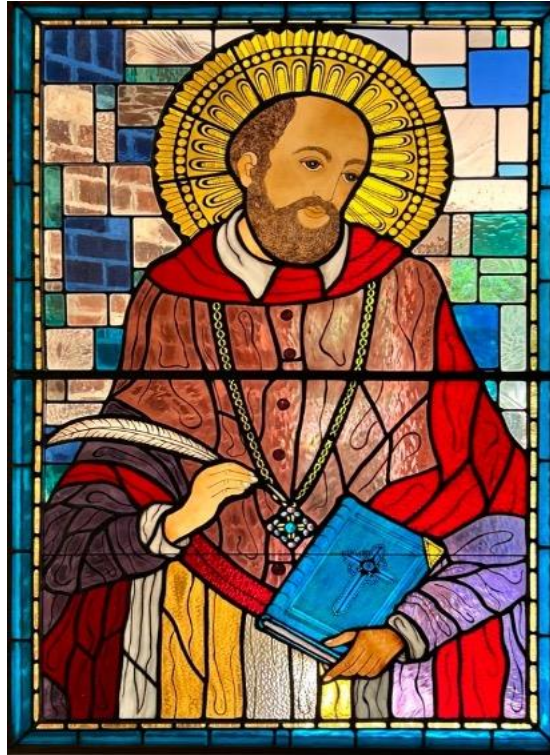


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176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

January 7, 2024
Epiphany of the Lord



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6:
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm 72:
“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6:
The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12:
We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.

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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:

When Isaiah wrote the poem that we hear today, the Israelites had just returned from decades of exile in Babylon. Judah was devastated and left desolate, but Isaiah saw it through eyes of faith. The magi must have seen with eyes of faith as well in order to present a newborn in a feeding trough with expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. As members of the one body of Christ, let us listen to God's word with ears of faith, recognizing ourselves in those who come to praise and worship the Lord.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI	Jan 5	9:00 a.m.	1 st Friday Mass, Devotions to the Sacred Heart followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
SAT	Jan 6	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	1 st Saturday Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.
TUE	Jan 9	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 1 st Week in Ordinary Time.
FRI	Jan 12	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 1 st Week in Ordinary Time.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

SUN	Jan 7	12:00 Noon	The Annual Parish Christmas Party, right after Mass in the Commons Area.
SAT	Feb 10	1:00-3:00 p.m.	The 4 th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser to be held in the Commons Area.

FdS Parish Offertory Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Parish Offertory Income Collection will be provided in the Sunday Bulletin on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.

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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.

Reminder: The Annual Parish Christmas Party will be held this Sunday, January 7, 2024, in the Commons Area, right after Mass. Ham will be provided, please remember to bring a side dish or dessert for 10-12 people. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The 4th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser: The 4th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Commons Area. Tickets will be available for sale starting on January 7, 2024, for only \$25.00 (last day for ticket sales will be February 4, 2024), presales only NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. A limited number of tickets are available for sale so obtain your tickets early. The Ladies Victorian will give a presentation of "From Shift to Chemise," a comparison of 18th and 19th century fashion. The menu for the tea will include an assortment of tea flavors, tea sandwiches, scones, and dainty desserts. As usual the gentlemen from the parish will be our servers. Please come and prepare for an enjoyable Saturday afternoon with your female family and friends.

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 Remaining Christmas Calendar 2024

Mass Times

PLEASE SEE CORRECTIONS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES BELOW

Friday, January 5, 2024

1st Friday Mass

9:00 a.m. FDS

**Devotions to the Sacred Heart
followed by Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday, January 6, 2024

**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions Rosary
followed by 1st Saturday Mass**

**9:30 a.m. FDS
10:00 a.m.**

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**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
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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
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1 st LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
1 st LT Grace Walsh	Granddaughter-in-law 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 (updated 1/3/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
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Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
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Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
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Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tina Darby
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
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Finance Council Chair	Leon Iveson
Funeral Coordinator	
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Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Mary Flaherty
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Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
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 - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
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**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
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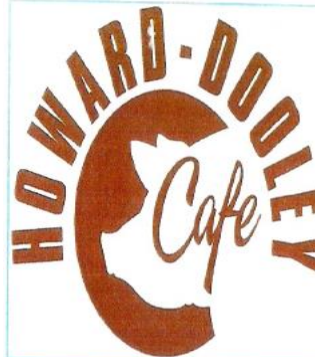
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