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OCT 4, 2026

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

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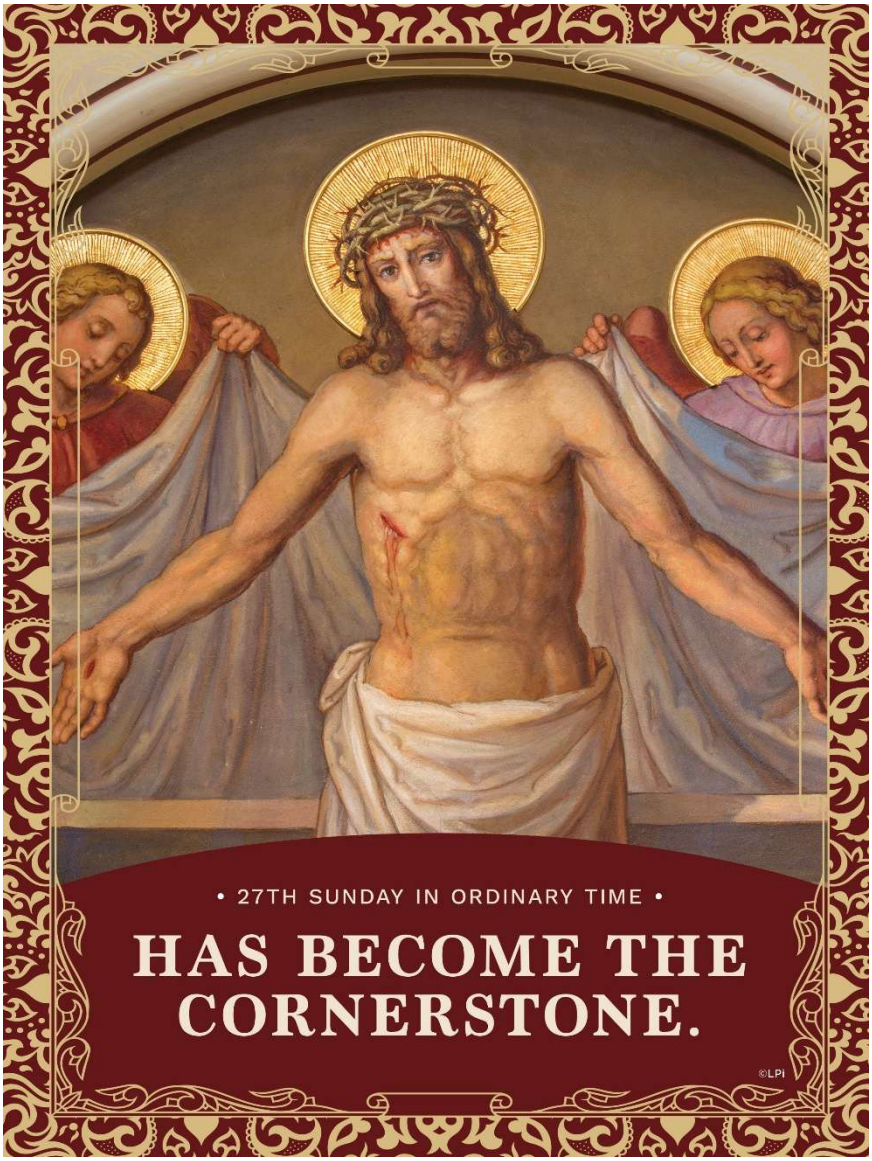
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council
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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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Dottie Zimolong (Chair), Victor Adaniel, Steve Biernesser, Sarai Blincoe, Tracy Carilli, Ann Mayo, 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 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. 43 people were served on Sept 23rd

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: OCT 4, 2026

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— *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- TODAY, OCT 4TH

Join us this evening from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and Oktoberfest festivities!
Enjoy delicious food, beer, wine, games, a 50/50 raffle, and much more! Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.
Door Prices:

- Adults: $15
- Children under 12: $5

All proceeds benefit the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster's Life Ministries.



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, October 6
5:30 pm † Kevin Oliver

Wednesday, October 7
5:30 pm † Pam Angello

Thursday, October 8
9:00 am † Dudley Suave

Friday, October 9
9:00 am † Lois Gager

Saturday, October 10
5:00 pm † Bill Menting

Sunday, October 11
8:00 am † Elias Jones
10:30 am † Parishioners of the Cluster



DAILY MASS AND ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:00 a.m., followed by Adoration
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m., followed by Adoration

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have begun, but it's not too late to register!
To register, please see Karel Baily at the Parish Center on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Religious Education Teachers

- Kindergarten/1st Grade: Trich Stone
- 2nd Grade – Sacramental Preparation: Tracy Carilli
- 3rd–5th Grade: Kelly Nolan
- 6th–8th Grade: Annemarie Gehan
- 9th–12th Grade: Becky Lutz
- All Grades: Cindy Scheu

COOKBOOKS NEEDED

St. Theresa's Parish Events Committee is looking for donations of gently used cookbooks to be sold at our Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Friday, November Sixth and Saturday, November Seventh. Please drop off your donations in the kitchen area at the church or the parish center. Thank you so much for your continued support.

LOOKING AHEAD

Both priests will be away attending convocation October 12th–15th. Therefore, there will be no daily Masses during this time.

RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY PRAYER- BLESSING FOR LIFE

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well.
Amen.



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROSARY?

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Take time this month to pray the Rosary and draw closer to Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

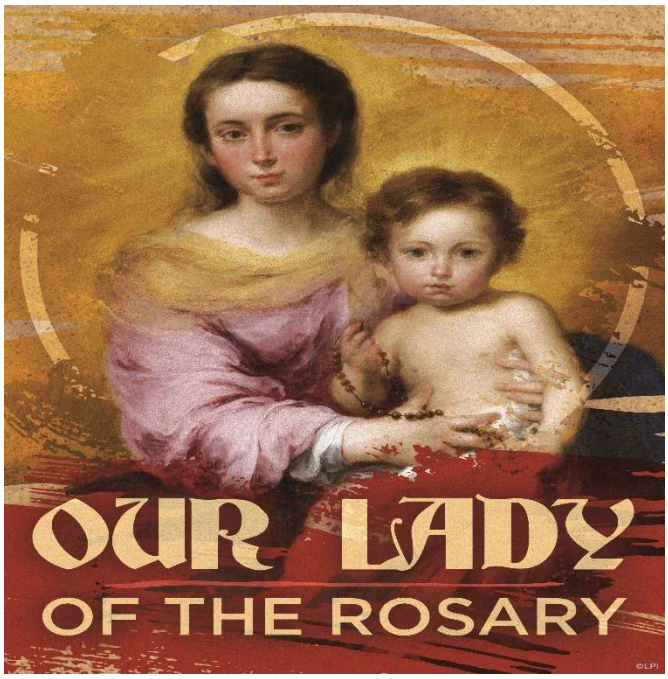
To learn more about the Rosary scan the QR Code

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday:	-
Friday:	St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Saturday:	_



THURSDAY- OCTOBER 7TH
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



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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