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November 1, 2026

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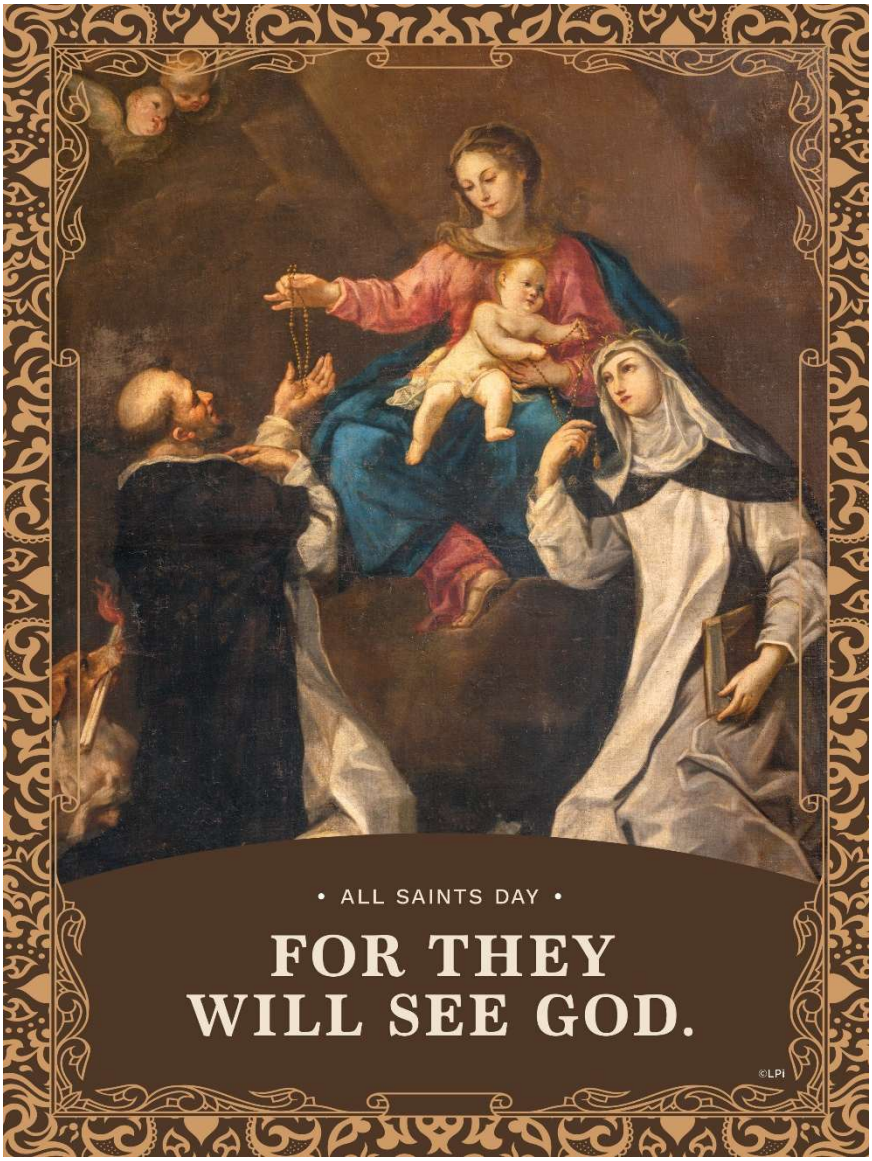
SACRED HEART
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954
Mass: Sunday 11:00 am

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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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. 57 people were served on Oct 21th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-

GOSPEL MEDITATION
All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).** The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

— *Father John Muir*
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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.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)



Monday, November 2 | All Souls' Day
Holy Mass-St. Theresa Catholic Church
7:00 AM – Sung Mass with Gregorian Chant
9:00 AM – Spoken Mass in English
4:00 PM-Catechesis on Catholic Funeral Rites-CCM House
5:00 PM-Blessing of Graves
Nativity Catholic Cemetery
15896 West James Anderson Highway
Buckingham, VA 23921

Sunday, November 8
12:00 PM-Blessing of Graves
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery
2597 Bruceville Road
Meherrin, VA 23954

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.

Monday, November 2
5:30 pm † Carlos Cruz

Tuesday, November 3
5:30 pm † Juliana Iwuji

Wednesday, November 4
5:30 pm † Juliana Iwuji

Thursday, November 5
9:00 am † Juliana Iwuji

Friday, November 6
9:00 am † Katherine Garren

Saturday, November 7
5:00 pm † Bill Brandt

Sunday, November 8
8:00 am † Peter Aldi
10:30 am † Parishioners of the Cluster



PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

"By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

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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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Theresa's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. Come by and visit our vendors for some enjoyable Christmas shopping. After your shopping you can then sit and relax while enjoying some refreshments from our kitchen. On the way out stop at our baked goods table to take home some delicious baked goods and Christmas cookies. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

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!



ADULT ED CLASSES

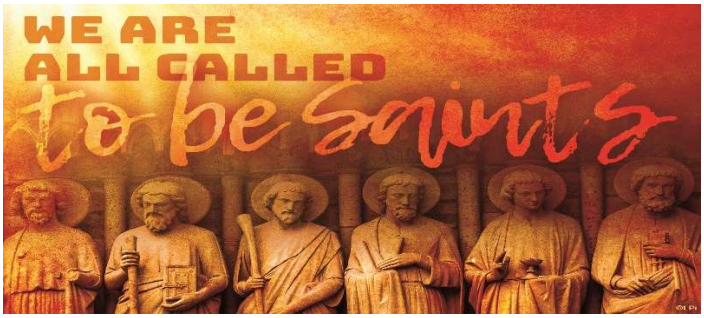
Join us for Adult Education every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (except holidays) in the basement of the Parish Center. Each week, we'll watch a brief video offering a summary on the Sunday Scripture readings. All are welcome!

LIFE MINISTRIES- CARDS OF CARE

Life Ministries has a group of volunteers who send uplifting cards to parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or residing in nursing homes. If you or someone you know could use a little encouragement, please contact the parish office with their name and details. A thoughtful card can go a long way in reminding someone that they are loved and remembered in prayer.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday:	All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday:	St. Martin de Porres, Religious; *Election Day*
Wednesday:	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Thursday:	-
Friday:	-
Saturday:	-





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, Jennifer O'Reilly, 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 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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