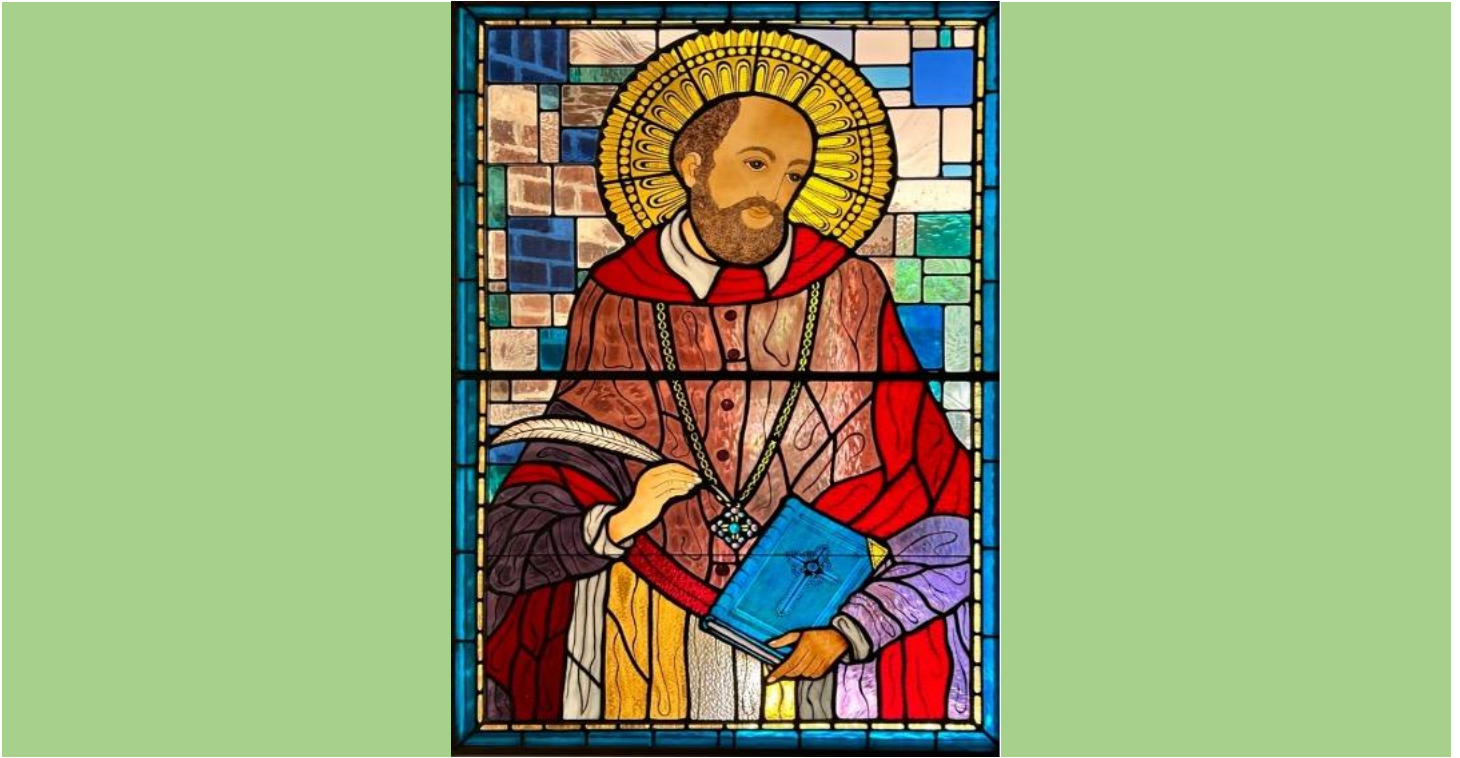


Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

October 20, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.

Responsorial Psalm 33:

“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16:

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45:

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Greeter: K. Taylor

Ushers: E. Lipinski / L. Haas

Lectors: E. McNamee / S. Zheng

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson / K. DeForge / M. Flaherty

Counters: J. Noonan / P. Noonan

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Monday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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:

The theme running through today's readings is service and our Lord's commitment to be the servant of all.

Isaiah prophesies about a servant who will suffer and give his life as an offering for sin. The reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus was tested in every way, willing to become weak for our sake. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples He came not to be served but to serve. Let today's readings inspire us to serve others as we live out our faith.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

- TUES** **October 22** **9:00 a.m.** **Weekday Mass Tuesday of The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- FRI** **October 25** **9:00 a.m.** **Weekday Mass Friday of The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 [Through the end of September 2024 – 3-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
September Totals	\$14,583	\$18,202	+\$3,619	+24.8%
Year To Date to 09/30/24	\$43,750	\$43,436	(-\$314)	(-0.7%)

THANK YOU.

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES TO THRIVE AND BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.

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HELP WANTED: The Parish of Francis de Sales is looking for a person to take over the cleaning services here at the Parish Facilities. Candidate must have a Business License and Insurance.

Please contact the office at: 804-725-2776.

Our Announcements

WANTED - DESSERTS FOR THE OKTOBERFEST: As in the past, **we will need desserts for the Oktoberfest.** Parishioners have always been so generous with desserts for this fundraiser and we truly appreciate your support with this. Helen Yacobucci is in charge of the dessert table. Cookies, bars or any sweet that does not require too much cutting are the types of desserts needed.

Please bring your desserts to the church on Saturday, October 19 and leave them in the Commons.
There will be a table labeled "Desserts". We thank you in advance for your support with this.

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 this Sunday, October 20th which will consist of coffee and tea only.

With Oktoberfest being held the day before and so many parishioners helping and baking and late night cleaning up and resetting the common area, this is the best option.

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!



9/20 - Early Voting Starts

10/15 - Last Day To Register to Vote

11/5 - Election Day



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Joy Long
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Cathy Walker	Ruth Brown	Maureen Connolly
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		Paul Bing

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 Operations Officer for Task Force Grant	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Washington, DC
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
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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.

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 10/6/24)

Pastor, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
Bulletin Advertisements	Paul Reardon
Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Flaherty
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
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Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Norah Iverson / Pam McNamee
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	Kathy DeForge
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.**

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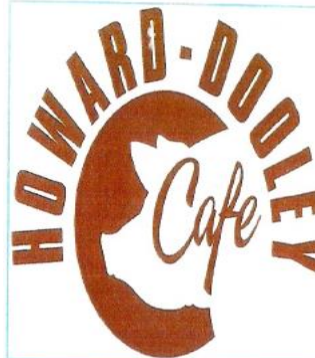
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