

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention for this Sunday is for the Repose of the Soul of David Valenta.



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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: Zephaniah 3:14–18a:

The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12

“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”

Philippians 4:4–7:

Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

Luke 3:10–18:

They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

We hear Paul say, “The Lord is near,” in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We’re just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in His name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God’s word. Warmed by the Lord’s presence, let us listen for His voice in the words of scripture.

Serving This Week Sunday, December 15, 2024:

Greeter: P. Walsh

Ushers: J. Noonan / J. Walsh

Lectors: C. Varone / M. Walls

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Varone / S. Henig / M. Henig

Counter: C. Dehnert-Fernald / J. Dawson

Serving Next Week Sunday, December 22, 2024:

Greeter: J. Miller

Ushers: C. Hall / E. Chadwell

Lectors: E. McNamee / P. Hyer

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson/K. DeForge/S. Haas

Counters: C. Dehnert-Fernald / J. Dawson

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES	December 17	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent. Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Debbie Royals.
FRI	December 20	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent. Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Luke Russell.

FdS Parish Offertory Income				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025				
[Through the end of November 2024 – 5-month]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
November Totals	\$14,583	\$14,646	+\$63	+0.4%
Year To Date to 11/30/24	\$72,019	\$72,211	+\$192	+0.27%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT. OUR PARISH'S COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE AND WE REQUEST YOU CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR DONATIONS SO WE CAN MEET OUR FUTURE OPERATING EXPENSES.

LET US CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A CATHOLIC PARISH TO LIVE, PREACH, AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

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

We are very sorry to announce the passing of our dear friend and parishioner, David Valenta. **A Wake will be held at the Church of Francis de Sales starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2024, with a Funeral Mass beginning at 12:00 noon.** A luncheon will be served in the Church Commons following the Funeral Mass. We will be needing sides and desserts for the Funeral Luncheon. Please drop these items off at the church on Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m.

Please keep David's wife, Dolores, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

This Sunday, December 15, 2024, is Hospitality Sunday!

We are able to go ahead with the Holiday Ham Dinner Church Christmas Party this Sunday sponsored by Parish Life. The Church will supply the ham so please bring your sides and desserts to the church on Sunday morning. Please see Norah Iveson or Pam McNamee if you have any questions.

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.

Please remember to return your Angel Tree Christmas Stocking or Shoe Box to the church no later than this Sunday, December 15th, for the seniors at the Mathews County Senior Center. We need to have them ready by December 18th for delivery to the seniors. 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.

The liturgy for Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 24th, will start at 4:30 p.m. with the singing of Christmas Carols. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior remembering the Christmas Hymns we all hold dear.

Father Koo has decided to bring back to our Sunday Mass the **Presentation of Gifts by parishioners.** If you or your family are interested in carrying the gifts to the Altar, please see Ed Lipinski or Jon Oliver

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
Jack Carey	David Colligan	Doug Seals
Connie Lodge	Melissa Wilson	Larry Whitfield
Chuck Reale	Vicki Krieger	Sherrod Pugh
Dick & Lois Morley	Marie Pribble	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	Callie Penic
	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	Kathryn Turner	Nikki Traynor
	Elizabeth Scott	Christopher Leavy
	Margaret Mann	Page Respass
	Philip Varone	Kim Owens
	Lil Chambers	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

Pray for the safe return of Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 13, 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
Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Flaherty
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
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
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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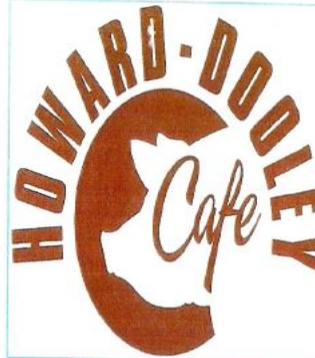
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