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Sept 27, 2026

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00am

IHM Parish Council
David McKenna, Norma Ruiz, Lauro Ramirez, Allen Queen, Susan Castro, Althea Mattos, Geneseli Ramirez

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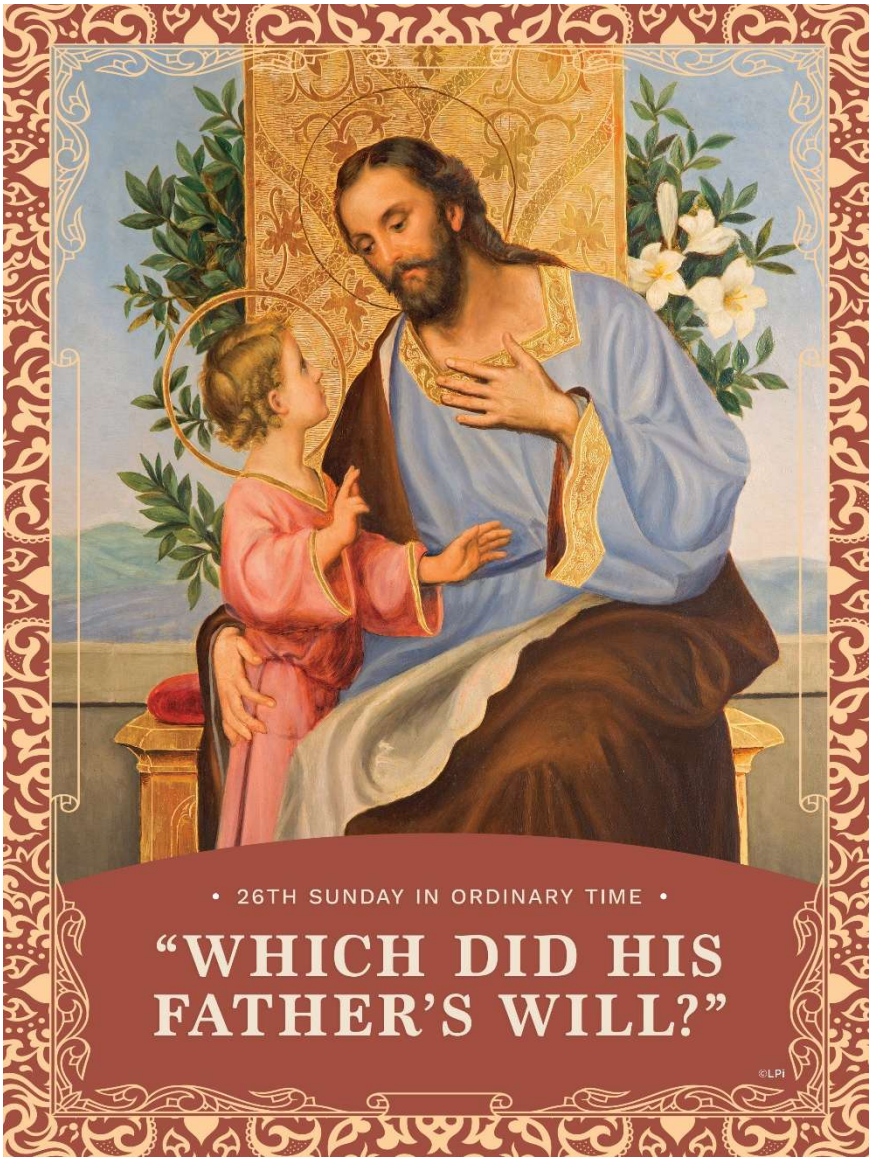
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

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 Sunday10:30 am

St. Theresa Parish Council
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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

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 needs donations, especially: spaghetti sauce and pasta, cereal, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, rice, applesauce, canned fruit, baked beans, and tuna. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on any donated items. We served 60 people on Sept 16th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: SEPT 27, 2026

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

GOSPEL MEDITATION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28 32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

A prayer meeting will be held on the last Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Theresa Parish Center and will last 1.5 hours. All are welcome.

OKTOBERFEST- OCTOBER 4TH

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Oktoberfest on October 4th! Proceeds benefit Life Ministries. See the bulletin insert for more information.



FISH FRY- OCTOBER 17TH

Come One, Come All and let the Knights of Columbus serve you at our Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, October 17, from 3 to 7 pm at the St. Theresa Parish Center. $12 per ticket with all proceeds going to benefit our Catholic Campus Ministries chapter. Come enjoy the meal and bless our college ministry at the same time. There also will be a 50/50 raffle if you are feeling lucky. Ask a Knight or pick up a ticket before or after Mass. Thank you for your support.





DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be requested for loved ones, for special occasions, or in memory of someone who has passed away. A donation is suggested with each Mass intention. To schedule an intention, please visit or call the Cluster office. Requests and donations may also be submitted through the Sunday collection.

Tuesday, September 29
5:30 pm † Olive Nolan

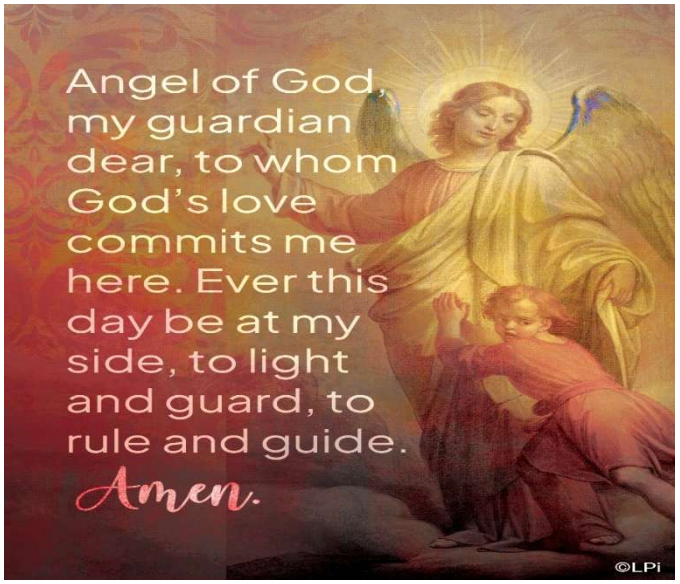
Wednesday, September 30
5:30 pm † Tom Mayo

Thursday, October 1
9:00 am † Kevin Oliver

Friday, October 2
9:00 am † Rita Brandt

Saturday, October 3
5:00 pm Jean Murphy

Sunday, October 4
8:00 am † Bill Phillips
10:30 am † Glenn & Bernie Kaiser



CHANGE FOR A CHANGE

Our Religious Education students are participating in a "Change for a Change" campaign! They invite parishioners to consider donating their loose change in the collection containers located in the Great Hall and at the Parish Center classrooms. All proceeds will benefit the Poor Box.



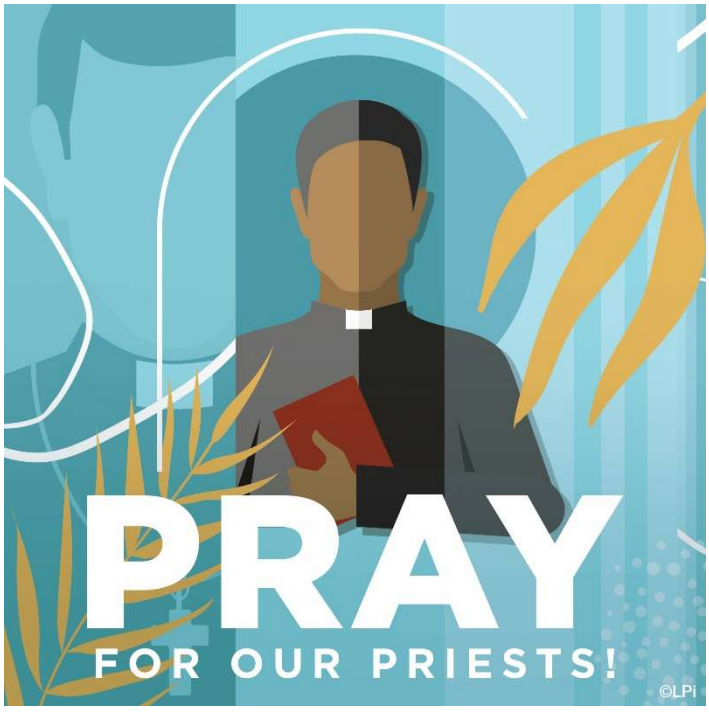
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest and Good Shepherd, You tend Your flock with loving mercy and provide for our needs. Call forth many men to serve You as priests in the Diocese of Richmond. Strengthen them in their desire to follow You faithfully.

Make their hearts more like Your own, aflame with divine love and zeal for souls. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Vincent de Paul, patron of our diocese, may these men glorify You by their obedience to Your will.

May Your people be sanctified through their ministry, as together we await the coming of Your Kingdom, where You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

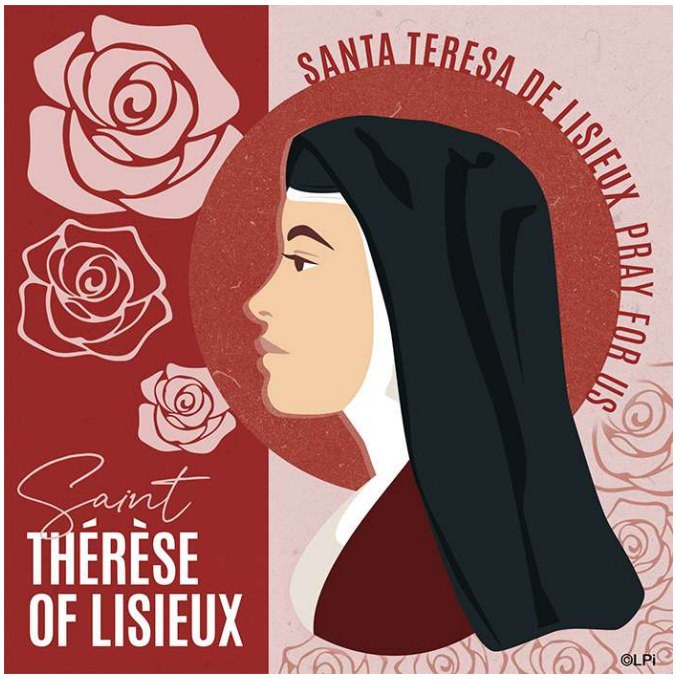


OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	_



THURSDAY- OCTOBER 1ST
ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



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: Sean Irvine, Mary Hind, Joy Crawford, Jean Watts, Evelyn Harland, John Ehman, Teresa Holdren, Terry & Tiffany Reynolds, Willie Selig, Billy Brown, Warren Wade, Tibis Davis, Elliott Levonian, Lynne Lee.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Libby Smith, Diane Menting, José Luis Ruiz, Jr, Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Mae Luedtke, Cristina Castellanos, Phyllis Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebick, Maria Fuentes, Angel Velez-Ortiz, Josef Sablan, Marion Constante, Pam Blevins, 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, 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, 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, Rich Eshelman, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland, Joan Varga, Brenda Korrow, Taylor Armstrong, Tiffany King, Evangeline King, Maddox Cox, John Hardman, 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, Chris Goodman and Steve Bobko.

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