

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVEN THE
WIND & SEA

OBEY.

MARK 4:41



**St. Frances of Rome
Catholic Parish**

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday-8:30 a.m.
Saturday-5:30 p.m.
Sunday-8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

My Dear St. Frances of Rome Parishioners,

May God bless you! I am so excited to have been appointed to serve you as your Pastor. This is my first weekend with you and already many of you have reached out to welcome me to this great parish of ours. Thanks be to God!

In the readings this weekend, two lines from Sacred Scripture jumped right out at me. The first is from our Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 107, “Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.” The second comes from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians, “new things have come.” Both of these simple, yet profound lines in Scripture are a great way to start a new chapter in the life of St. Frances of Rome.



Our Lord’s love is everlasting! That is why I became a priest...to know, to serve, and to love the people of God entrusted to my care; to let the people know that God’s love is always everlasting! Please pray for me and for Fr. Steven that we will be good and faithful shepherds who will serve you to the best of our ability. New things have come indeed, and I want to personally thank Fr. Pepper for his priesthood and for taking care of you these past several months. He is a gift to our Archdiocese, especially when there are unplanned and unexpected life situations where a veteran priest is asked to fill in. Please pray that Fr. Pepper will get to enjoy his much-deserved retirement.

New things have come, not only to me and Fr. Steven, but all of us! This is our home, and we have a responsibility to make sure our home is taken care of. I believe we have some great opportunities ahead of us. It will take all of us to build up the Body of Christ.

Any time there is a change in leadership there are always questions, concerns, hopes, ideas, opinions, and best practices. I want to spend the first few months listening to you, meeting with you, serving with you, and praying with you that the Holy Spirit will lead us and tell us where to go next. I know we have some gaps to fill, and I know there will be discussions between Fr. Chandler and I regarding using our current staff and their gifts with and for the Church, while making sure St. Frances of Rome and St. Leonard are well served and taken care of.

Remember, His love is everlasting! This parish has been saving souls and serving the people of God since 1887 and we will continue to do just that. New things have come! But we cannot forget those who have taken good care of us in the past. I want to thank Fr. Eifler and Fr. Knott for their service and their help. Fr. Steven and I will be celebrating as many Masses as we can early on in an effort to truly get to know you. I do hope Fr. Eifler and Fr. Knott will continue to help with the Masses and the other Sacramental needs that may arise at St. Frances of Rome.

Enjoy these summer months and take good care of yourselves and one another. Know of my prayers for you, and please pray for me!

God love you,

Rev. Fr. Shayne R. Duvall

Pastor

Archdiocesan Creation Care Team

Caring for the earth is more than something “nice to do.” Catholic social teaching makes it clear that it is an obligation we all share as part of our faith.



That is why Archbishop Shelton Fabre recently appointed a new committee to more fully engage the entire archdiocese in active participation in caring for God’s creation. As part of the Office of Faith Formation, the Creation Care Team is eager to connect with all members of the archdiocese. This volunteer team welcomes your input and participation in support of its mission. To start, we want to recognize and share the actions your parish is already taking in caring for creation. We will gather this information from a parish survey and it will become the foundation of an active resource providing ideas, guidance and support for every parish. Want to learn more now? Visit our website to see why caring for creation is a growing Catholic movement. Just go to <https://www.archlou.org/creation-care/> or contact us at creationcare@archlou.org.

Everyday Stewardship... –by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you’re not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn’t ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn’t give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It’s the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn’t He? “I’m feeling scared of this.” “I’m really worried about that.” “God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please.”

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. “Why were you sleeping?” they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn’t woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn’t even know it.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35,
36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12,
13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, **“rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’”** He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— *Father John Muir*