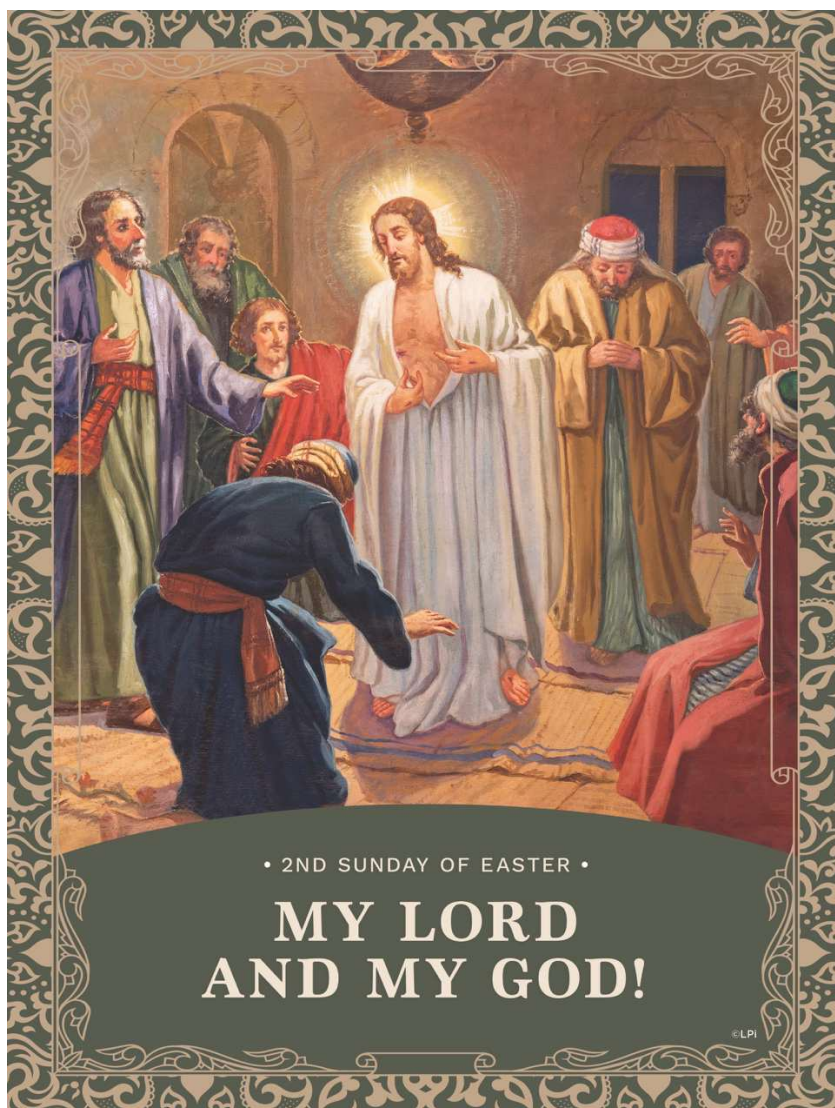
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ST. THERESA

709 Buffalo Street
Farmville, VA 23901
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am, and Sunday 10:30 am

St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com
Dottie Zimolong (Chair), Victor Adaniel,
Steve Biernesser, Pat Brandt, Tracy Carilli,
Gene Donovan, Victor Cruz, Lynn Skakum,
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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 OCIA classes.

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 to the community.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday immediately following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, and every Tuesday after the 5:30pm Mass.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:30 pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appointment.

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 Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use donated items, especially: mac & cheese, rice, fruit, oatmeal, cereal, chef boyardee, black beans, jelly, tuna, elbows, instant potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, beef broth, and chicken broth. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated packages. We served 78 people on 3/25.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

John 20:19-31

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

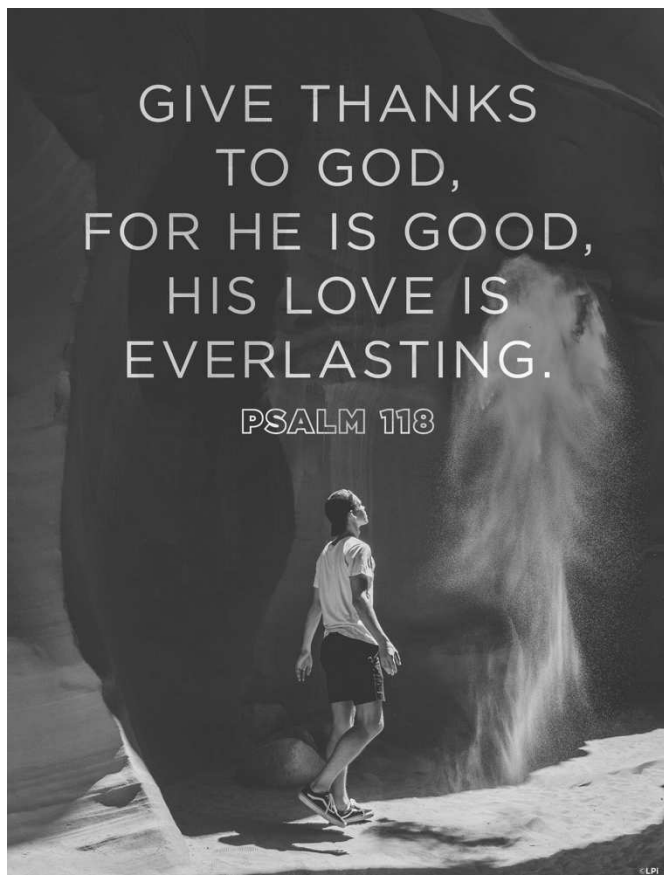
— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

PARISH COLLECTIONS ENVELOPES

We are grateful for your continued generosity to our Sunday collections. Please know that each parish has its own checkbook and envelopes, and that all monies collected at a parish will be recorded in that parish. We have had a few occasions when a parishioner contributes to the offertory at one of the Cluster parishes using an envelope from a different parish. We cannot record the envelopes from one parish for another. If you are contributing to the collection in a parish different from your home parish, please put your donation in the basket without the envelope. Parishioners intending to contribute to the weekly collection of the home parish must donate there.

At St. Theresa only, there are two accounts: one for general expenses and one for the building fund (Alive in Christ). Parishioners intending to contribute to both accounts at the same time should use two different checks. Money counters are not able to divide checks for the two different accounts.



ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	4/14	5:30 pm	†Diane Ford
Wed.	4/15	5:30 pm	†Ann Marie Howard
Thurs.	4/16	9:00 am	†Carmela Palmieir
Fri.	4/17	9:00 am	Lois Gager
Sat.	4/18	5:00 pm	†Ann Marie Howard
Sun.	4/19	8:00 am	†Mildred Spencer
		10:30 am	†James Croushorn

LIFE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

An update on our Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia: with all coins and cluster parish donations remaining to be counted, \$2,025 has been collected! Thank you all so very much for your contributions to support life at the local level.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

COMMUNION WINE NEEDED

We could use donations of communion wine at St. Theresa: Carlo Rossi Sweet Red. Please bring donations to the kitchen refrigerator in the church.

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

A Prayer Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Our next, hour-long meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 1:00 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center. All are welcome.

CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND

April 16-19. A three-day, life-changing encounter with Christ designed to strengthen personal faith and Christian community. Attendees, typically sponsored by a friend already in the movement, participate in talks, prayer, and discussions from Thursday evening to Sunday. The weekend focuses on living out one's faith. For more information contact a Cursillista and pick up an application either from your church or on the stmva.org website.

ST. THERESA ADULT EDUCATION

The next adult education session will be held April 19 at 9:00 am. We meet on the first and third Sundays of each month in the Parish Center.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$11,084.28	\$50365.61	\$34,635.38	\$15,930.23
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3,722.00	\$20,523.00	\$21,558.94	(\$1,035.94)
STT Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 2025	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$21,635.10	\$147,635.69	\$130,104.52	\$17,531.17

EASTER BLESSING

Dear Lord,
Your redemption has been known in every age. You have never stopped inviting us closer into your presence. Fill us anew this Easter season, bringing new hope, new life, and new light into our journey. Amen.

CONFIRMATIONS

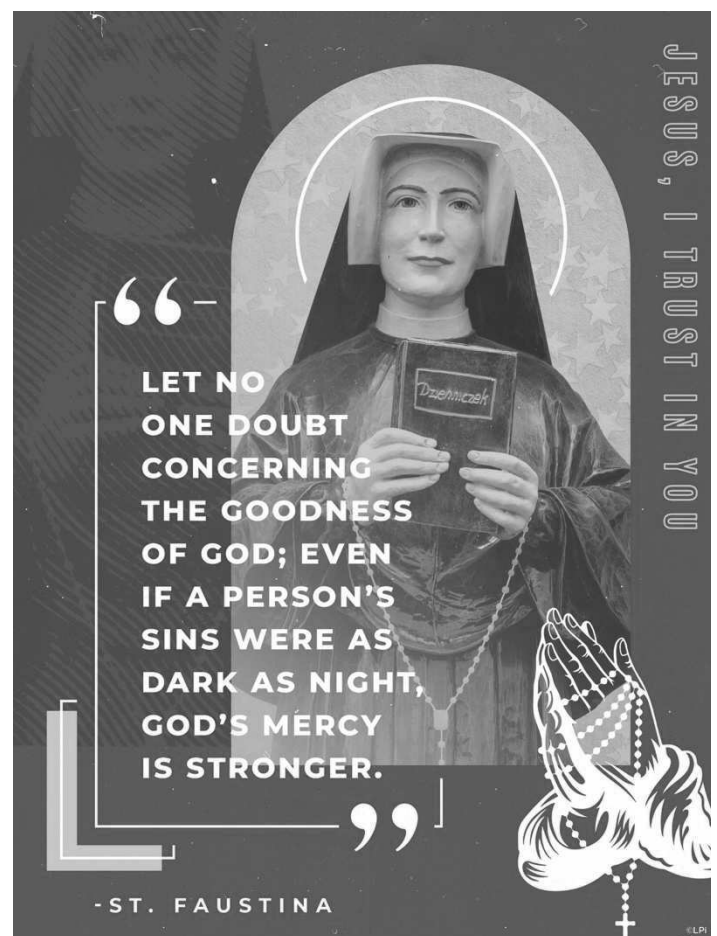
Congratulations the following students from the Cluster who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 26 at St. Thomas More, Lynchburg:

St. Theresa: Ainsley Harris, McKayla Lockett, Antonio Musso, Cristian Musso, and Will Rundstrum.

IHM: Ashley Niz-Chilel, Bryan Ramirez, Elier Ramirez, Hendro Ramirez, Melany Ramirez, Vaneza Ramirez, and Admin Reynoso.

CANDIDATES AND ELECT

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Brandon Broussard, Megan Brown, Tracy Burger, Alan Eppes, Morgan Hatfield, Cecilia Jones, James Jones, Thomas Jones, Flint Lewis, Rebecca Lewis, Brittyn Melville, Alan Webster, and Jenna Weech, William Hagmann, Danny Harland, Gabrielle Lawson, Rowan Long, Kristen Putnam, and Holly Willis.



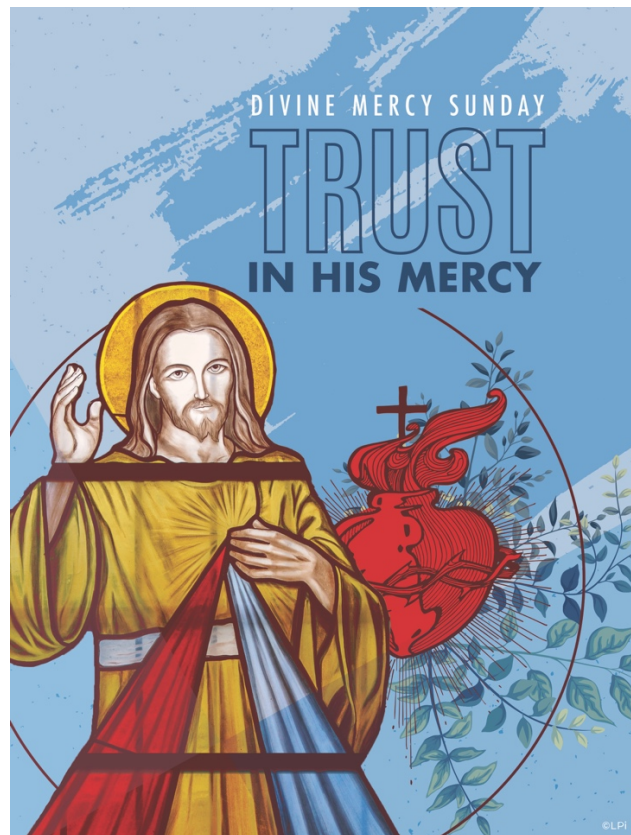
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday	St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Tax Day
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

APRIL: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



PRAYER LIST

Heavenly Father, we lift up those on our prayer list. Surround them with Your healing, comfort, strength, and peace. Draw near to each heart in need and remind them that they are never alone. We trust in Your mercy and unfailing love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SACRED HEART: Mary Hind, Scott Crawford, Joy, Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman, Tibis Davis, Tammy Hinchey.

IMMACULATE HEART

OF MARY: Diane Menting, José Luis Ruiz, Jr, Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Maria Fuentes, Angel Velez-Ortiz, Josef Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, Jerry Smith,

Gus Mitchell, Rose Gratton, Richard Whitmore, Tine & Christina Van Wart, Naleen Cordle, Alex Ruiz, Jocelyn Garcia, Barbara & Ronnie McKenna, Jeannie Peters, Renard McCrary-Ortiz, Paul Semtner, Susan McKenna, Devie Misorski.

ST. THERESA: Pat O'Halloran, George Ghrelin, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Anna Marie Nolan, Peg Giordano, Cecily Hill, Ed Slate, Nancy Pempel, Louis & John Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Anne Loveless, the Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Karrow, 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, the Blake family, Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind Jr, Taylor Anctil, Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Micael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Efren Aranzamendez, Ryan Aranzamendez, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss Pempel, Christopher Selig, Matthew Lepalm, Dawn Hollick, Deborah and Chris Goodman.

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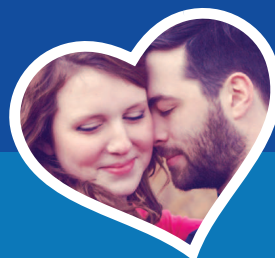
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