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9:00 am—12:00 pm

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

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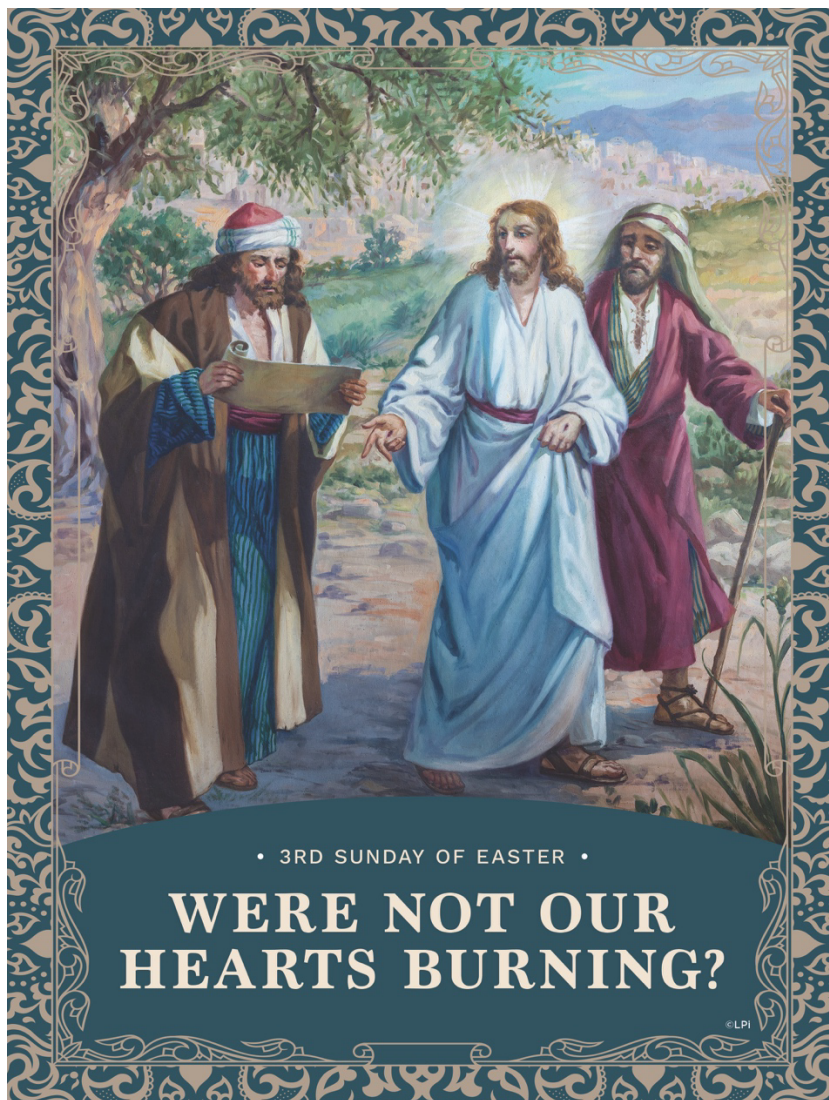
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ST. THERESA

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,
Cindy Scheu



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: canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit or fresh fruit, tuna, rice, spaghetti, green beans, Bush's baked beans, and mac & cheese. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated packages. We served 72 people on April 8.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: APRIL 19, 2026

Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
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	1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *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.



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

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ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	4/21	5:30 pm	Lois Gager
Wed.	4/22	5:30 pm	Dawn Hollick
Thurs.	4/23	9:00 am	Štefan Migač
Fri.	4/24	9:00 am	†Ed Bailey
Sat.	4/25	5:00 pm	†Theresa Miller
Sun.	4/26	8:00 am	Deborah & Chris Goodman
		10:30 am	†Erlinda Adaniel

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.

THE ROSARY

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).

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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.

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.

LIFE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

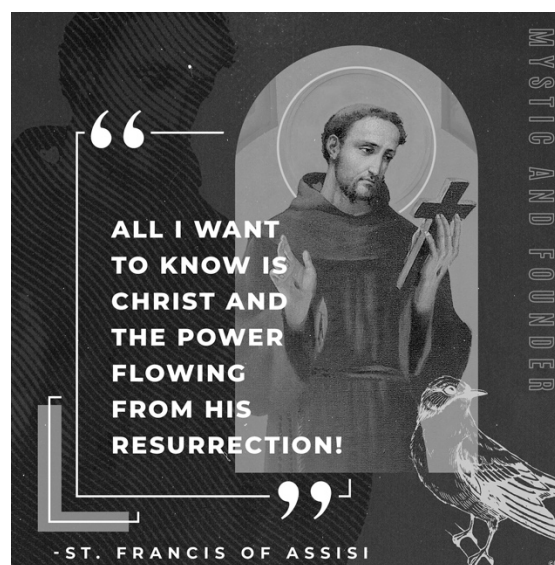
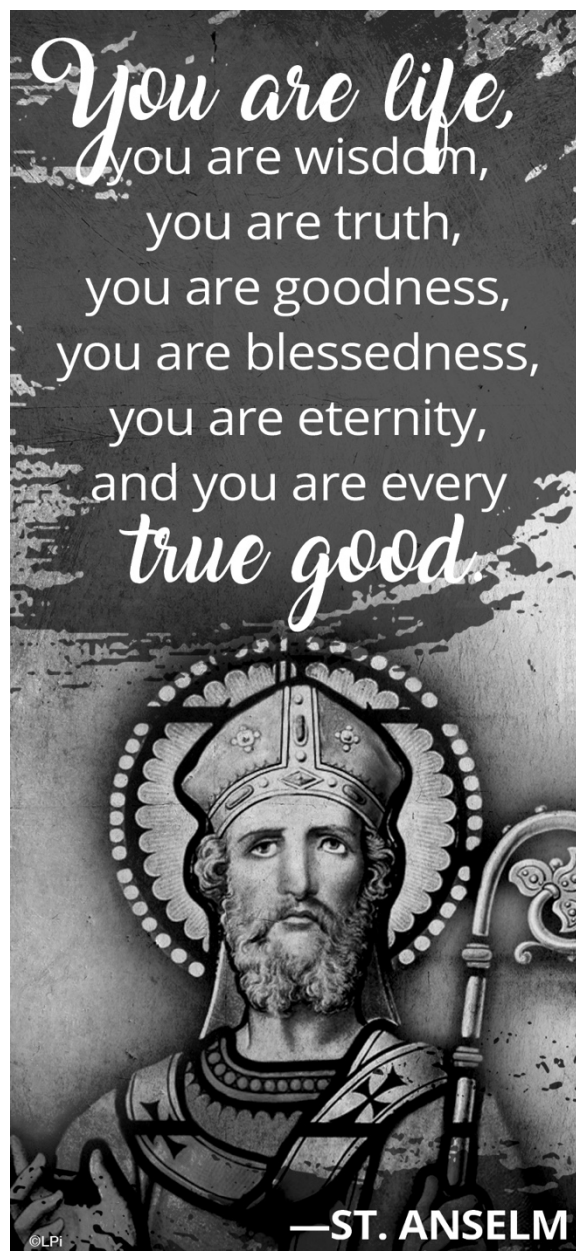
An update on our Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Southside Virginia: with all coins and cluster parish donations remaining to be counted, \$2,025 has been collected! Thank you all so very much for your contributions to support life at the local level.

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



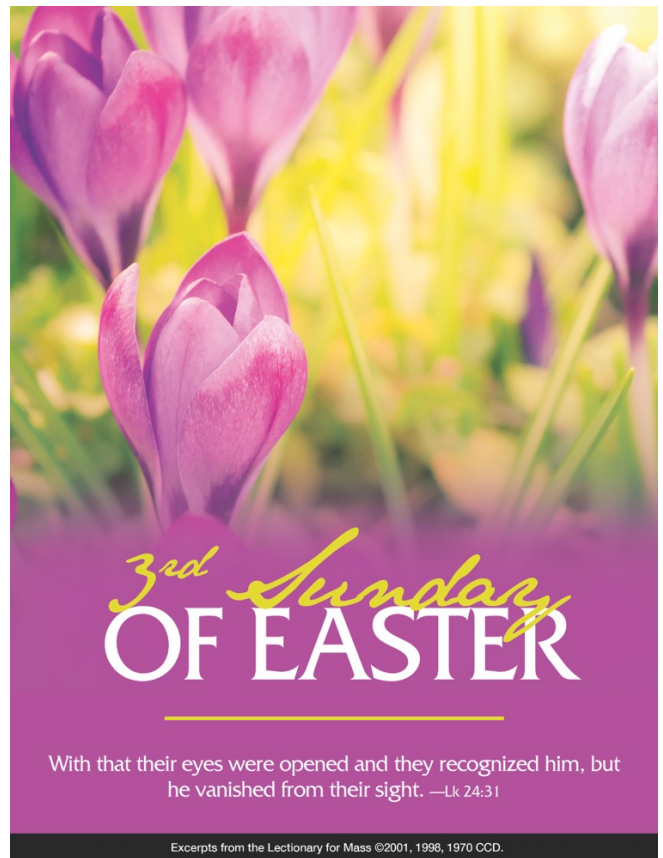
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter
Monday	
Tuesday	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	Earth Day
Thursday	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr
Saturday	St. Mark, Evangelist

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 today. Surround them with Your peace, comfort them in their needs, and grant them strength for each new day. May Your presence be felt in every moment. 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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