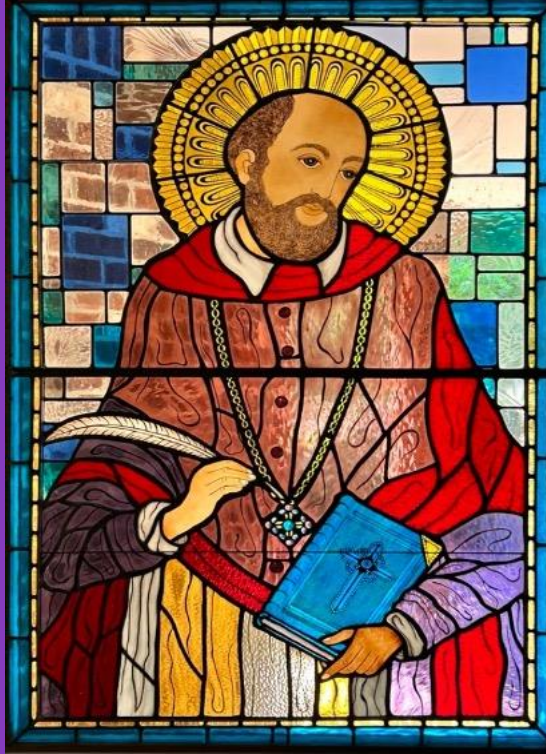


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176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16:
The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 89:
“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27:
The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38:
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Greeter:

Usher: E. Lipinski / J. Oliver

Lectors: M. Henig / C. Henig

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: M. Haas / J. Dawson

Counters: D. Darby / T. Darby

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Roman Catholic Church
176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

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Parish Administrator: Paul Flaherty

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Tuesday 8 am-4pm

Friday 8am-Noon

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Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 PM

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Holy Days: 6:30pm

Every 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation on request.

Marriage: call the priest at least six months in advance.

Baptism: call the priest at least one month in advance.

Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI Dec 22 9:00 AM Weekday Mass Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent.

TUES Dec 26 No Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 4th Week of Advent.

FRI Dec 29 No Weekday Mass Friday of the 4th Week of Advent.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

WED Dec 20 6:30 PM Reconciliation Service at the Church of Francis de Sales.

FdS Parish Offertory Income				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024				
[Through the end of November 2023 – 5-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
November Totals	\$13,083	\$10,886	(- \$2,197)	(-17%)
Year To Date to 11/30/23	\$65,417	\$78,771	+ \$13,354	+20%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY WHICH HELPS OUR CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES COMMUNITY THRIVE.

Our Announcements

The 2024 Offertory Envelopes and Parish Calendars are now available. Please pick up yours in the corner of the Commons.

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD’S BIRTH, PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE RECONCILIATION SERVICE TODAY, **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 6:30 PM** AT THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES.

We will offer an Advent Penitential Liturgy at our Church of Francis de Sales today, **Wednesday, December 20th**.

Special Intentions for Mass: If you would like to have a Mass offered for the intention of a loved one, friend, or another special request, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!

**Church of Francis de Sales
Advent Calendar 2023**

Mass Times

<i>Sunday, December 3rd</i>	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>
<i>Friday, December 8th</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>(9:00 a.m. COV) 6:30 p.m. FDS</i>
<i>Sunday, December 10th</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 13th</i>	<i>Advent Reconciliation</i>	<i>(7:00 p.m. COV)</i>
<i>Sunday, December 17th</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 20th</i>	<i>Advent Reconciliation</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. FDS</i>
<i>Sunday, December 24th</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>
<i>Sunday, December 24th</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>	<i>5:00 p.m. FDS (7:00 p.m. COV)</i>
<i>Monday, December 25th</i>	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>
<i>Monday, January 1, 2024</i>	<i>New Year's Day Mass</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. FDS</i>

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 ***No Weekday Mass on this day.***

Friday, January 5, 2024 ***No Weekday Mass on this day.***

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***FDS = Church of Francis de Sales, Mathews, VA
COV = Church of The Visitation, Topping, VA***

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
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	Patsy Lynch	

**Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women, and Their Families.
 Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our country's time of need.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

MSgt Kristin Buludis	Daughter of Randy & Terry Dobson	US Air Force	Langley AFB, VA
CPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Naples, Italy
SSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
E6 John Robert Pizzicar	Son-in-law of Jim & Deona Pavik	US Navy	Fort Meade, MD
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
2LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX

Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012.
Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
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Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Paul Reardon
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
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Memorial Bricks	Paul Flaherty
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
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Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
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Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
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Sacramental Preparation – 1st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
Ushers	Ed Lipinski
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**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
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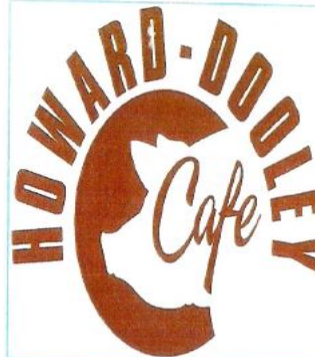
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