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To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders, or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office: 804-725-2776	



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June 15, 2025

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

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

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

Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Our Liturgy Schedule: Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: Tuesday and Fridays 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:**  
**Baptism:** Call the priest at least 1 month in advance  
**Marriage:** Call the priest at least 6 months in advance  
**Reconciliation on request.**  
*Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.*

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading: Proverbs 8:22–31:** Holy Wisdom is God’s playmate, God’s creative companion.  
**Psalm 8:** “O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!”  
**Second Reading: Romans 5:1–5:** Faith matures into a well-founded hope for God’s promised glory.  
**Gospel: John 16:12–15:** The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one in perfect communion.

The first reading and responsorial psalm extol the wonders of God’s creation, from the heavens to the earth, from the human race to the beasts of the field to the fishes of the sea. Saint Paul tells the Romans that through the Holy Spirit, God’s love has been poured into our hearts. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel, glorifies the Son as the Son glorifies the Father. Through the love of God and the wonders of creation, may the Holy Spirit guide us to the Son and the Father.

**This Week in the Liturgy of the Church**  
Tuesday, June 17, Weekday Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, June 20, Weekday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Serving This Week, Sunday, June 15, 2025**  
Greeter: J. Miller  
Ushers: J. Noonan / J. Walsh  
Lector: E. McNamee / S. Zheng  
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig/J. Dawson/S. Haas  
Counters: P. Hyer / P. Pastiva

**Serving Next Week, Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
Greeter: H. Keitz  
Ushers: E. Lipinski / L. Haas  
Lector: M. Henig / C. Henig  
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Pastiva / M. Henig / S. Haas  
Counters: P. Hyer / P. Pastiva

***PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION***

**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

**Parishioners:** Jean Tanner, Sharon Simmons, Alice Mercer, Gloria Bosley, Matthew DeForge, Grace Hall, Cathy Walker, Rita Engle, Paul Reardon, Jack Carey, Connie Lodge, Chuck Reale, Dick & Lois Morley, Joe Arnold

**Family:** Dottie Long, Rita Guarino, Patsy Lynch, Cathy & Fred Moody, James & Margaret McLaughlin, Ruth Brown, Timothy Farrell, Maria Hurst, Catherine & Justin Bennett, David Colligan, Melissa Wilson, Vicki Krieger, Marie Pribble, Paul Oliver, Cindy Lockemy, Riley Hunt, Kathryn Turner, Elizabeth Scott, Margaret Mann, Philip Varone, Lil Chambers, Martha Guerrette, Laura McLaughlin, Sandie Lynch & A Special Intention

**Friends:** Joy Long, William Scott Smith, Nan Seals, Lourdes Parker, Tom Justis, Maureen Connolly, Norm Connolly, Francis McLoughlin, Joan Haury, Don Parker, Larry Whitfield, Janet Letizia, Callie Penic, Carl Roane, Nikki Traynor, Christopher Leavy, Page Respess, Kim Owens, Tavey Callow, Debbie Traynor, Paul Bing, Tom & Michele Teubert, Ashley McBurney, Bill Campbell, Tommy Atkinson, Sr., Vicki Pruitt, Walt McLaughlin

**Please Pray For Our Military Men and Women and their Families**

**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, Norfolk, VA**

**MSGT, EOD, Cameron Farrell**, great-nephew of Elaine Lynch, **US Air Force, Tyndall AFB, FL**

**LT Patrick Sopko**, son of Suzanne Sopko & Ron Sopko, **US Navy, Norfolk, VA**

**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**

Pray for the safe return of **Austin Tice**, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, **captured in Syria on August 13, 2012.**

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.

Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

**PRAY FOR AN END TO POVERTY**

**Our Announcements**

**Please note:** Mary Marshall has vacation days she must take before July 1. She will be out of the office every Monday in June.

**The Church of the Visitation has invited the Church of Francis de Sales parishioners to a Special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Father Koo, Sunday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.**  
If you would like to bring cold sandwiches and salads for the reception, that would be appreciated.  
**Please note:** there will **NOT** be an 11:00 a.m. Mass at CFDS on June 29<sup>th</sup>

**Hands Across Mathews** continues to need our help with canned goods and boxed meals. Extra bins have been placed at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you!

**Presentation of Gifts by Parishioners.**  
If you or your family are interested in carrying the gifts to the Altar, please see 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!

**We welcome our visitors today.**  
We hope you have been fed in body & spirit. If you are Catholic and plan to make the Church of Francis de Sales your home, please see an usher or greeter for registration information. If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more, call the office at (804) 725-2776 to discuss our OCIA program.

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FINANCIAL REPORT				
CHURCH OF FRANCIS de SALES				
As of 05/31/25		11-months of a 12-month FY24-25 Fiscal Cycle		
PARISH INCOME	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	ACTUALS less BUDGET Overage / (Shortage)	ANNUAL BUDGET
Sunday Offertory	\$156,328	\$160,417	-\$4,089	\$175,000
Fundraisers	\$8,598	\$7,333	\$1,265	\$8,000
Insurance Proceeds	\$31,540	\$0	\$31,540	\$0
Donations	\$77	\$7,333	(\$7,256)	\$8,000
Other Parish Ops				
Income	\$5,112	\$0	\$5,112	\$2,475
Liturgy & Worship	\$557	\$0	\$557	-\$557
Ministry	\$0	\$1,833	(\$1,833)	\$2,000
Faith Formation	\$40	\$92	(\$52)	\$100
Facilities	\$475	\$367	\$108	\$400
TOTAL INCOME PARISH	\$202,727	\$179,644	\$25,351	\$195,418
PARISH EXPENSE	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	ACTUALS less BUDGET Overage / (Shortage)	ANNUAL BUDGET
General Admin	\$118,126	\$112,970	\$5,157	\$123,240
Liturgy & Worship	\$2,333	\$1,833	\$500	\$2,000
Ministries	\$124	\$2,704	(\$2,580)	\$2,950
Faith Formation	\$2,961	\$5,569	(\$2,608)	\$6,075
Facilities	\$88,580	\$57,704	\$30,876	\$62,950
Rectory Water Damage (Included in Facilities above)	\$28,389			
TOTAL EXPENSE PARISH	\$212,125	\$180,780	\$31,345	\$197,215
PARISH INCOME less EXPENSE Overage / (Shortage)	(\$9,398)	(\$1,136)	(\$5,994)	(\$1,797)
PLANT INCOME	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	ACTUALS less BUDGET Overage / (Shortage)	ANNUAL BUDGET
Income Plant	\$19,106	\$0	\$19,106	\$0
Expense Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
INCOME less EXPENSE	\$19,106	\$0	\$19,106	\$0
CEMETERY OPERATIONS				
Income Columbarium	\$2,000	\$1,666	\$334	\$2,000
Expense Columbarium	\$1,029	\$500	\$529	\$600
INCOME less EXPENSE	\$971	\$1,166	(\$195)	\$1,400

Journey Through the Bible: The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17)

This commentary is adapted from Little Rock Scripture Study’s “Panorama of the New Testament.”

During Solomon’s reign, civil unrest begins to surface, and at his death the fragile kingdom cracks. Rehoboam succeeds his father as king and refuses the demands of the northern tribes to ease taxation and forced labor. He provokes a revolt that will never heal. The northern tribes choose Jeroboam I as king and break away from Judah. The unity that David had established collapses and from then on the kingdom is divided. The northern ten tribes are thereafter called Israel and the southern kingdom is called Judah.

The political and religious consequences of the schism are enormous. The once-united kingdom is now divided against itself, each part regarding the other as an enemy. Both kingdoms are weaker and far more vulnerable to their enemies. The parallel histories of the northern and southern kingdoms until the destruction of Israel by Assyria are told in 1 Kings 12 through 2 Kings 17.

Jeroboam immediately begins to separate his people from worship in Jerusalem and he establishes religious shrines for sacrifice in Bethel and Dan. Here he sets up golden calves, repeating the sin of the Israelites at Sinai. The weakness caused by division and the idolatry at shrines of worship leads to the gradual decline of the northern kingdom toward disaster.

Assyria is the great empire of the period. After a succession of kings in Israel, Assyrian troops invade the northern kingdom and lay siege to its capital, Samaria, for three years. Israel falls to the armies of Assyria in 721 BC, marking the end of the northern kingdom. Many Israelites are deported to Assyria and people from five foreign populations are brought into the northern kingdom around the city of Samaria. The mixing and intermarriage of the Israelites and these foreigners has led later generations to call these people Samaritans. The Jewish people considered the Samaritans as unfaithful apostates and either ignored or despised them. In John’s gospel we will see Jesus accuse the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well of having five husbands, an allusion to the five nations who compromised the covenant faith of the people with their own gods and religious practices.

The conquered northern kingdom wonders if God has abandoned the covenant promises to Abraham, Moses, and David. How could God have allowed them to be taken from the land? The narrator makes clear that the people were conquered because the Israelites sinned against the LORD. They venerated other gods and followed the religious practices of other peoples, serving idols and even offering their children in sacrifice.

“The LORD warned Israel and Judah...Give up your evil ways and keep my commandments...But they did not listen. They grew stiff necked...They rejected his statutes...They followed emptiness and became empty; they followed the surrounding nations whom the LORD commanded them not to imitate.” (2 Kings 17:13-15)

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points for June 15 through June 21, 2025	
Sun, Jun 15	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> Bible Readings (Day 166):1 Kings 17-18; 2 Chronicles 18-19; Song of Solomon 5 Prayer Point: For blessings on all fathers
Mon, Jun 16	Bible Readings (Day 167):1 Kings 19-20; 2 Chronicles 20; Song of Solomon 6 Prayer Point: For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
Tue, Jun 17	Bible Readings (Day 168):1 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 21-22; Song of Solomon 7 Prayer Point: For the love of God
Wed, Jun 18	Bible Readings (Day 169): 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 23; Song of Solomon 8 Prayer Point: For the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Thu, Jun 19	Bible Readings (Day 170): 2 Kings 1; 2 Chronicles 24; Psalm 69 Prayer Point: For an end to violence, at home and abroad
Fri, Jun 20	Bible Readings (Day 171): 2 Kings 2; 2 Chronicles 25; Psalm 70 Prayer Point: For the protection of the unborn, the aging, and the dying
Sat, Jun 21	Bible Readings (Day 172): 2 Kings 3; 2 Chronicles 26-27; Psalm 72 Prayer Point: Teach us to do your will



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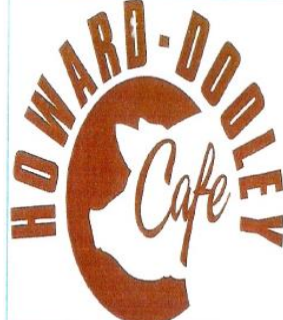
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