

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



Bulletin for December 15, 2024

Celebrants: Saturday –5:30pm: Fr. Steven Henriksen

Sunday– 8:30am: Fr. Jerry Eifler & 11:30am: Fr. Ron Knott



St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

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

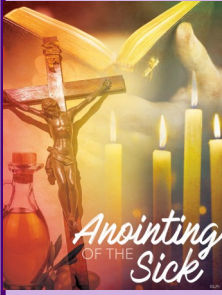
Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor

**Fr. Steven Henriksen: Associate Pastor,
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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

COMMUNAL Reconciliation SERVICE

Holy Trinity

St. Frances
of Rome



St. Leonard

Holy Spirit

DECEMBER 15 @ 2 PM
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prayer for the third week of Advent

Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.

As we enter into this 3rd week of Advent, please consider joining our parish communities in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as outlined in the graphic to the right.

The Season of Advent is a special time engaging in traditional devotions, such as Adoration. Please consider spending a part of your week during Advent with our Eucharistic Lord!

Additional WEEKLY OFFERINGS

ADVENT

TUE
HOLY
TRINITY

5:00 pm: Mass with Vespers
5:30 pm: Adoration until 9:30 pm

WED
ST. FRANCES
OF ROME

8:30 am: Mass
9:00 am: Adoration until 5:30 pm

THU
ST. LEONARD

12:00 pm: Mass
12:30 pm: Adoration until 5:45 pm



Our Celebrants for December

- 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
- 8:30a Sunday, Dec 22 –Fr. Shayne
- 11:30a Sunday, Dec 22 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Monday, Dec 23 –Fr. Steven
- **10:00p Tuesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve** –Fr. Shayne
- **8:30a Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas Day** –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 8:30a Friday, Dec 27 –Fr. Shayne
- 5:30a Saturday, Dec 28 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Sunday, Dec 29 –Fr. Shayne
- 11:30a Sunday, Dec 29 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Monday, Dec 30 –Fr. Steven

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **“with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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

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- Bruce Hines, Business Manager 502-897-5207 X1103
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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 12/08/2024 \$10,100

Loose Collections \$287

Online giving \$ 2,080

Amount Needed Weekly: \$7,481

YTD vs Budget: \$11,800 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, December 14**

5:30PM Arnold Brown †

Sunday, December 15

8:30AM William Clarke †

11:30AM Honiker Family

Monday, December 16

8:30AM Bob Despain †

Wednesday, December 18

8:30AM People of the Parish

Friday, December 20

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 21

5:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 22

8:30AM Jim Milliman †

11:30AM People of the Parish

**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
Carolyn Holman
Ann Browning Mayer
Joyce McKiernan
Anne McMahan
Ann Mary Mehling
Joyce Mitchell
Don Mirka
Toni Mullins
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Susan Rappa
Raleigh Ridge
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Norman Scott
Garland Sharpe
Kameron Sutton
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Mary Wright**

