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OCT 25, 2026

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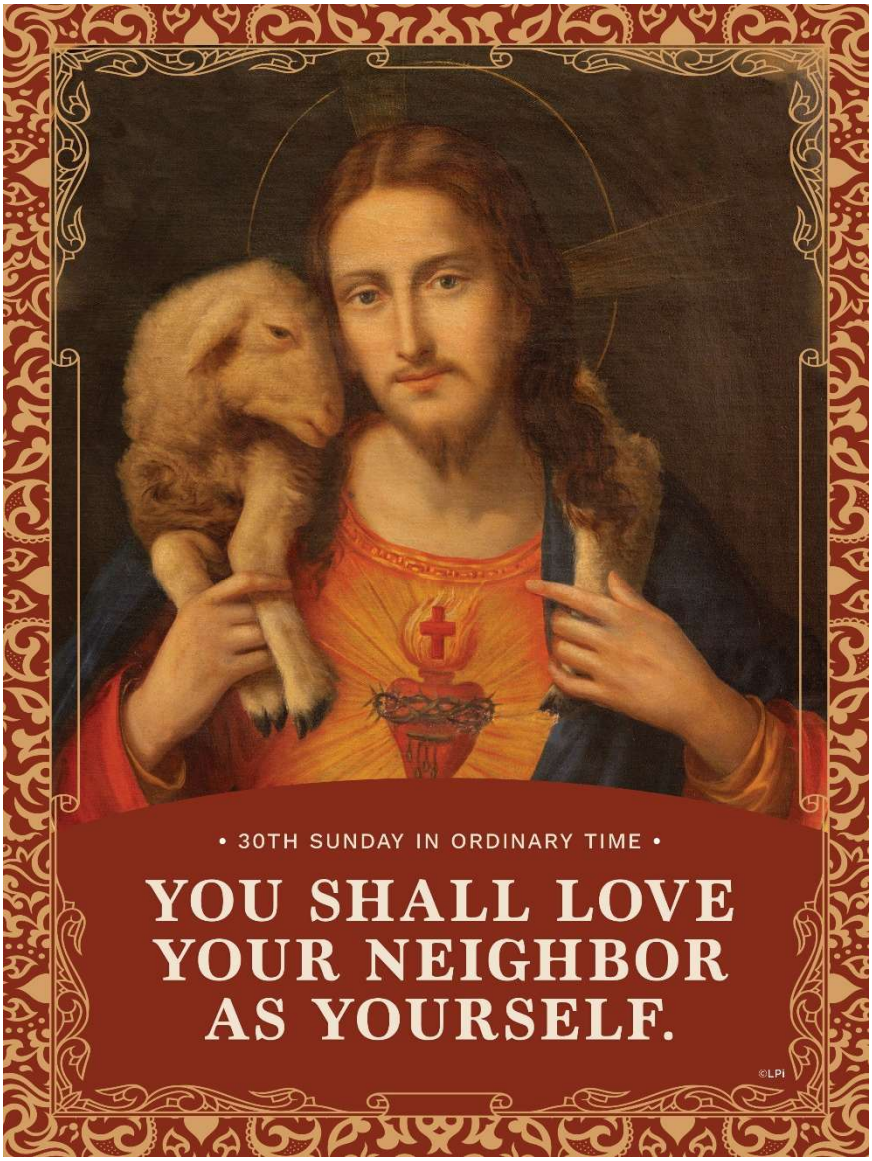
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

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

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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. 61 people were served on Oct 14th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: OCT 25, 2026

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— 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
1st Saturday: 9:00 a.m**.**

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

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

As a Catholic community, let us unite in prayer for Pope Leo XIV as he recovers from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his right lung. According to the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*, the Vatican reported on October 13 that the surgery was successful and that there were no complications.
Let us pray for Pope Leo's healing, strength, and comfort during his recovery. May the Lord guide his medical team, sustain him in body and spirit, and surround him with peace and the loving support of the universal Church. We invite all parishioners to keep our Holy Father in their daily prayers, asking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for his continued healing and well-being.



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 27
5:30 pm † Tommy Showmo

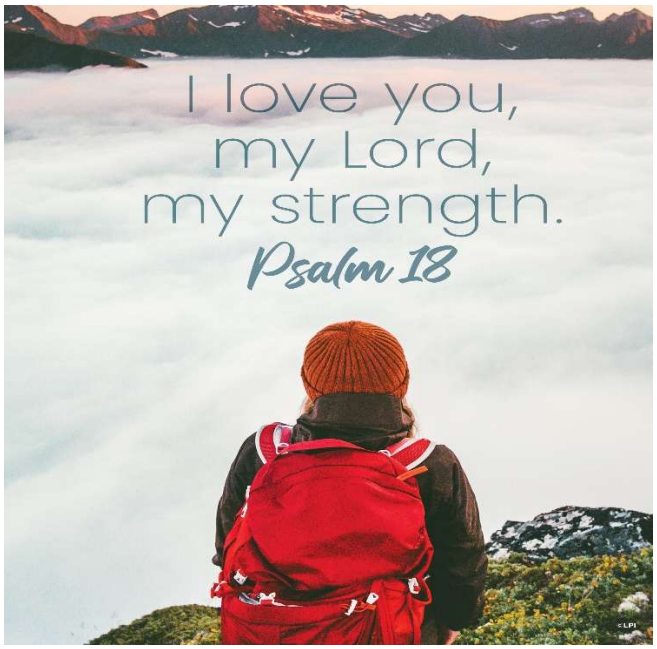
Wednesday, October 28
5:30 pm † Bob & Halora Burleson

Thursday, October 29
9:00 am † Fran & Helen Donovan

Friday, October 30
9:00 am † Frederick Reeves

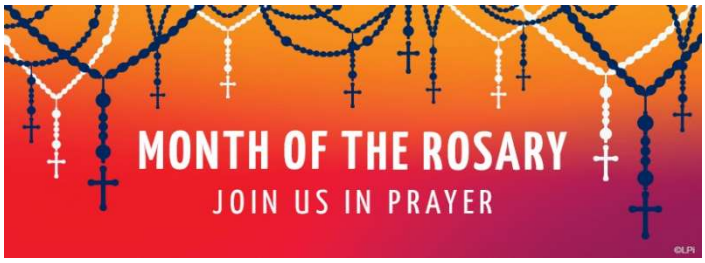
Saturday, October 31
5:00 pm † Owen & Rachel Norment

Sunday, November 1
8:00 am Andrea Phillips
10:30 am † Frederick Reeves



MONTH OF 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.



COOKBOOKS STILL 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.

ADULT ED CLASSES

Join us for Adult Education every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (except holidays) in the basement of the Parish Center. Each week, we'll watch a brief video offering a summary on the Sunday Scripture readings. All are welcome!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is collecting donations for our annual Thanksgiving Feed a Family initiative! Help us fill a bag and bring Thanksgiving to families in need by donating some of the following items:

- Potatoes and yams
- Rice, green beans, and corn
- Stuffing and Jiffy corn muffin mix
- Apple or pumpkin pie filling and pie crusts
- Whole chickens and turkeys

If you have a turkey or chicken to donate**,** please notify the Food Pantry Team. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make Thanksgiving special for families in our community!



FEEDING FARMVILLE

Since 2016, Feeding Farmville has grown from serving 500 people to providing Thanksgiving meals to 1,000 individuals in our community!

If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving meal, contact the Feeding Farmville team at 434-414-8154 or email feedingfarmville@gmail.com. Please note that meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis to individuals living within 30 miles of Farmville, so don't wait to reach out!

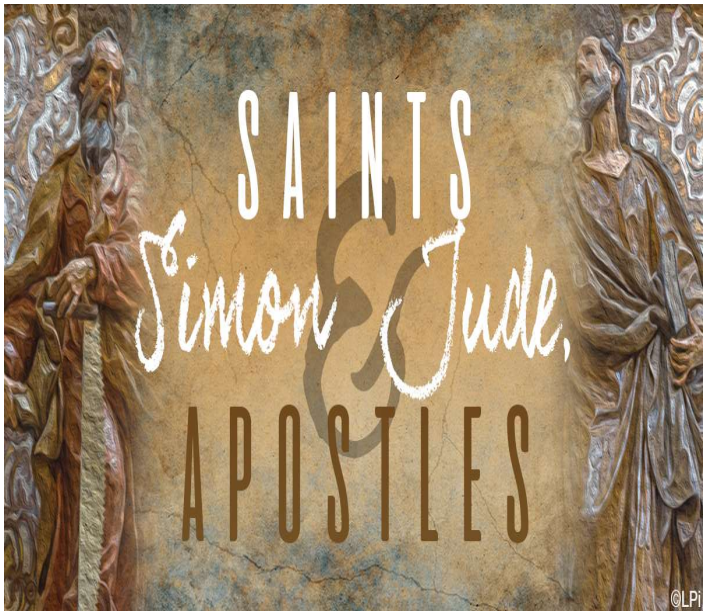
For additional information, including volunteer opportunities, please visit feedingfarmville.org.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: All Hallow's Eve



WEDNESDAY- OCTOBER 28
SAINT SIMON AND JUDE APOSTLES



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.

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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 Gillispie, 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, Steve Bobko, Jennifer O'Reilly, and Ann Burks

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