

Bulletin for January 12, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday –5:30pm: Fr. Jerry Eifler

Sunday– 8:30am: Fr. Jerry Eifler & 11:30am: Fr. Bill Burks



THE HOLY GHOST
DESCENDED LIKE
A DOVE.

— LUKE 3:21 —

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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In a recent bulletin, I highlighted Archbishop Shelton's statement on immigration. Joined with his brother bishops in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky, the Archbishop invited all to action to ensure the human rights and dignity of our friends, neighbors and so many others seeking to live and work within the United States.

I am reminded of Pope Francis' four verb framework which guides the Church in its work with migrants, regardless of their legal status. Those actions are:

To welcome;

To protect;

To promote; and

To integrate

Each of these four actions are grounded in a central practice of Catholics: prayer. A sample litany of prayers is offered below for your reflection.

I want to draw attention to "welcome." Too many people are forcibly displaced from their homeland and domestic homes due to violence, environmental causes, or lack of economic opportunity.

What if you or I had nowhere else to go except to be stuck in camps for years on end? Here in Louisville, folks all around us have been beaten down and are without hope and opportunity on our streets. They live in camps underneath interstate highways, covered by blankets in public areas, and shivering on the doorsteps of public buildings.

Whether you work downtown or live in posh areas, it is impossible to escape the reality of displaced persons or homelessness.

Pope Francis has emphasized that "efforts to keep the stranger out should be countered through a culture of encounter." This is why St. Frances of Rome offers support for United Crescent Hill Area Ministries and the "Room at the Inn" initiative. And let us "see" those around us: offering a gentle smile and words of encouragement.

Please take prayerful and generous action!

-Father Steven

"For all bishops in our Church, that they may be encouraged by our prayers and support to lead God's people in building a culture that respects the human dignity of all migrants; we pray to the Lord;

For our priests and deacons, that they may boldly proclaim Church teaching on human dignity and the Church's teaching on human trafficking, we pray to the Lord;

For all refugees who are forced to flee from their homes, that God bring peace to them and their country of origin, we pray to the Lord.

For government leaders, that the Son of God, who became human, will help them understand the great dignity of human persons, and support legislation that better protects vulnerable populations in our midst, we pray to the Lord."

Funeral Planning Party

The highest honor we can pay to a deceased Catholic person is by celebrating a proper funeral Mass of Christian Burial. Please join Fr. Shayne in the Clifton Center Reception Hall on Wednesday, January 22, at 6:00 p.m. to pre-plan your own funeral Mass. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

YOUR DECISIONS

You've probably thought about what music and readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass, so go ahead and write it down. Not sure what to select? Our Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy will be present to play any music for you to hear. All reading options will be available, too.

A GIFT TO YOUR LOVED ONES

It is such a great gift to your loved ones to have your funeral Mass pre-planned. All the decisions are made in advance, and they are able to grieve your loss, pray for your soul, and console each other.

January 22 @ 6 pm
Clifton Center
Reception Hall

Questions?
Contact: Elizabeth Jackson

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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New Mass Times Coming Soon!



After much discernment and feedback from the parish, the decision has been made to adjust our Mass times. **Beginning**

February 1st and 2nd the new Mass times will be: Saturday at 4:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am, and Sunday at 10:30am

We will continue to communicate this leading up through February. Please help spread the word to your fellow parishioners, and don't be late!

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words **'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased'** (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

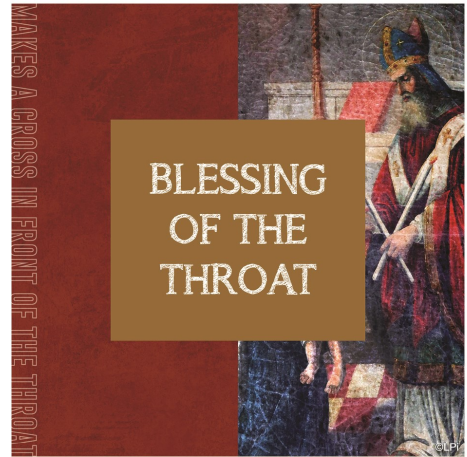
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Saturday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to
be a part of Your sacred
family, called and invited into
relationship with You. May
the grace of our Baptisms
surround us anew, who are
beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.


Start the New Year
with Bible Study

Luke's Gospel

Part One

Join us on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to learn more about how to read and interpret the featured Gospel for this liturgical year.

Details are on the bookmark!



Sign up sheets and copies of the book are available at the back of church. Details for dates and times are on the bookmark included in each copy. We begin January 21 and 22, so sign up today and begin reading lesson one.

Delivery Driver Needed Once per Month at UCHM



United Crescent Hill Ministries needs a volunteer driver to pickup and deliver commodity food boxes to Sacred Heart Village one time per month on the third Friday of each month. The long-term volunteer who has been doing this much needed task is retiring. The need begins for a new driver begins in January.

This ministry would be a great way to build relationships with people in our neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Bidwell at sbidwell@sflou.org or call the parish office at 502-896-8401.

**A TESTAMENT TO
THE STRENGTH OF THE
HUMAN SPIRIT**

Presented by
KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES

Sharing the refugee experience
Alexandra Miniard

Thursday, January 23, 2025
11:30 Lunch (Donations accepted)
Noon: Program

RSVP BY January 16 to
Mary Scott @ 897-5207 x 1110
Or
mherrington@htparish.org

Join other Seniors on Thursday, January 23 at Holy Trinity to gain insight into the refugee experience with Alexandra Miniard

Program starts with lunch at 11:30am (donations accepted). The event will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building at Holy Trinity Parish. RSVP's are necessary. Please call Mary Scott Herrington at 502-897-5207, ext. 1110 or send an email to mherrington@htparish.org a week before the program.

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, Director of Finance and Human Resources 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 1/05/2025 \$10,370

Loose Collections \$228

Online giving \$1,430

Amount Needed Weekly: \$7,481

YTD vs Budget: \$18,202 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 2025 Prayer List**Saturday, January 11**

5:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 12

8:30AM People of the Parish

11:30AM Dr. Kenneth Henderson †

Monday, January 13

8:30AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 15

8:30AM People of the Parish

Friday, January 17

8:30AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 18

5:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 19

8:30AM People of the Parish

11:30AM S. Hayden Family

Kirk Bergman
The Family of Marlyn Brian
Ann Burton
Jerry Clayton
Patricia Elliott
Mary Elmore
Katie Evers
Alberta Fenimore
Judy Theobald Fitzhugh
Allie & Masey Goatley
Michelle Hagan
Betsy Hilinksi
Joseph Hohmann
Rita Hohmann
Carolyn Holman
Ann Browning Mayer
Joyce McKiernan
Anne McMahon

Ann Mary Mehling
Joyce Mitchell
Don Mirka
Toni Mullins
Nancy Ostertag
Susan Rappa
Raleigh Ridge
Ed Schoenbaechler
Norman Scott
Garland Sharpe
Kameron Sutton
Linda Waddell
Jean Watson
Diane West
Gerard White (son)
Leora Williams
Jack Woodward
Arthur Woolery
Mary Wright

Our Celebrants for the Week

- 5:30a Saturday, Jan 11 –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 8:30a Sunday, Jan 12 –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 11:30a Sunday, Jan 12 –Fr. Bill Burks
- 8:30a Monday, Jan 13 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Wednesday, Jan 15 –Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Friday, Jan 17 –Fr. Shayne
- 5:30a Saturday, Jan 18 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, Jan 19 –Fr. Shayne
- 11:30a Sunday, Jan 19 –Fr. Shayne