

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



St. Frances of Rome
Catholic Parish

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Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor
Fr. Steven Henriksen: Associate Pastor

Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday-8:30 a.m.
Saturday-5:30 p.m.
Sunday-8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Rosary after each weekday Mass





Happy Advent! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! This is one of my favorite times of the year. We have 4 weeks to prepare...4 weeks to plan...4 weeks to change our hearts and our minds as we look upon the face of God lying in a manger. It is a hectic and busy time. I hope all of us can find time to take advantage of all the Advent offerings and opportunities here at St. Frances of Rome, Holy Trinity, St. Leonard, and Holy Spirit.

More information can be found in the bulletin. If you have any questions, give us a call!

I want to thank everyone who made our 3rd Annual Friendsgiving a huge success! We had almost 170 people join us and the room was filled with warmth, compassion, laughter, neighbors, family, and friends. If you missed this year, please plan on attending next year. We need volunteers! What a great opportunity to be the face, hands, feet, and heart of our Lord. Thank you!!

The season of Advent brings us a brand new liturgical year which means there are opportunities to introduce NEW things to our parish in this new year. Here are the following things I want to make you aware of. Some are close to completion; others will be brought up for discussion and implemented at another time:

- The broken stained-glass windows are currently being repaired and the windows should be fixed very soon.
- New lighting controls will soon be installed in the sacristy. This will allow us a more simplified, safer way to turn on and off the lights in the church.
- New light fixtures are being installed throughout the parish office and parish house. These modern, updated, brighter lights will certainly make a huge difference, and we can't wait for you to see how nice they look.
- Wiring is being run for installation of a new, electronic door lock system on the church and parish house. This will give us greater control and easier access to the church. I cannot tell you how many times I left the property asking myself, "Did I lock the doors?" This electronic system will allow us to program the doors to be unlocked and locked at certain times of the day. More information will be forthcoming.
- As Fr. Steven mentioned in his bulletin update this past weekend, now that the surveys have been completed and submitted, we will speak with the parish council this upcoming week about adjusting the Mass times. Based on neighboring parishes and their Mass times, I will propose the following to the council for their consideration: **Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30pm; Sunday Mass 8:30am and 10:30am.** Stay tuned for more information.

Finally, I will be consulting the parish council about relocating the Tabernacle to the center of the church. A St. Joseph statue would be placed in that niche which currently houses the Tabernacle, which would be directly across from the statue of the Blessed Mother and Jesus. Pope Francis recently encouraged all the faithful to spend more time before the Blessed Sacrament. He said, *"And do we, I ask myself, believe in the power of the Eucharist? Does our going out to others, our service, find its beginning and its fulfillment there, in adoration? I am convinced that we have lost the sense of adoration: We must regain it, starting with us consecrated persons, bishops, priests, nuns and all consecrated persons. "Waste" time before the tabernacle, regain the sense of adoration."*

Having the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle at the center of our church will be one of many ways we can properly adore our Lord. Everyone who comes into our church will see and feel the centrality and the balance that the Lord provides us. Not only will our attention be drawn to our Lord in the very center of our church, but we can continue to ask ourselves if Christ our Lord is at the very center of our lives in all that we say and do? I am not sure when this change will take place, but I wanted to give you a heads up as it is a major change for our church sanctuary.

I wish all of you and your loved ones a happy, blessed, and peace filled Advent Season.

God bless you!

Father Shayne

Pastor

We Need Your Help

Seeking to Expand Time and Talent Sharing

For every Mass celebrated, liturgical ministers are necessary. Our parish is blessed to have so many ministers who have prayerfully discerned how to best use their gifts in service to Christ's Church in our parish of St. Frances of Rome! Currently, **we have a wonderful but small number of ministers who are willing to serve as sacristans, and we need to grow this ministry.** Sacristans are responsible adults who prepare the sacred vessels, candles, ritual books, and sanctuary for the celebration of Mass. After Mass, sacristans clean the sacred vessels (with the help of EMHCs) and put everything away that was used at Mass. If God is calling you to serve His Church in this way, please contact Elizabeth Jackson or Fr. Steven.

Thank you!

Our Celebrants for December

- 8:30a Sunday, Dec 1 –Fr. TBD
- 11:30a Sunday, Dec 1 –Fr. TBD
- 8:30a Monday, Dec 2 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Wednesday, Dec 4 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Friday, Dec 6 –Fr. Shayne
- 5:30p Saturday, Dec 7 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Sunday, Dec 8 –Fr. Shayne
- 11:30a Sunday, Dec 8 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Monday, Dec 9 –Fr. Steven
- 11:30a Wednesday, Dec 11 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Friday, Dec 13 –Fr. Shayne
- 5:30a Saturday, Dec 14 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Sunday, Dec 15 –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 11:30a Sunday, Dec 15 –Fr. Ron Knott
- 8:30a Monday, Dec 16 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Wednesday, Dec 18 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Friday, Dec 20 –Fr. Shayne
- 5:30a Saturday, Dec 21 –Fr. Shayne

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

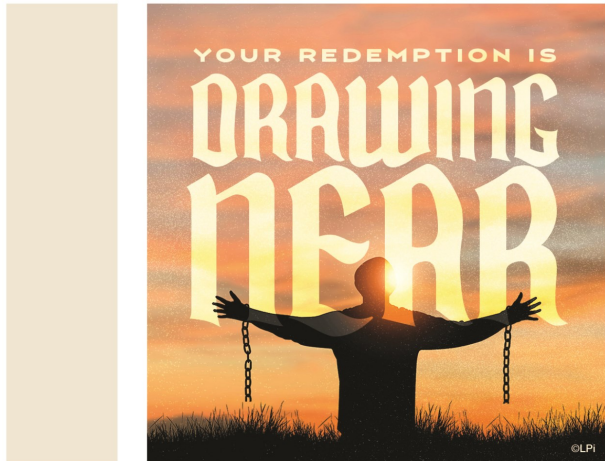
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **“fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world”** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **“look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

— *Father John Muir*

Fr. Shayne to offer Anointing of the Sick during the season of Advent

This sacrament will be offered to any Catholic who is in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. This will be offered on the following dates at the following locations:

- At Holy Trinity: December 14/15 after all the Masses
- At St. Frances of Rome: December 21/22 after all the Masses



Upcoming Options for Advent Prayer, Reflection, and Family Fun

Additional WEEKLY OFFERINGS

ADVENT

<p>TUE HOLY TRINITY</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Mass with Vespers 5:30 pm: Adoration until 9:30 pm</p>
<p>WED ST. FRANCES OF ROME</p>	<p>8:30 am: Mass 9:00 am: Adoration until 5:30 pm</p>
<p>THU ST. LEONARD</p>	<p>12:00 pm: Mass 12:30 pm: Adoration until 5:45 pm</p>



Advent starts next week. Beginning on Wednesday, December 4, we will be celebrating the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and continuing through 5:30pm. The Season of Advent is a special time engaging in traditional devotions, such as Adoration. Please consider spending a part of your Wednesday during Advent with our Eucharistic Lord!

A festive poster for the UCHM Extravaganza event. The background is dark red with gold stars, ribbons, and Christmas ornaments. The text reads: "UNITED CRESCENT HILL MINISTRIES PRESENTS UCHM EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, Dec. 7 8 AM-Noon Rummage sale! Vacation house raffle! Bourbon pull! Artisan booths! Santa Claus! 150 State St. uchmlouky.org (502) 893-0346 Our FaLaLa Frankfurt event!"

United Crescent Hill Ministries will host their UCHM Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec 7 from 8am-Noon. Join them at 150 State Street for lots of fun. They will have raffles, rummage sales, artisan booths, and more! Santa Claus is even going to be there, so come join them for some community fun.

COMMUNAL
Reconciliation
SERVICE

Holy Trinity

St. Frances
of Rome

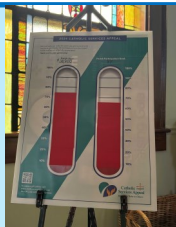


St. Leonard

Holy Spirit

DECEMBER 15 @ 2 PM
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Services Appeal Update Through November 22nd



We have received Results through November 22nd, and you continue to come closer to our parish goals. Thank you to everyone who has participated towards our **financial goal of \$38,900**, and our **donor participation goal of 87**. As of November 22nd's updated results, **58 donors** have contributed **\$29,005**. Thank you for that. For those who have not given yet, please consider a donation towards this worthy cause.

St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church

<https://saintfrancesofrome.org/>

To reach a staff member at St. Frances of Rome, you may call the parish office directly at (502) 896-8401 and leave a voicemail. For a sacramental emergency, please call our hotline at (502) 899-9687. You may also reach us via email by using our first initial and last name:
 Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall = sduvall@htparish.org.



Phone List

- Parish Office 502-896-8401
- Our Emergency Line 502-899-9687 (For those in need of Anointing of the Sick, or Last Rites)
- Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor 502-897-5207 X1100
- Rev. Fr. Steven Henriksen, Assoc. Pastor 502-896-8401
- Bruce Hines, Business Manager 502-897-5207 X1103
- Steve King, Director of Facilities and Operations 502-896-8401 SFR/ or 502-897-5207 X1120 HT
- Sharon Bidwell, Director of Faith Formation & Pastoral Outreach 502-896-8401
- Elizabeth Jackson, Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy 502-897-5207 X1107
- Allison Deaton, Accounting Specialist 502-897-5207 X1116
- Jill Greer, Finance Admin. Assistant 502-897-5207 X1109
- Betty-Jean Cobb, Dir. Stewardship & Engagement 502-897-5207 X1100

St. Frances of Rome Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor

Mary Masick –Chair

Dutch Boehnlein –Finance Chair

- Jane Wehner
- Laura Harpring
- Therese Bawa
- Greg Brotzge
- Mary Keyer
- Sr. Agnes Coveney
- Anne Hogan

The St. Frances Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. Since September, the Council has discussed ways to improve communication with parishioners and others interested in joining our community. The Council is also working on a “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)” to chart future directions.

If you have thoughts or comments to share, please email them to either Mary Masick, Council Chair, Maryschneider@bellsouth.net or Father Shayne sduvall@htparish.org

Collection 11/24/2024 \$8,630

Loose Collections \$265

Online giving \$1,835

Amount Needed Weekly: \$7,481

YTD vs Budget: \$4,457 AHEAD

Text Donations

You can now donate to our parish using text messaging! You can use the following phone number to make a donation. Just text **"Give"** to 502-743-4434. It's super easy, and much appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week and 2024 Prayer List

Saturday, November 30

5:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 1

8:30AM Mary Benoit †

11:30AM Dr. Kenneth Henderson †

Monday, December 2

8:30AM Michael Heatherly †

Wednesday, December 4

8:30AM Bob Despain †

Friday, December 6

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 7

5:30PM Charlie Wirth †

Sunday, December 8

8:30AM Mary Jo Karre †

11:30AM S. Hayden Family

Kirk Bergman

Lynn Boone

Ann Burton

Jerry Clayton

Patricia Elliott

Mary Elmore

Katie Evers

Alberta Fenimore

Judy Theobald Fitzhugh

Allie & Masey Goatley

Michelle Hagan

Betsy Hilinski

Joseph Hohmann

Rita Hohmann

The Family of Austin Jagers

Ann Browning Mayer

Joyce McKiernan

Anne McMahon

Ann Mary Mehling

Joyce Mitchell

Don Mirka

Toni Mullins

Freda Nicholson

Kim Osborne

Nancy Ostertag

Annie Pendleton

Susan Rappa

Raleigh Ridge

Lisa Runyon

Ed Schoenbaechler

Jeff Schulz

Norman Scott

Garland Sharpe

Kameron Sutton

Linda Waddell

Diane West

Gerard White (son)

Leora Williams

Jack Woodward

Arthur Woolery

Mary Wright

A Special Intention for Our Community

The Saint Frances of Rome community continues to pray for those injured and killed as well as their families and friends in the recent Guivaudan Sense Color factory explosion. Those who suffered damage to their homes and businesses are also held up in prayer, especially during this Advent and upcoming Christmas season.

