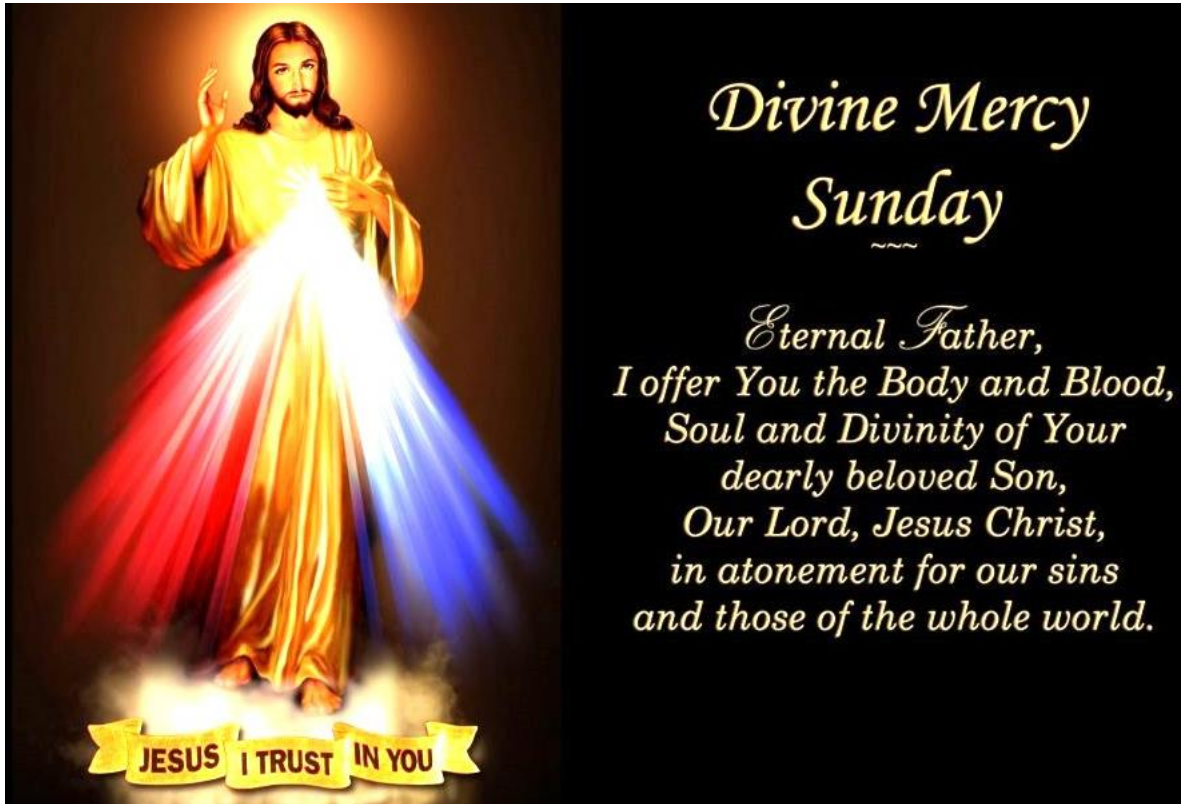


# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

April 7, 2024  
Sunday of Divine Mercy



First Reading: Acts 4:32-35:  
They were of one heart and mind.

Responsorial Psalm 118:  
“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love is everlasting.”

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6:  
Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31:  
Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Greeter: J. Miller

Usher: J. Oliver / J. Emerson

Lector: P. Hyer

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig / C. Henig

Counters: C. Hudson / C. Hudson

## **Church of Francis de Sales**

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

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

The glory of the Resurrection permeates God's word on this joyous day that continues our Easter celebration. No longer are the disciples confused and adrift, as they were when first seeing the empty tomb. In the first reading, we hear that the entire community of believers bears witness to the Resurrection by what they do and how they live. They treat each other with mercy and love, as Jesus did when He appeared to all the disciples, even Thomas, who had doubted. Let us join in praise, for God's mercy endures forever.

**This Week in the Liturgy of the Church**

TUES      April 9                      There will not be a weekday Mass on this date.  
FRI        April 12                      There will not be a weekday 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.*

**THANK YOU.**

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## Our Announcements

**Please note:** Father Koo will be away from Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Father Robert Brownell will celebrate Sunday Mass in Fr. Koo's stead on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CRS RICE BOWL - Please return the CRS Rice Bowls to the church this Sunday, April 7, 2024.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday Service:** All Parishes are invited to the **St. Joan of Arc Divine Mercy Prayer Service this Sunday, 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.

**Pilgrimage to France – November 12-21, 2024:** Join Father Gregory Kandt for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France. Our program traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland). We will walk in the footsteps of some of the most important visionary men and women of faith – people who offered new ways to respond to the exigencies of their time, bringing the Gospel to life. We begin in the charming town of Lisieux to explore the life and times of St. Therese of Lisieux. We travel to Paris via Alencon (birthplace of St. Therese) and Versailles (the magnificent palace constructed by Louis XIV and the center of French royal life and politics). In Paris our focus will be on sites associated with St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac who founded orders that addressed the plight of the poor. We then head southeast toward Dijon, stopping in Avon-Fontainbleau to see the Carmelite center. Dijon is a historic town at the center of a rich wine growing and agricultural region blessed with inventive cuisine and art. We continue the theme of our program visiting sites associated with visionary saints including Elizabeth of the Trinity and the Dijon Carmel. We continue to Ars to explore the life and times of the Cure' of Ars before traveling to the breathtakingly beautiful town of Annecy and finally, to Geneva. We will celebrate Eucharist in historic venues and enjoy local cuisine and wine throughout our program. The itinerary is a feast for the soul, for the eyes, and for the palate – savoring the spiritual and cultural heritage of France. **For more information about the itinerary, costs, & registration (suggested by April 12), visit: <https://www.travelillume.com/trc/ary> or call Illume at: 617-367-6757 ex 128**

**Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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](http://www.richmonddiocese.org)- go to Directory>Human Resources>Employment & Benefits>Apply for a Job) by May 17<sup>th</sup> to the Chair of the Search Committee, Anne Patullo, at: [adpatullo@gmail.com](mailto:adpatullo@gmail.com).** For more information, you can call the pastor, Father Gregory Kandt, at [804-693-9043](tel: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!

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	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.**

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1 <sup>st</sup> LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
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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 4/4/24)

<b>Parochial Administrator, Liturgy</b>	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Mary Marshall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jon Oliver
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<b>Commemorative Pavers</b>	Paul Flaherty
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<b>Faith Formation - Elementary</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Faith Formation - Adult</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Faith Formation - High School</b>	Courtney Hudson
<b>Finance Council Chair</b>	Leon Iveson
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jessica Miller
<b>Grounds Manager</b>	Alan Downs
<b>Hospitality / Funeral Receptions</b>	Mary Flaherty
<b>Lectors Ministry</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Liturgy</b>	Michelle Oliver
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Schirmer
<b>New Members</b>	Pat Lipinski
<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
<b>Pastoral Council Chair</b>	Eric Chadwell
<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b>	Cheryl Henig
<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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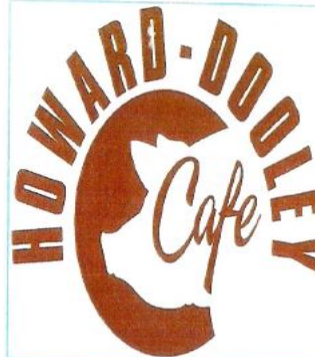
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