

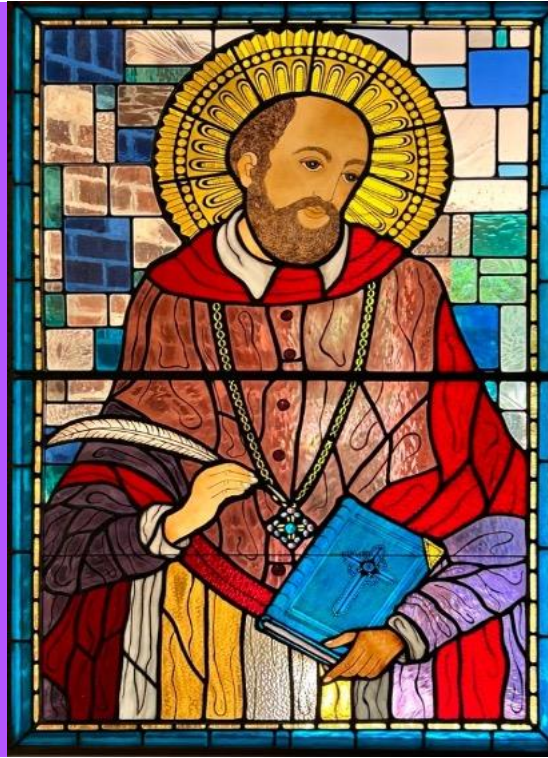
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent and Second Scrutiny (Year A)

Mass Intention for today is for the Repose of the Soul of Ken Truffer.



First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a:
Samuel anointed David to be king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 23:
“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

Second Reading: Ephesians:5:8-14:
Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Gospel Acclamation:
“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41:
The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

Greeter: K. Walls

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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 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:

What does it mean to see? How do we fail to see? Samuel saw the strong and imposing sons of Jesse, but failed to look into the heart of each one. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to live in the light of Christ, where they could see what was pleasing to the Lord. Jesus cured the blind man, who soon recognized Jesus as Lord, but others refused to see Jesus as anything but a sinner because he cured him on the sabbath. Listening to today's readings, let us note who truly discerns what they see, who fails to do so, and what makes the difference.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI	Mar 8	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 3 rd Week of Lent and First Scrutiny. Mass Intention: God's Peace and Tranquility within Families and between Nations.
TUE	Mar 12	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 4 th Week of Lent and Second Scrutiny.
FRI	Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 4 th Week of Lent and Second Scrutiny.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

TUE	Mar 12	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup
THUR	Mar 21	6:30 p.m.	As we look forward to the Celebration of Our Lord and Redeemer's Resurrection, please join us for a Night of Reconciliation. This will take place at the Church of Francis de Sales.

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 GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR OUR FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH TO LIVE – PREACH – TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Congratulations and God Bless Keith Taylor on his Confirmation! Keith was Confirmed last Tuesday by Bishop Knestout at St. Bede's Church in Williamsburg. Job well done Keith!

Our Announcements

As we participate in the Lenten Season and observe the Passion of Our Lord, please join us for **Stations of the Cross and Soup** on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

As we look forward to the Celebration of Our Lord and Redeemer's Resurrection, please join us for a **Night of Reconciliation** to be held on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM.
This will take place at The Church of Francis de Sales.

Easter Flower Donation: For a \$15 donation in remembrance of a family member or friend you can take a potted plant home with you after the Easter Season and transplant it in your garden.
Thank you for helping to make our altar look beautiful this Easter Season.

Diocesan Ministry Leader Convocation: *"He Lives in Me."* Friday, May 17 – Saturday May 18. The Diocese of Richmond's Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring a convocation for our ministry leaders which includes two keynote speakers, many breakout opportunities, publisher booths and the opportunity to interact and mingle with other leaders in our diocese. This gathering will be held at the beautiful Virginia Crossings in Glen Allen, VA. The registration fee includes your hotel room, meals, speaker presentations and Mass with Bishop Knestout. Please see the link below for more information and to register. NOTE: The cost is \$200.
<https://cdrocf.regfox.com/ministry-leader-convocation-2024>

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!

CRS RICE BOWL

What is CRS Rice Bowl? Annually the Church of Francis de Sales works with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to sponsor the Lenten Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowl is a Lenten Program for Catholic families to put their faith into action. By following the daily reflections and activities in the Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar, you can provide needed funds for families in need both globally and locally. Seventy five percent of Rice Bowl funds are spent globally, and twenty five percent will go for local needs.

The theme for the Rice Bowl this year is Bread of Life, as Jesus said in John 6:35 "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Your donations can help families gain dignity and provide support for their family. Your donation of \$40.00 can obtain chickens to provide protein-rich eggs for one family, or \$80.00 can buy a goat that will provide milk and income or \$150.00 will build a garden for nutrition and income. All donations received small or large, will help our family around the world.

Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the Commons and start your Lenten alms giving and return them to the church the Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2024.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Joe King	Dottie Long	Allen Robins
Jean Tanner	Rita Guarino	Joy Long
Anna Deagle	Fred Moody	William Scott Smith
Sharon Simmons	Timothy Farrell	Nan Seals
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Nicholas Koch	Vicki Krieger	Doug Seals
Bitsy Riffe	Patsy Lynch	Larry Whitfield
	James McLaughlin	
	Marie Pribble	
	Steve Bryne	
	Paul Oliver	

**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.**

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	Stationed Overseas
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
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 2/14/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
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Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
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New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
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Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
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Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
Ushers	Ed Lipinski
Webmaster	Ed McNamee

**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
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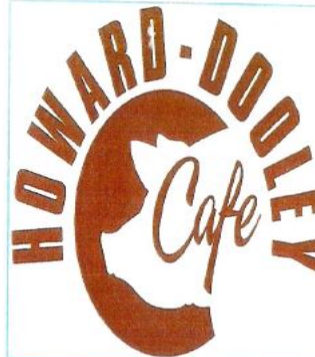
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