

# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Mass Intention is in remembrance of the Second Anniversary of the Passing of Terry Dobson.



First Reading: Leviticus: 13:1-2, 44-46:

The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm 32:

“I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1:

Be imitators of me, as I am Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45:

The leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Greeter: J Miller

Usher: J. Oliver / E. Chadwell

Lectors: M. Flaherty / P. Hyer

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: S. Henig / J. Dawson / M. Henig

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## Church of Francis de Sales

Roman Catholic Church  
176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

Parochial Administrator: Reverend Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah  
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Please remember to read our church website at: <https://www.FdSChurch.org>

*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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart      Mass at 9:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ancient times, when people contracted leprosy they were immediately excluded from the community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to Him. Not only did He heal him, He did so by reaching out and touching him, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between “clean” and “unclean.” As Jesus did, so did Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear today inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

## This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUE	Feb 13	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.
WED	Feb 14	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of ashes.
FRI	Feb 16	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.

## Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

TUE	Feb 20	6:30 p.m.	Soup and Stations of the Cross
TUE	Feb 27	6:30 p.m.	Soup and Stations of the Cross

### 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.*

**THANK YOU.**

**YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES TO THRIVE AND BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.**

## Our Announcements

**Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

**As we participate in the Lenten Season and observe the Passion of Our Lord, please join us for Soup and Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

If you desire a **Tax Statement for 2023**, please add your name to the list on the round counter in the commons.  
You can also call Mary Marshall in the office to request one.

**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!



### **The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Academic Year 2024-2025**

The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Fund supports graduating high school seniors who are obtaining a Bachelor's Degree by attending a 4-year college or university and are qualified active members of the Church of Francis de Sales in Mathews County, Virginia. This is a 4-year renewing scholarship.

Current recipients and new applicants must submit an electronic application or renewal application for the 2024-2025 academic year to the Mathews Community Foundation by Tuesday, **March 05, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Supporting documents are required as outlined in the application form on the Community Foundation website (i.e., Student Financial Information Form as well as a statement of reflection on personal growth and faith as a parishioner of the Church of Francis de Sales).

This link can be used by students who wish to apply: [CFengage | High school - Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula](#)

On this page, students can access all the scholarship opportunities available to them by typing "Mathews" into the search bar. They will need to scroll until they find the Claude V. Simmons Scholarship, and there is a button that says "Apply Now," which will take them to our online scholarship's portal. They will need to create an account to apply, but if they are applying for multiple scholarships, they can use the same account to apply to them all.

Mr. Lincoln Boykin of the Community Foundation is available to answer any questions regarding the scholarship and to assist in submitting the application. Mr. Boykin can be reached by calling 804-436-1600 (Kilmarnock Office) or 804-725-3454 (Mathews Office).

More info about scholarships and a timeline for this year's awards is here: [CFengage | Community Foundation Scholarships](#)

Recipients will be selected based on greatest financial need.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Michael Henig at 804-725-7750 or call the Parish Office at 804-725-2776.

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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.**

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1 <sup>st</sup> 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 2/4/24)

<b>Parochial Administrator, Liturgy</b>	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Mary Marshall
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<b>Lectors Ministry</b>	Ed McNamee
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<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Schirmer
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<b>Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Parish Life</b>	Rita Engle
<b>Parish Outreach</b>	Helen Yacobucci
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Mary Flaherty
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<b>Sacramental Preparation - Baptism</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation</b>	Jessie Miller
<b>Sacramental Preparation – 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Lipinski
<b>Webmaster</b>	Ed McNamee

**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,  
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.**

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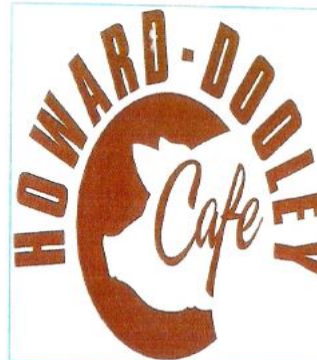
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