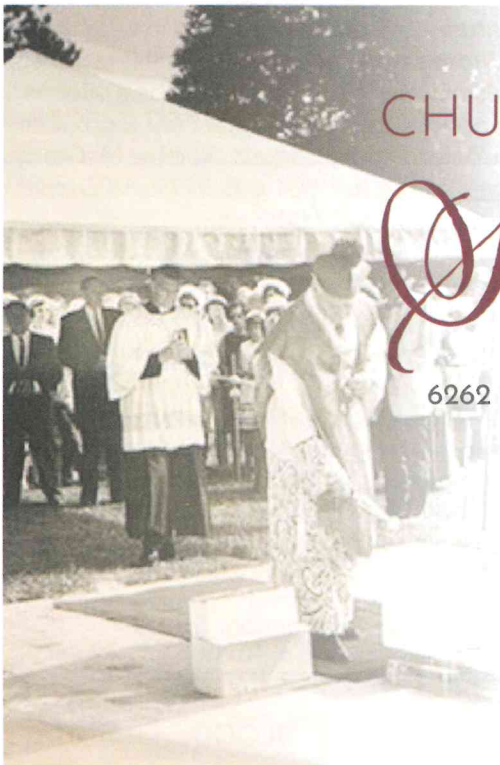


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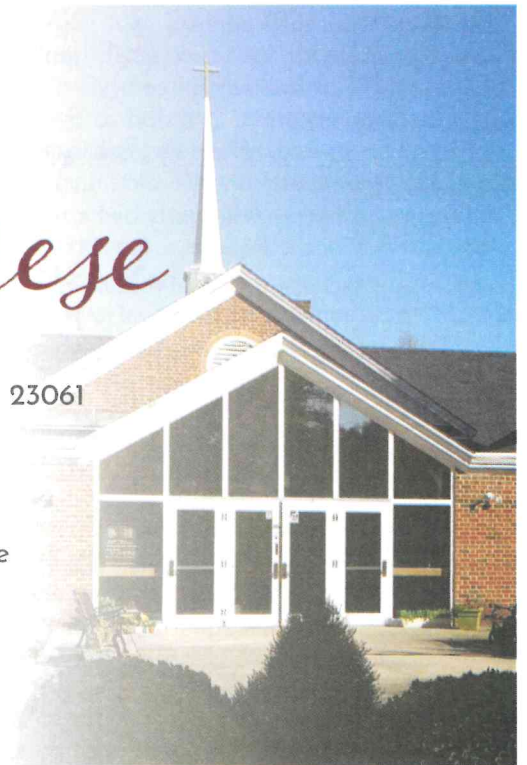
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin
each week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the
month at 6:15 p.m. or by
appointment



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday -

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The parish community of
St. Therese welcomes you.

Please see an usher or
contact the
Parish Office for a
registration form.



AUGUST 30, 2026

MASSSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 p.m. Miguel Melendez by Denise & Allen Canada

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Sherrayn Haggerty by Debbie Kelly

10:30a.m. For the People

Monday, August 31st – No Mass

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00 a.m. For the People

Wednesday, September 2nd

9:00 a.m. Veronica Kathryn Hiney by Denise and Allen Canada

Thursday, September 3rd

9:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, September 4th

12:00 p.m. Patrick Shea by Robert and Eileen Shea

Saturday, September 5th

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Virginia Conway by Linda & Chris Conway

10:30 a.m. Bonnita Mendonca by Mindy Scott

Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Loving Memory of Frederick Wolpert

Altar arrangements provided by Leizel Synder in Loving Memory of Lila and Leo Cawaling

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
Registration for Sunday classes began for all youth of the parish, Grades K-5 and 6-12, after Masses August 15th and continues until today, August 30th. Please be sure to stop by the table and fill out the form for your child(ren). Registration fees will be collected at this time also. If your child needs sacramental preparation, be sure to let us know.

YOUTH MINISTRY CATECHISTS NEEDED
The youth of the parish need you, your stories, your faith, your presence. This school year, catechists are needed to be a part of the instruction and the fun that is Youth Ministry. No formal degrees or certificates are needed, just a willingness to engage with our youth and facilitate instruction. There are many ways to help, but primarily instructors are needed to pass on the teachings of the Church. If God is calling you to be a part of this ministry, contact Linda Gregory for more information at 804-693-5939, ext. 4 or youthministry@stthersglo.org.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Beginning **September 1st**, weekday Masses will be celebrated Tuesdays through Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12:00 Noon. Every **Wednesday**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration in the sanctuary will follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Check out this link: **Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone**
www.catholicscomehome.org

RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held on the **third Wednesday** of each month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

NEW GRIEF SHARE SESSION BEGINNING
GriefShare is a 13-week grief recovery support group. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how painful and isolating it can be. It does not have to be endured alone.
In this session you will hear insights from grief recovery experts. You will meet others who understand what you are going through because they have been there. You will receive comfort and support and learn practical tips for navigating grief.

The next session begins here at St. Therese on Sunday, September 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group will be in the Meeting Room. There is no cost to attend and receive the workbook. For questions or more information, contact Linda Gregory at 804-815-7695. Go to GriefShare.org to register online.

YOUTH MINISTRY 2026 – 2027



The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that is mixed into the flour until it worked through all the dough.
Based on Matthew 13:33

Faith Formation for all 6th through 12th grade youth will be starting on Sunday, September 13, 2026. We meet at the YLC from 12:00-1:30 p.m. every Sunday. Please register for this program as soon as possible.

How can Jesus make us all like yeast for the world? COME SEE! For questions, contact the office of Youth Ministry at 804-693-593, ext. 4 or Linda Gregory at youthministry@stthersglo.org.

THERESIAN SOCIETY
Ladies of the parish, consider joining us on Friday, September 11th. The Theresians will be meeting on the **second Friday of September 11th at 9:20 a.m. for the social time and the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.** Please note that we will NOT meet on the first Friday of September (the 4th). We welcome you to come and share some comradery, some prayer, and some planning for the year ahead.

ROSARY WALK/MEDITATION GARDEN UPDATE
Phase I of the Rosary Walk/Meditation Garden is complete! But we still have some work to do. Phase II will involve a substantial amount of landscaping. Our plan will include low maintenance shrubs, flowers and plants native to our area. These will primarily be on the inside of the Rosary Walk, to complement the tree that has been planted. To achieve a quiet setting, the Rosary Walk Committee will consider plantings on the outside perimeter of the Walk/Meditation area.

Please prayerfully reflect on contributing to the landscaping effort. Donations can be made online through the church website, or you can drop your donation in the black box near the door to the office. Please make sure your donation is clearly marked "Rosary Walk". Thank you to all our parishioners.

SAINT THÉRÈSE BOOK STUDY GROUP
The Saint Thérèse book study group just completed their study of *Saint Teresa of Avila's The Way of Perfection*. On September 9, we will begin a study of *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*. Saint Augustine is one of the great doctors of the Church, widely respected for his understanding of original sin, but he is also widely respected by literary scholars as the originator of the autobiography and for his understanding of introspection and the use of memory.

We meet in the study room on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. We'll be using the Bibliotheca Magna edition of *The Confessions*, available on Amazon. Hope to see you there!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY
The Morning Bible Study Group will resume its weekly meetings on Thursday, September 3rd. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. For the first six sessions, the group will be discussing various parables using the book *"Parables – Stories of the Kingdom"* by Amy Welborn. New participants are always welcomed. If interested and would like more information, please call or text Sid Dugas at 804-815-6288 or email at spdugas@cox.net or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY
Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, with Burgos & Barcelona Spain – March 7-16, 2027. Teresa Mary Hinton is partnering with Collette Tours. Please contact her if you are interested 804-824-5735 or email teres2hinton@gmail.com. There is limited space available. \$3,849.00 per person double occupancy or \$4,549.00 for single occupancy. Travel insurance is available.

This price includes airfare, the tour and transportation to the Richmond airport.

OCIA



The Church of St. Therese began OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) August 1st, Saturdays, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. We are using a brand new study that is getting rave reviews: *Invited: Your Journey into the Catholic Church* published by Ascension Press. This is a 28-week program covering everything one can imagine regarding what we believe, why we believe, how we practice, etc., covering topics like "How Can We Know That God Exists?" and "If God Is Good, Why This Mess?" ALL ARE WELCOME, and in fact encouraged, because most of us have forgotten more than we ever knew about our Catholic faith. Time to brush up your apologetics skills! Questions? Contact Kerry Fallon in the office, 804-693-5939, ext. 5 or k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY
With warm weather here and the GUEST shelter open only Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the following items have been requested to help keep the shelter well stocked. You can take donations directly to the shelter at 6536 Moose Drive or deposit them in the basket outside of the office. Items requested are: bug spray, sunscreen, body wipes, ready-to-eat food, snack foods (Nutri-grain bars, chips, Pop-Tarts), creamer, sugar, paper towels, paper plates.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Parents interested in having their children baptized should contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information on sacrament preparation.

BINGO
Bingo is played on Tuesday nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated. **Note: There will be NO BINGO September 1st.**

ST. THERESE DIVINE MERCY GROUP
Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS
October 3, 2026
All families, youth ministries, and young adult groups from around the Diocese are invited to Catholic Day at Busch Gardens on Saturday, October 3, 2026! The day at the park includes Sunday Vigil Mass and an optional all-you-can eat dinner buffet as a Diocese. Registration is \$82.00 per individual for an all-inclusive pass, \$55.00 per individual for a single-day admission, and \$27.00 per individual for the all-you-can eat dinner buffet only. Don't wait to register and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and celebrating the Eucharist with Catholics in our Diocese! For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/events.





LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY?
Or perhaps you need service hours for a school club or organization. The Bread for Life Food Pantry would love to have you. The Pantry is open for guests on Monday or Wednesday and needs help with packaging donated food, stocking the bins or serving the clients that come to the pantry. To volunteer, contact Tracey Reed at 804-694-9366.

ST. THERESE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Began by Betty Zahn many years ago, the prayer shawl ministry creates and prays over not only shawls, but also, hats, scarves, slippers and lap robes for gifting to others. Opportunities for gifting are the reception of sacraments, birthdays, weddings, surgeries, illnesses and more. Items are available in the Social Hall along the back wall and are free for all. We meet each Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. For more information, contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 or N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027:	\$ 798,016.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 15,346.46
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 6,803.00
E-giving:	\$ 2,921.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 100.00
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 9,824.00
Total Weekend Mass Count:	415

Second Collection:
September 6 – MMR

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



Greetings of peace and love to all parish family of St. Therese of Lisieux and friends,

I was born in the Philippines and my parents moved to Malaysia when I was 2 years old and lived in Malaysia for 30 plus years. I had ninth siblings, six boys and three girls. I did my formation in the Seminary in Malaysia for ninth years then continue in Philippines. I was ordained to the priesthood in November 11, 2001 by the late Bishop Jesus Varela. After three years as a priest, I was asked by bishop to journey and do my ministry in the US in Richmond Diocese. I arrived in VA in April 4, 2004. My first assignment as parochial vicar at St. Bede, then the following year July 3 as pastor of St. Pius X, Norfolk. After six-year, I was transferred to St. Nicholas, Virginia Beach (2011-2026).

July 3rd, 2026, I officially, joyfully and excited to join our Parish family of St. Therese of Lisieux. I am deeply humbled and blessed to begin my service and ministry as your new pastor. Arriving here is a true joy, and I cannot wait to meet each of you and become part of your lives and this vibrant community.

My heart is open to listening, learning and growing in faith alongside you. Thus, with your participation let's make our community of faith the "Synodal Church". Walking together, we grow together in faith, and we will support each other through our participation and proactive attendance in our parish activities and programs. We will continue to center our days around the Eucharist and vibrant prayer.

Little way: Inspired and lived by our Patron St. Therese of Lisieux, I believe great love is shown in small, everyday actions and daily acts of kindness in our season of life. I'm so blessed and grateful that I get the privilege to serve the Little Flower community. One of the things that really gives life is simply connecting with others and walking the journey of faith with you all in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

My office door is always open for chat, questions and prayer. As I continue my ministry, I'm looking forward to welcoming more people to be part of our parish family! In the spirit of St. Therese, who was grateful to bloom where she was planted, I'm grateful to follow God's will as best I can with the help and prayers of this amazing parish.

Please know that I am praying for you and your families. I ask for your prayers as well, that I may be a good shepherd and faithful servant among you. I hope we can grow closer to God together through simple acts of kindness, prayer, and service.

Journeying together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Venancio R. Balarote". The signature is stylized with a large initial "V" and "B".

Fr. Venancio R. Balarote "Jun" Pastor

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