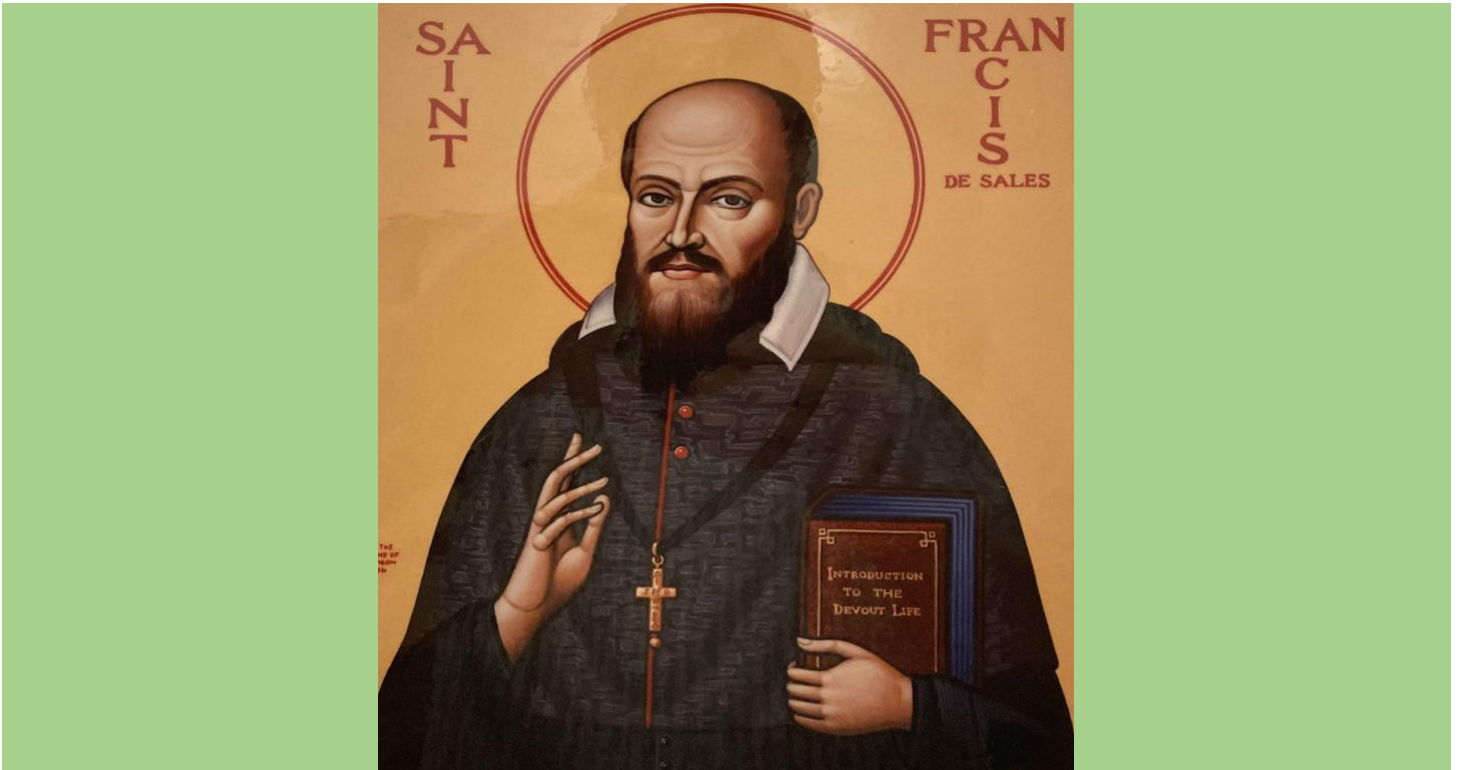


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176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

August 25, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b:
We will serve the Lord, for He is our God.

Responsorial Psalm 34:
"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32:
This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the church.

Gospel: John 6:60-69:
To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Greeter: H. Keitz

Ushers: C. Hall / E. Chadwell

Lectors: C. Varone / C. Reale

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson / M. Flaherty

Counters: C. Hudson / C. Hudson

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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:

For the Chosen People and Jesus' disciples, this is the moment of truth. They must make a choice: serve the Lord or leave. Joshua, in addressing this question to all the people, gets one response, while Jesus, in addressing all His disciples, receives a different one. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians that we, the Church, are members of Christ's body and that Christ loves the Church as a husband loves his wife. As we hear God's word, let us insert ourselves in each reading and make our choice.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES August 27 NO Weekday Mass on this date!

FRI August 30 NO Weekday Mass on this date!

FdS Parish Offertory Income				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025				
[Through the end of July 2024 – 1-month]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
July Totals	\$14,583	\$14,203	(-\$380)	(-2.6%)
Year To Date to 07/31/24	\$14,583	\$14,203	(-\$380)	(-2.6%)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT				

Our Announcements

Fr. Koo will be traveling back on Friday, October 4, and due to celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 6. Msgr. Tom Miller, who has been a priest of the Diocese of Richmond for nearly 49 years, will celebrate Mass on Sundays, August 25, September 1, and September 8.

Oktoberfest Tickets: It is that time of the year again! **Oktoberfest tickets will go on sale on Sunday, August 25th** after Mass in the Commons. Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door the day of the event. If you are able to work this fundraiser on **Saturday, October 19th**, please see Pat Lipinski. Your support with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

ALL ARE WELCOME!! Please join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the third Sunday of each month right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Commons Area. The next Hospitality Sunday will be held on **Sunday, September 15th**.

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		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Allen Robins
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	Joy Long
Alice Mercer	Patsy Lynch	William Scott Smith
Gloria Bosley	Fred Moody	Nan Seals
Matthew DeForge	James McLaughlin	Kenneth Marshall
Jim Pavik	Margaret McLaughlin	Lourdes Parker
Grace Hall	Ruth Brown	Tom Justis
Cathy Walker	Timothy Farrell	Maureen Connolly
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Paul Reardon	Catherine Bennett	Francis McLoughlin
Nicholas Koch	Justin Bennett	Joan Haury
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	Marie Pribble	Sherrod Pugh
	Steve Byrne	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	Callie Penic
	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	Kathryn Turner	
	Elizabeth Scott	
	Margaret Mann	

**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.**

CAPT 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
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
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.

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 8/16/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
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Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
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Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig / Cy Hudson
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
Grounds Manager	Allen Downs
Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
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
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	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.**

(Updated 8/13/24)



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