

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
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May 3, 2026

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

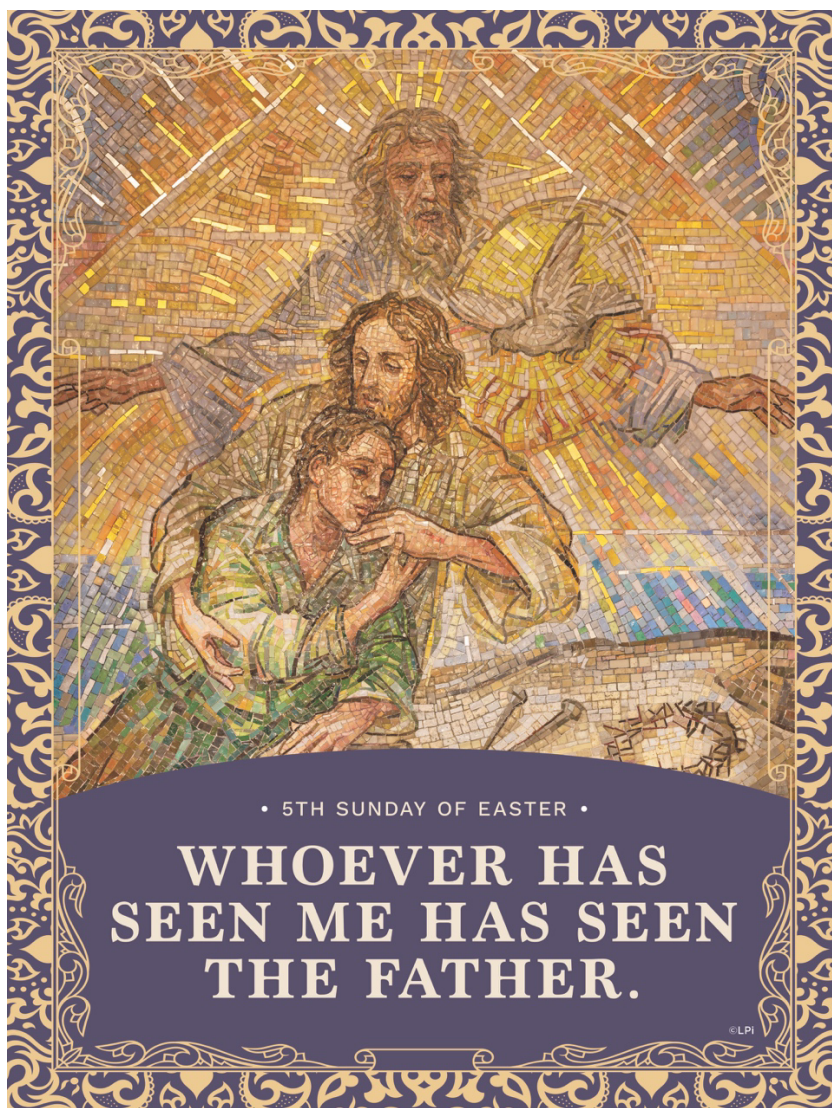
Tammy Hinchey (Chair), Lori Derflinger,
Scott Crawford, Dana Borum, Kathy Oliver

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 78 people on April 22.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MAY 3, 2026

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for the following students preparing for First Communion on May 6th:

Dyani Leon-Perez
Wynne (Winter) DeJesus
Jamil Acojedo

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

A Prayer Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Our next, hour-long meeting is scheduled for May 30 at 1:00 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center. All are welcome.

ST. THERESA ADULT EDUCATION

The next adult education session will be held May 3 at 9:00 am. We meet on the first and third Sundays of each month in the Parish Center.



ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	5/5	5:30 pm	Carin Knight
Wed.	5/6	5:30 pm	Michael & Christina Beattie
Thurs.	5/7	9:00 am	†Lois Gager
Fri.	5/8	9:00 am	†Fran & Helen Donovan
Sat.	5/9	5:00 pm	†Ed Bailey
Sun.	5/10	8:00 am	†Peter Aldi
		10:30 am	†Willard & Verla Lutz and †Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez

MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to send information via our media, please contact these individuals:

For the email **newsletter**:

Wade Edwards, edwardswa@longwood.edu or
Bobbie Atristain, sbcgal@me.com

For our **Facebook** page:

Jennifer Bolt, joshuahastebolt@gmail.com

For the **website**: Ron McPherson,

ronbull@centrurylink.net

For the **bulletin or pulpit announcements**: Contact the office, sttheresafarmville@gmail.com

- Bulletin information needs to be sent to the office by 6:00 pm Wednesday, 10 days prior to the Sunday bulletin.
- For Pulpit announcements, information needs to be to the office in writing by 10:00 am Wednesday morning, 4 days prior to the weekend Masses.

Please send all announcements in writing. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office. If you need to get something approved, please email the pastor for approval.



SATURDAY NEWSLETTER & EMAIL ALERTS

If you are not yet receiving the Cluster newsletter in your inbox each Saturday afternoon, please text “SALVE” to 84576 to join our email list. Alerts about inclement weather, funerals, or cancelations are also sent to this list.



OUR SHARED SACRED SPACE

We kindly ask for everyone’s help in keeping our church a clean and welcoming place for all. Recently, we’ve found food wrappers, soda bottles, and partially filled coffee cups left in the pews after Mass.

As a reminder, food and beverages are welcome in the Commons Area, but we ask that they not be brought into the Sanctuary. This helps us maintain a respectful atmosphere for worship and ensures the space remains clean and comfortable for everyone.

If you do bring items into the building, please take a moment to dispose of them properly or carry them out with you. Your consideration is greatly appreciated and helps care for our shared, sacred space.

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

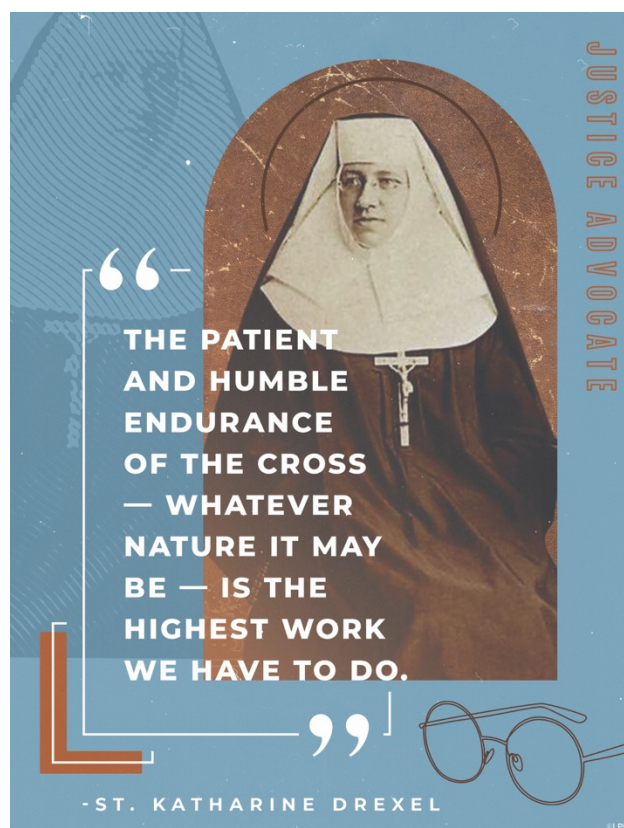
THE GIFT OF DILIGENCE

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas writes that “diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue.” (*Sum.*, II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God’s will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God’s word in Scripture: “If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness.” (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (*Gaudium et spes*, 17)

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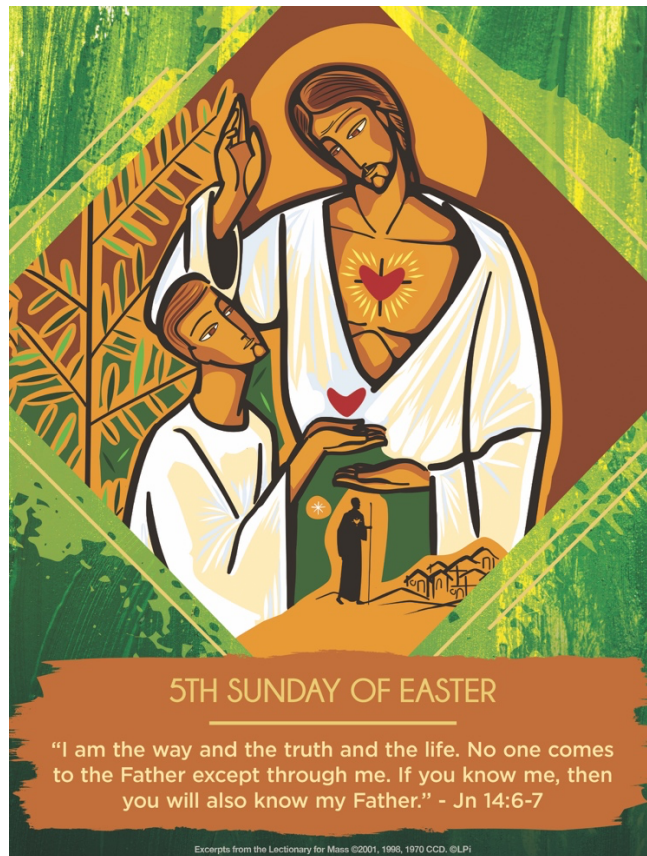
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday	
Tuesday	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>
Wednesday	
Thursday	National Day of Prayer
Friday	
Saturday	

POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

MAY: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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 McMurray, 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.

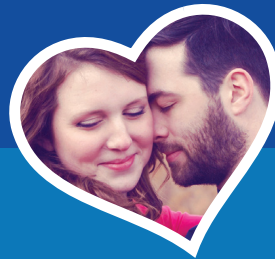
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