

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent



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Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: Tuesdays and Fridays 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

Baptism: call the priest at least one month in advance.

Marriage: call the priest at least six months in advance.

Reconciliation on request.

Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16:
I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Responsorial Psalm 25:
"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2:
May the Lord make you abound in love.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36:
Be vigilant at all times.

The readings on this first Sunday of Advent cover Christ's three comings. Jeremiah prophesies that God will send a Messiah, who will bring righteousness and justice to the world. Paul prays that Christ may permeate the hearts of the Thessalonians, increasing their love for each other and for all. Finally, Jesus tells His disciples that one day He will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before Him. May we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts.

Serving This Week Sunday, December 1, 2024:

Greeter: K. Taylor

Ushers: E. Lipinski / L. Haas

Lectors: E. McNamee / C. Varone

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Haas / J. Dawson / C. Varone

Counters: H. Keitz / R. Engle

Serving Next Week Sunday, December 8, 2024:

Greeter: K. Walls

Ushers: J. Oliver / J. Emerson

Lectors: M. Flaherty / P. Hyer

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig/M. Flaherty/M. McDonough

Counter: P. Hyer

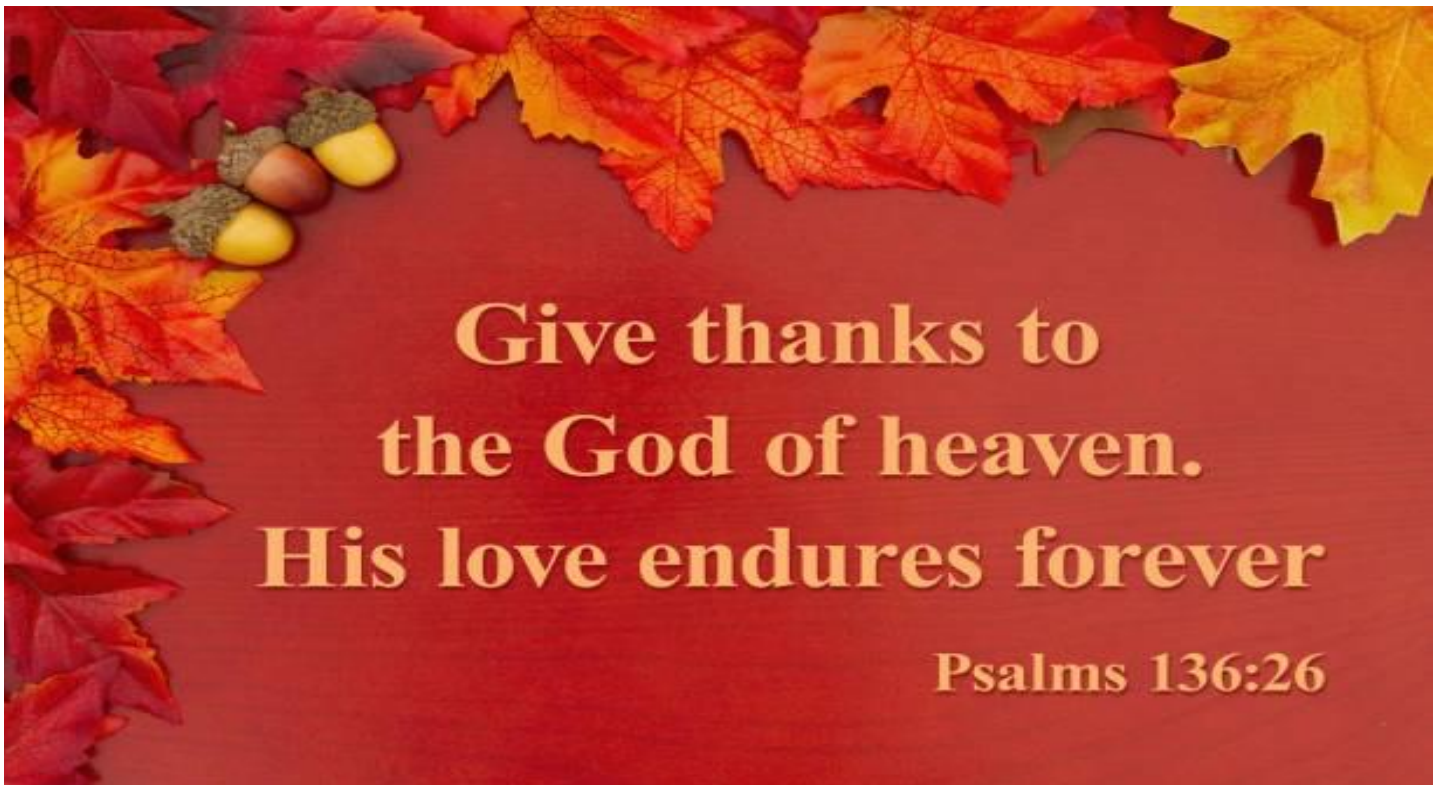
This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI	November 29		Weekday Mass will <u>NOT</u> be celebrated on this date.
TUES	December 3	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 1 st Week of Advent.
FRI	December 6	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 1 st Week of Advent: 1 st Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart, Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
SAT	December 7	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	1 st Saturday Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

FdS Parish Offertory Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

*Parish Offertory Income Collection will be provided in the Sunday Bulletin
on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.*

THANK YOU for your CONTINUED financial support OF OUR PARISH.



Happy Thanksgiving

Take a Bite out of Hunger

Hands Across Mathews needs our help. Since August, local donations and food purchased from the peninsula food bank have not been enough to keep food on our shelves. We have been buying food weekly. In addition, a few local churches and organizations have been hosting food drives. As we go into the Holiday Season let's challenge ourselves to help our neighbors keep food on their table.



Needs:

- Canned Proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Ham etc.).
- Beans, Soups, Stews & Chili.
- Canned Vegetables & Fruit.
- Peanut Butter & Jelly.
- Boxed Meals, Rice, Pasta & Sauce.
- Cereals & Oatmeal

Please join us over the next few weeks and let's help restock the shelves. Extra bins will be placed at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you!

Our Announcements

Red Cross Blood Drive: The upcoming blood drive will be held **next Tuesday, December 3rd from 12:30 to 6:00 PM at the Piangkatank Ruritan Building.** The American Legion Post 83 and Mathews Woman's Club are sponsoring the drive. To make an appointment, please go to redcrossblood.org or call (804) 725-2485. One donation can help as many as three people at Christmas! Thank you!

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 December 15, 2024, which will be a special Holiday Ham Dinner sponsored by Parish Life.** A signup sheet will be in the Commons Area for our parishioners to help with supplying side dishes and desserts. Please see Norah Iveson or Pam McNamee if you have any questions.

The Church of Francis de Sales Social Outreach Committee will continue to provide **Christmas Stockings or Shoe Boxes** for the seniors at the **Mathews County Senior Center** again this year. Please pick up an ornament tag (pink tags for the ladies and blue tags for the gentlemen) from the Angel Tree located in the back of the church. Fill the stocking or shoe box (wrap the gifts), attach the tag, and return the stocking or shoe box to the church no later than **Sunday, December 15th**. We need to have them ready by December 18th for delivery to the seniors. A list of suggested items that you might want to include in the stockings will be by the **Angel Tree**. If possible, could you please provide a small gift card for food from Walmart, Food Lion or Dollar General in your gift box? Please help to make Christmas a little brighter for our seniors in Mathews County this year.

Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

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	Joy Long
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	William Scott Smith
Alice Mercer	Patsy Lynch	Nan Seals
Gloria Bosley	Fred Moody	Kenneth Marshall
Matthew DeForge	James McLaughlin	Lourdes Parker
Grace Hall	Margaret McLaughlin	Tom Justis
Cathy Walker	Ruth Brown	Maureen Connolly
Rita Engle	Timothy Farrell	Norm Connolly
Paul Reardon	Maria Hurst	Francis McLoughlin
Bitsy Riffe	Catherine Bennett	Joan Haury
Joe Hudgins	Justin Bennett	Don Parker
David Valenta	David Colligan	Doug Seals
Jack Carey	Melissa Wilson	Larry Whitfield
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Chuck Reale	Marie Pribble	Willis Ward
Mary Rudisill	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
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	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	Kathryn Turner	Nikki Traynor
	Elizabeth Scott	Christopher Leavy
	Margaret Mann	Page Respass
	Philip Varone	Kim Owens
		Raylene Hall
		Tavey Callow
		Debbie Traynor
		Paul Bing
		Tom & Michele Teubert
		Ashley McBurney
		Bill Campbell

**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
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne & 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 11/15/24)

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
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Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
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Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Flaherty
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Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig
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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
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Cheryl Henig
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Kathy DeForge
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
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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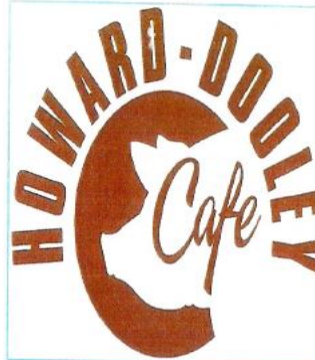
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