

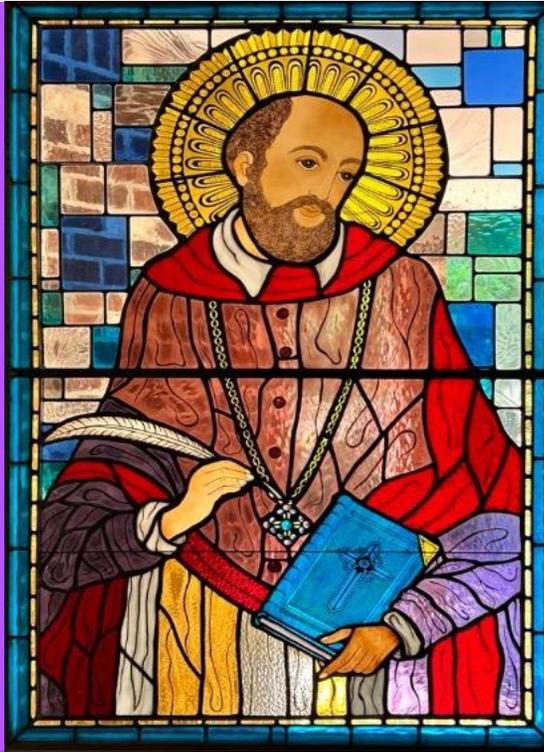
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent and Third Scrutiny (Year A)

Mass Intention: Our Lord's Blessings on Francis McLoughlin



First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

Responsorial Psalm 130:

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11:

The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.

Gospel: John 11:1-45:

I am the resurrection and the life.

Greeter: H. Keitz

Usher: J. Oliver / E. Chadwell

Lectors: T. Darby / M. Flaherty

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: T. Darby / M. Haas / M. Flaherty

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Church of Francis de Sales

Roman Catholic Church
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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:

Before we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb, Ezekiel prophesies of the day that God will open the graves of the faithful and put a new spirit within them. Paul writes to the Romans that the Spirit of Christ will give new life to those who live in the spirit. All of this sets us up for one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels outside Christ's Passion: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. May God's word inspire us to embrace a new life in the Spirit.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

- TUE** **Mar 19** **9:00 a.m.** **Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent and Third Scrutiny. Mass Intention: Our Lord’s Blessings on Francis McLoughlin.**
- FRI** **Mar 22** **9:00 a.m.** **Weekday Mass Friday of the 5th Week of Lent and Third Scrutiny. Mass Intention: Our Lord’s Blessings on Francis McLoughlin.**

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

- 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 Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 [Through the end of February 2024 – 8-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
February Totals	\$13,083	\$16,065	+ \$2,982	+ 23%
Year To Date to 02/29/24	\$104,667	\$124,303	+ \$19,636	+ 19%
<p>THANK YOU.</p> <p><i>YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH ALLOWS US TO LIVE – PREACH – TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.</i></p>				

Our Announcements

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.

The Church of St. Therese, located in Gloucester, Virginia, is seeking a faithful and passionate Catholic for part-time employment as **Coordinator of Youth Ministry**. The successful candidate will be one who strives to lead a life of personal holiness and has a shepherd's heart to search out and lead teens closer to Christ. He/she must have the energy to build a youth program. Applicants should have at least a Bachelor's Degree and/or experience in youth ministry. The position is responsible for overseeing the middle school and high school programs with vision, including sacramental preparation for Confirmation, with special attention given to empowering lay leadership among both adults and teens. **Position begins July 1, 2024.** Salary and benefits consistent with diocesan guidelines, qualifications, and experience.

Send cover letter, resume, and Richmond Diocesan application (www.richmonddiocese.org- go to Directory>Human Resources>Employment & Benefits>Apply for a Job) by **May 17th** to the Chair of the Search Committee, Anne Patullo, at adpatullo@gmail.com.

For more information, you can call the pastor, Father Gregory Kandt, at [804-693-9043](tel:804-693-9043).

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
Alice Mercer	Margaret McLaughlin	Kenneth Marshall
Gloria Bosley	Ruth Brown	Mary Marshall
Matthew DeForge	Maria Hurst	Lourdes Parker
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Nicholas Koch	Patsy Lynch	Doug Seals
Bitsy Riffe	James McLaughlin	Larry Whitfield
	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
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
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Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
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Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tina Darby
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Leon Iveson
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
Grounds Manager	Alan Downs/Drew Darby
Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Mary Flaherty
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
Music Ministry	Cathy Schirmer
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
RCIA	Cheryl Henig
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,
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.**

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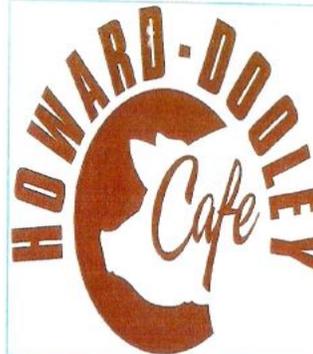
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