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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

May 31, 2026

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

903 S Main Street
Blackstone, VA 23824
Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00am

IHM Parish Council

David McKenna (Chair), Esther Sablan, Dr.
Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz, Eduardo Perez

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SACRED HEART

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

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council

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

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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

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45 pm 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, baked beans, and mac & cheese. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated items. We served 63 people on May 20.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MAY 31, 2026

Sunday	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18
Monday	2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/ Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday	2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/ Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

St. Theresa's Parish Events and Hospitality Committees invite all ladies and guests from the parish cluster to attend "A Mad Hatter's Tea Party." The event will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Theresa Parish Center. Seating is limited, so advance sign-up is required. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass. Parishioners from Sacred Heart and IHM may also reserve a spot by calling the cluster office.

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

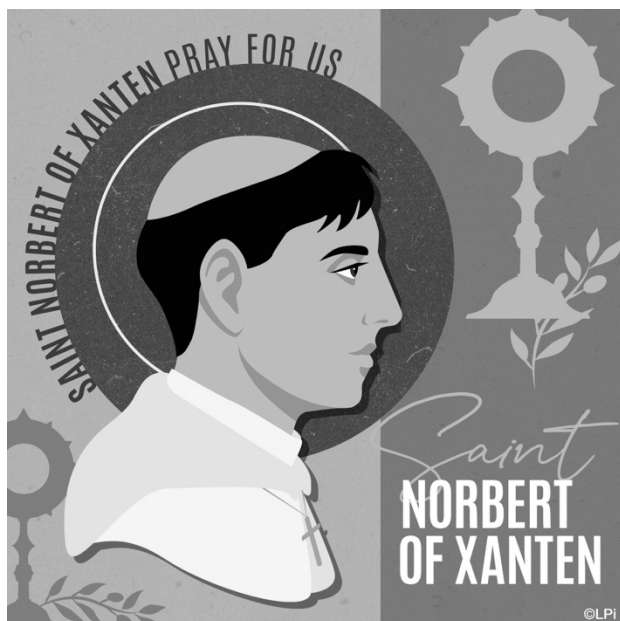
A Prayer Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Our next, hour-long meeting is scheduled for May 31 at 1:00 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center. All are welcome.

PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Parish Events Committee is requesting donations of items needed for our jams/jellies sales at our Christmas bazaar: sugar, powdered pectin (Sure-Jell), jelly jars (half pints), lids & screw bands. Please leave items in the church kitchen area at St. Theresa. Monetary donations are also welcome. Call Jean Algeier 434-401-7995 for questions.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC

Save the Date! A Father's Day Picnic scheduled for June 21st at Sacred Heart Parish. More details coming soon!

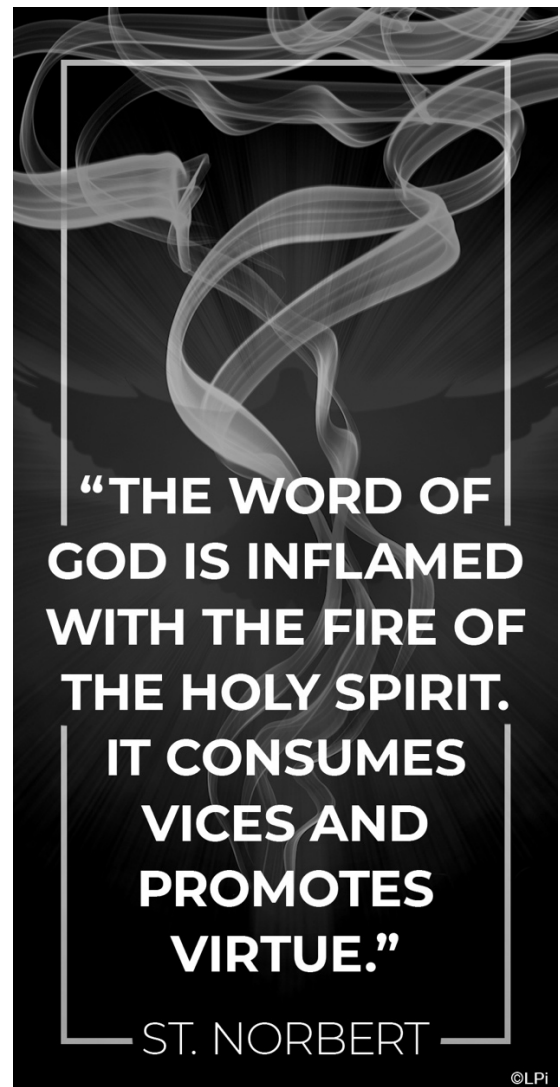


ST. THERESA DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	6/2	5:30 pm	†Peter Menting
Wed.	6/3	5:30 pm	†Charles Phillips
Thurs.	6/4	9:00 am	†Don & Ester Donovan
Fri.	6/5	9:00 am	†Theodore Skoniesny
Sat.	6/6	5:00 pm	Christopher Allen
Sun.	6/7	8:00 am	†Dorothy Rinkerman
		10:30 am	†Bill Kemp

ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

The Ice Cream Social at St. Theresa has been rescheduled to Friday, June 19, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. All donations will go to the "Alive in Christ" Campaign.

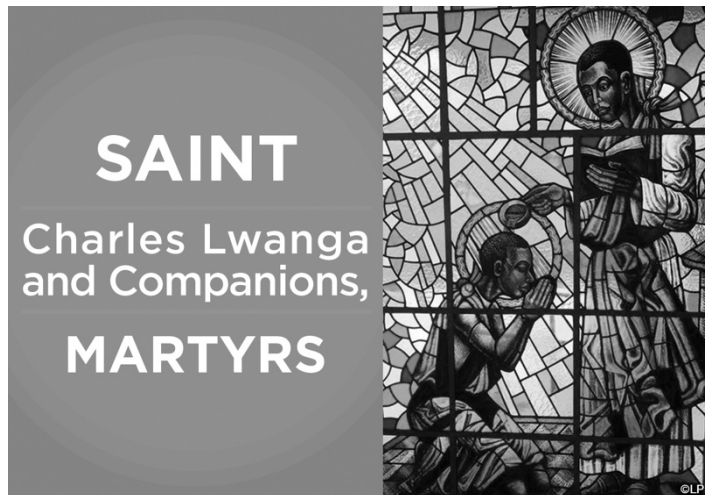


MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples: If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. And, it is now Vatican approved! Space is limited. Upcoming experiences are:

- August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA (lodging is on your own— couples return home each night)
- October 23-25, 2026 - Hampton, VA (lodging provided)
- November 6-8, 2026. - Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)
- February 12-14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.



APRIL PARISH COLLECTIONS

IHM Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$4873.00	\$74,809.66	\$57,281.59	\$17,528.07
SH Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$3824.50	\$33,483.50	\$35,655.17	(\$2174.67)
STT Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected April 2026	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$20,347.82	\$230,293.11	\$215,172.86	\$15,120.25

OFFICE UPDATES

Starting on June 2, the Cluster office will resume regular hours from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

The office also will be sunsetting the Cluster's Gmail account in favor of Outlook. This change will help simplify and consolidate the multiple email addresses currently being used within the Cluster. Gmail accounts will remain active (for now), but emails will be forwarded to the Outlook inbox. The best email address for the office is now: busmgr@centralvacatholiccluster.org.

ANNIVERSARY OF RERUM NOVARUM

May 15 marked the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. *Rerum Novarum* is considered the foundation of Catholic Social Doctrine. To honor the call of *Rerum Novarum* to act in a spirit of charity and justice to defend the dignity of all people, we can engage in one or more Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, and Give Alms to the Poor.



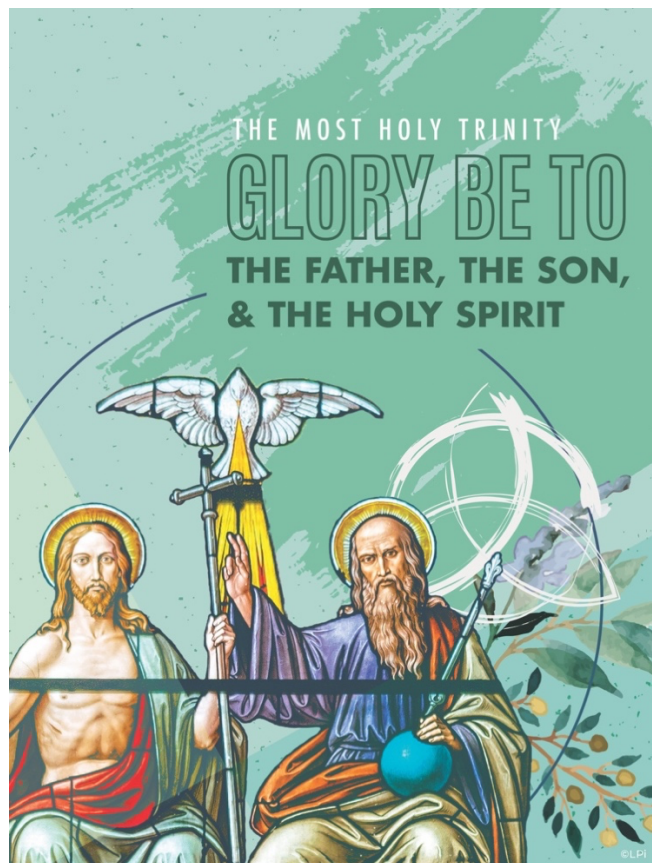
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity
Monday	St. Justin, Martyr
Tuesday	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday	
Friday	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday	St. Norbert, Bishop

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, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Shirley Ehman, Tibis Davis, Elliott Levonian.

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.

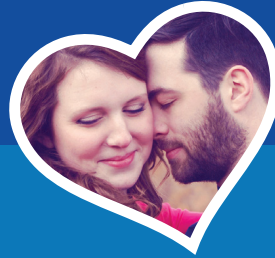
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