

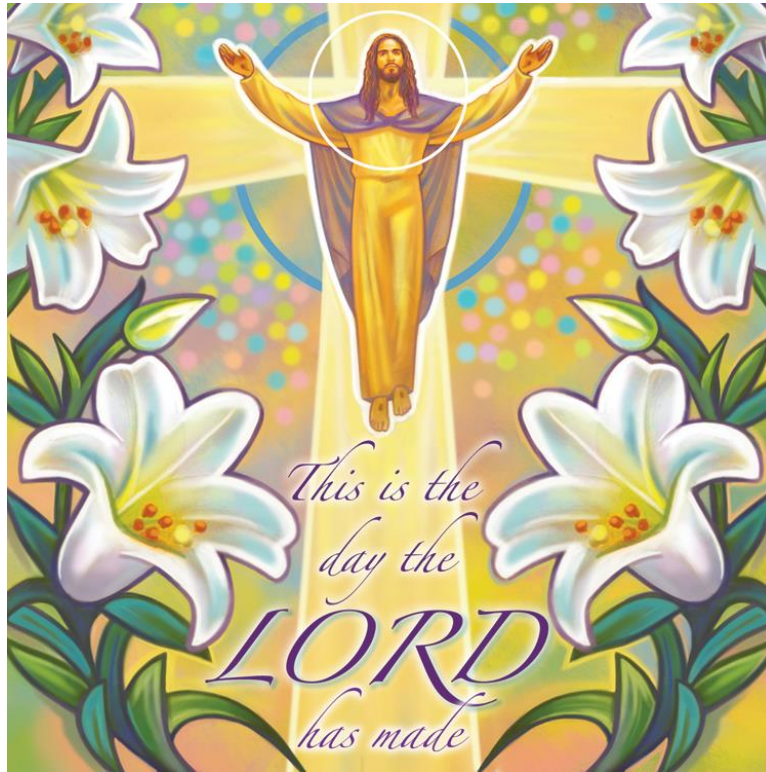
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass intention is for Our Lord's Blessing on the People of the Church Of Francis de Sales.



First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43:

We ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4:

Seek what is above, where Christ is.

Gospel: John 20:1-9:

He had to rise from the dead.

Greeter: P. Walsh

Usher: J. Noonan / J. Walsh

Lectors: E. McNamee / T. Darby

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Yacobucci / J. Dawson / C. Schirmer

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Roman Catholic Church
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Monday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

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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 p.m.

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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:

Through the gift of God's word, we get to hear how the Resurrection even gradually came to be understood by the early disciples. In the first two readings, Peter and Paul speak of how our life has completely changed because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We may receive forgiveness of sins in His name. We now seek what is above, our destiny. We have become a fresh batch of dough in the hands of the Lord. But upon first seeing the empty tomb, neither Mary Magdalene, Peter, nor John understands what happened.

However, even then, a glimmer of faith was kindled.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI	Mar 29	12:00-3:00 p.m.	Retreat/Stations of the Cross to be held at COV.
FRI	Mar 29	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service to be held at COV.
SAT	Mar 30	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil to be held at COV.
FRI	Apr 5		There will <u>not</u> be a weekday/1 st Friday Mass on this date.
SAT	Apr 6	9:30 a.m.	1 st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 a.m. There will <u>not</u> be a 1 st Saturday Mass on this date.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

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 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH ALLOWS US TO LIVE – PREACH – TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

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 of 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. **Please return them to the church the Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2024.**



Easter Flower Donations

A special thank you to those members who helped make our altar look beautiful this Easter Season!

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Our Announcements

Please note: The church office will be closed Friday, March 29th, Good Friday, and Monday, April 1st, Holy Monday. Also, Fr. Koo will be away from Monday, April 1st through Saturday, April 13th.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, April 16th, at the Piankatank Ruritan Building. The Church of Francis de Sales is sponsoring this Blood Drive. Please sign up in the Commons Area after Mass the next two Sundays if you are available to help set up tables and chairs, assist in the canteen, or escort donors as needed.

Please see Helen Yacobucci if you have any questions.

Divine Mercy Sunday Service: All Parishes are invited to the **St. Joan of Arc Divine Mercy Prayer Service on April 7, 2024, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 315 Harris Grove Lane, Yorktown, VA.** Service will begin with Eucharistic Adoration. A reflection on Divine Mercy and suffering will be presented by Fr. Michael Joly. Following will be the chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, readings from Holy Scripture and St. Faustina's Diary. The Service will close with Benediction and a small reception. For more information contact: Donna Prantl at: (757) 621-8353 or Cathy Fowler at: (757) 329-4059.

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**.

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!

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
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	Steve Bryne	
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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.

CPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
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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 2/14/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
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Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
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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
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Sacramental Preparation – 1st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
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**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
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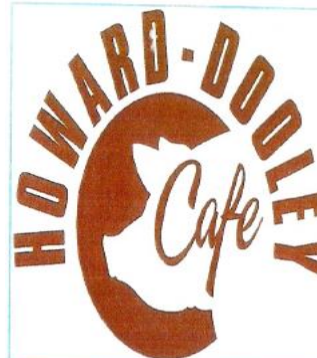
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