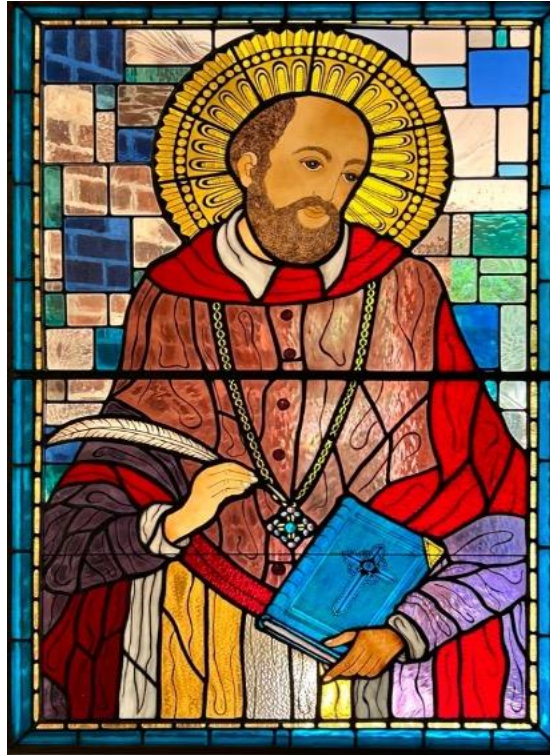


# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48:  
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Responsorial Psalm 98:  
“The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.”

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10:  
God is love.

Gospel: John 15:9-17:  
No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Greeter: Pat Walsh

Ushers: E. Lipinski / L. Haas

Lector: S. Sanderson / P. Sanderson

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Flaherty / J. Dawson / M. Haas

Counters: H. Keitz / R. Engle

## **Church of Francis de Sales**

Roman Catholic Church  
176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

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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:**

We are reminded once again to love one another. Why? John says because love is of God, as witnessed by the Father sending the Son to bring us new life and the Son dying for us on the cross to save us from our sins. What greater love can there be for us to imitate? Moreover, Jesus promises His disciples that when we follow His command to love one another, we remain in His love and will receive whatever we need. Let us listen to God's word, inspiring us to put our love for God and for others into action.

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

**TUES**      **May 7**      **9:00 a.m.**      **Weekday Mass Tuesday of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

**FRI**      **May 10**      **9:00 a.m.**      **Weekday Mass Friday of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

**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.*

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## Our Announcements

**Altar Flowers:** *The beautiful flowers on the Altar today are donated by Sabina Newton and Michael Owens in loving memory of their mother, Sabina Owens.*

**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>

**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!

<b>LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER</b>		
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Jim Pavik	Maria Hurst	Norm Connolly
Grace Hall	Catherine Bennett	Francis McLoughlin
Cathy Walker	Justin Bennett	Joan Haury
Rita Engle	David Colligan	Don Parker
Paul Reardon	Melissa Wilson	Doug Seals
Nicholas Koch	Vicki Krieger	Larry Whitfield
Bitsy Riffe	Marie Pribble	Sherrod Pugh
	Steve Bryne	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	
	Cindy Lockemy	

**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
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.*

**PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION**

## 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
<b>Bulletin</b>	Elaine Lynch
<b>Bulletin Advertisements</b>	Paul Reardon
<b>Columbarium</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Commemorative Pavers</b>	Paul Flaherty
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<b>Environment</b>	Pat Lipinski
<b>Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
<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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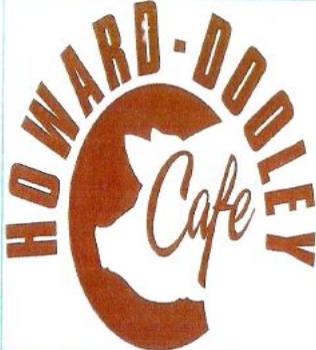
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