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OCT 11, 2026

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Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00am

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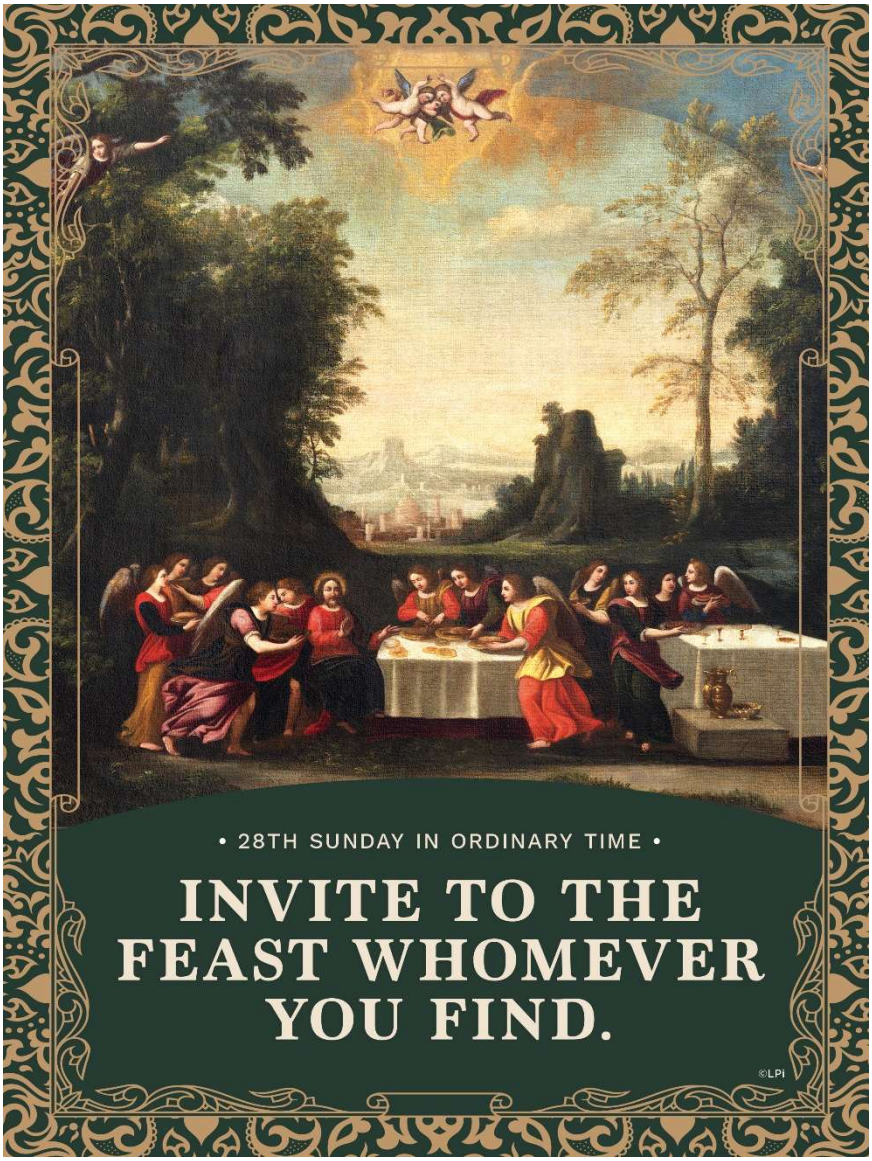
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council
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. 43 people were served on Sept 23rd

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: OCT 11, 2026

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 1 20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-5
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5).** The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— *Father John Muir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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

DAILY MASS & PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that there will be no Daily Mass October 13–15 while our priests are attending Convocation.
The Parish Office will also be closed on Thursday, October 15.
We appreciate your understanding and prayers for our priests during their time of convocation.

BABY SHOWER FOR LIFE- OCTOBER 25

Each of our parishes will host a Baby Shower supporting our local pregnancy center. Parishioners are invited to donate diapers, wipes, and other essential items for newborns and their parents.
Following Mass, there will be a brief 8-minute presentation with more information on how to provide spiritual support for these families through the works of mercy and through legal protections. Please consider participating and helping us support life and families in our community!

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.

FISH FRY- OCTOBER 17

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 13
5:30 pm-NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, October 14
5:30 pm-NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, October 15
9:00 am-NO DAILY MASS

Friday, October 16
9:00 am † Kevin Oliver

Saturday, October 17
5:00 pm † Billy Menting

Sunday, October 18
8:00 am † Ed Bailey
10:30 am † Willard & Jerla Lutz
† Bolivar & Teresa Alvarez



POTATO BAR- OCTOBER 24

Join us for a Potato Bar Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.!
Come enjoy a delicious baked potato bar while supporting a great cause. All donations will benefit the Alive in Christ Fundraiser and will go toward debt reduction.
Please consider joining us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and support for our parishes. Your generosity makes a difference**!**

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.

POOR BOX

Did you know that St. Theresa has a Poor Box located near the front doors of the church?
Poor Box donations help parishioners and others in our community who may be experiencing financial hardship or circumstances that create an immediate need for basic necessities.
Your generosity helps us provide assistance to those who need it most. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need.

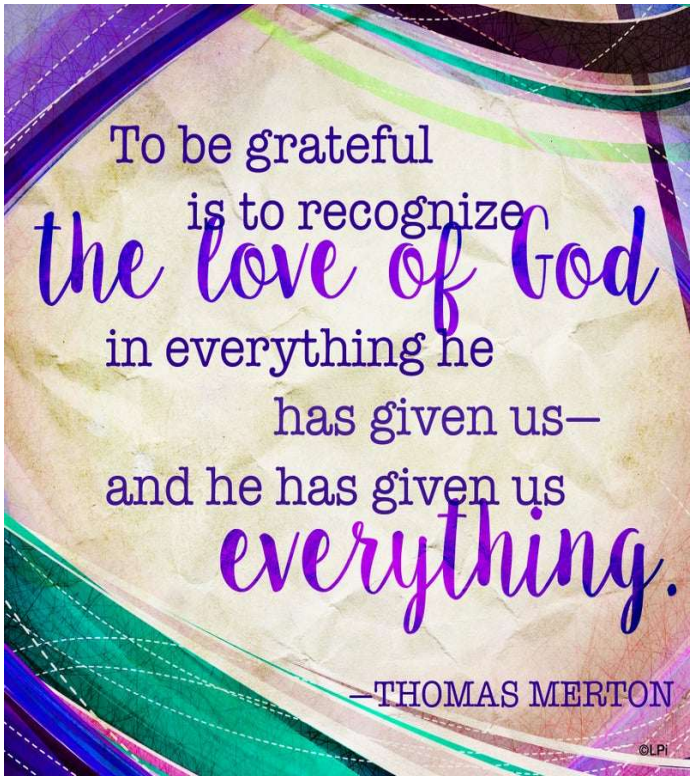
CHANGE FOR A CHANGE

Our Religious Education students are collecting change! Please consider donating your extra coins and helping support those in need in our community.
A donation container is also available in the Great Hall at St. Theresa for anyone who would like to contribute.
All donations go toward the Poor Box. Thank you for helping our students put their faith into action and care for those in need!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROSARY?

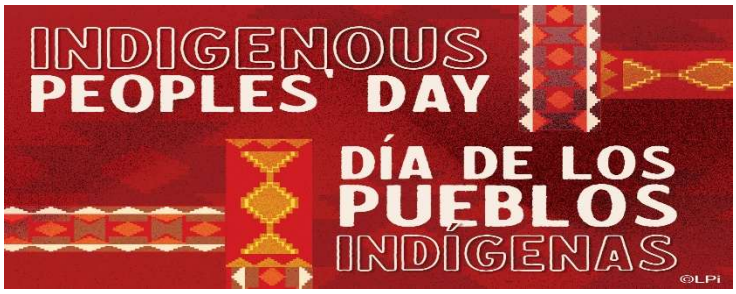
October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Take time this month to pray the Rosary and draw closer to Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To learn more about the Rosary scan the QR Code

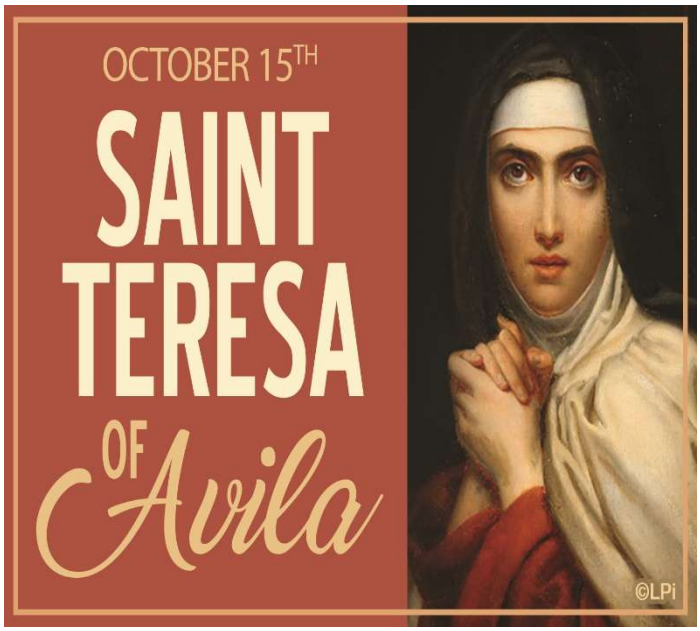


OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-
Monday:	*Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day*
Tuesday:	-
Wednesday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr



THURSDAY- OCTOBER 15TH
SAINT TERESA OF AVILA



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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