

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

Bulletin for August 3, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Joe Graffis

Sunday 8:30am: Fr. Jerry Eifler & 10:30am: Fr. Ron Knott

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday-8:30 a.m.

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

Sunday-8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Rosary after each weekday Mass

Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor

**Fr. Steven Henriksen: Associate Pastor,
St. Frances of Rome & Administrator,
St. Boniface**

2119 Payne St.

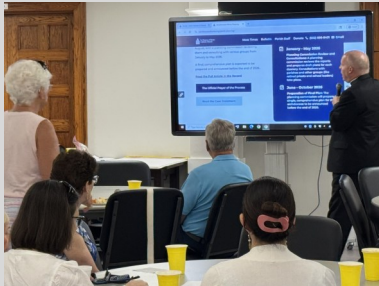
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Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Parish Town Hall meetings on July 17 and 27. We had more than 40 people at each, and everyone shared their insights about our particular strengths, our challenges, and what we perceive as our unique mission and ministry to the Church and the greater community.

If you were not able to attend either session, you still have an opportunity to offer your input. Please go to our parish website at <https://saintfrancesofrome.org/parish-planning/> and scroll toward the bottom of the page for the survey questions.



Supporting Families Alongside Holy Trinity's SVdP Conference

Several years ago, I was working at another Louisville Catholic parish when a mother stopped by the office asking if we had any laundry detergent she could have or perhaps a gift card to Kroger so that she could buy some. She and her husband had both been laid off from their jobs recently, and she didn't have any money to buy detergent.

She cried as she told me that her children had gone to school all week in dirty clothes and were being made fun of by their classmates. My heart was breaking for her.

That's a scenario that is all too common for our low-income neighbors. Benefits like SNAP can only be used for food expenses, so things like laundry detergent and dish soap are often luxuries. Some of our neighbors rely on local organizations like the food and supply pantries at the St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Campus downtown. The Holy Trinity SVdP Conference provides both monetary support and volunteers for this vital pantry. We have the opportunity to combine our efforts with theirs to meet the needs of our community.

For the month of August, St. Frances of Rome is going to focus on filling the shelves at the pantry with dish soap (like Dawn or Palmolive) and laundry detergent. Look for the empty boxes sitting in the back of church over the next few weeks. Let's make sure they are all filled with our donations to re-stock the SVdP shelves. We can ensure that our Louisville neighbors have what they need for a dignified life for themselves and their children.

--Sharon Bidwell, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Parish Life



Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the several generous parishioners who dropped off all of the mason jars we will need for our Gather at the Grill table décor. Please be sure you RSVP to attend this fun community event!

RSVP Now for Gather at the Grill

You can sign up in the back of church or call the parish office at 502-896-8401, and leave a message (name, number attending, phone number, and whether you want to volunteer for this parish event).

It's free to attend, but we'll be collecting donations to support the ADA-accessible playground being built at the Holy Trinity Clifton Campus. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the students who will play there.

It's Time to RSVP
Call 502-896-8401
or Sign Up in Church!



GATHER



GRILL

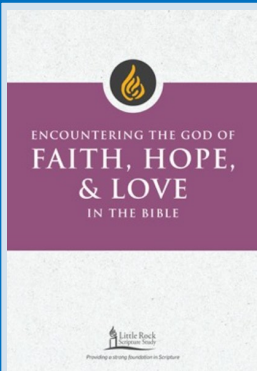
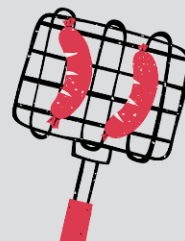
Saturday, August 23
5:30PM (after 4:30pm Mass)
SFR/HTCC Reception Hall

Highlights:

- Hot Dogs & Bratwurst
- Specialty Mustards
- Yummy Side Dishes
- Refreshing Beverages

at the

- This event is free.
- Donations accepted to support Holy Trinity Clifton Campus playground.



Fall Adult Formation to Begin August 26/27

Our 2025-26 adult faith formation year will begin with a new book from Little Rock Scripture Studies: *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible* by Fr. George Smiga. This text will be an easy introduction to Bible study for everyone. If you've been considering joining us, this is a great opportunity.

Faith, hope, and love are three vital dimensions of our life with God. Faith is entering into and clinging to a relationship with God. Hope is what we expect from that relationship. And love—the greatest of these—is the very essence of the relationship itself. In *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible*, award-winning Scripture commentator Fr. George Smiga explores how God is

revealed through various stages of salvation history—from the call of Abraham through the resurrection of Jesus—and how faith, hope, and love have evolved as our understanding of God grows.

This book is set to be published and shipped by August 15. St. Frances of Rome has pre-ordered 50 copies, so watch for a sign up sheet in the back of church next week. As soon as books are available, you will receive an email letting you know when/where to pick up your copy.

If there are any delays in shipping from the publisher, we may have to delay our start date until the first week of September.

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil
and anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

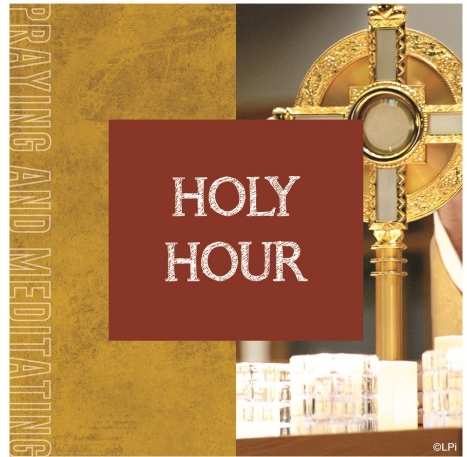
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
I cannot take for granted any of
the gifts You have given.
Help me to use them, then, as You
would have me.
Help me to live according to Your
invitations.
Amen.

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

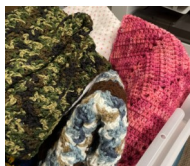
The author of Ecclesiastes speaks of the futility of an anxious heart and restless mind. What helps to ground you in your day-to-day living?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Colossians to put to death the “old self” (bad behavior) and to live into the “new self” (life in Christ). What could you do this week to practice this “new self”?

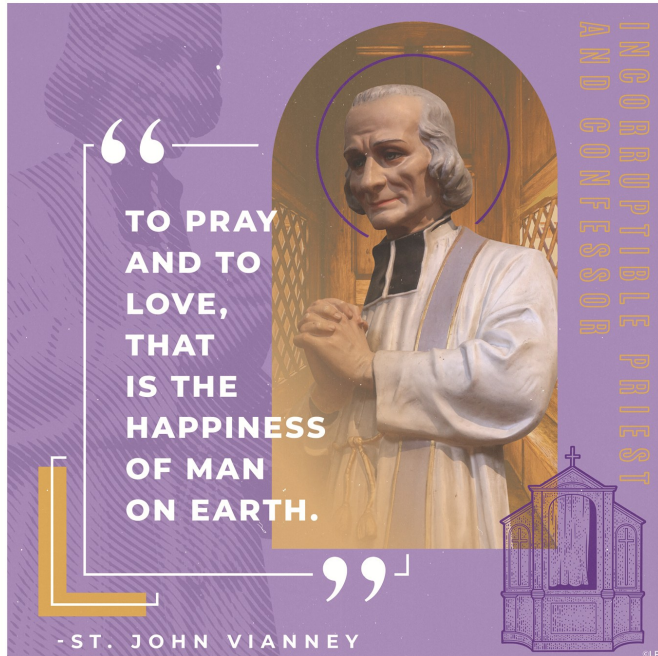
Gospel:

Jesus tells the crowds the parable of the rich fool, warning against excessive material wealth. How do you balance your material needs with “what matters to God”?



Short-Term Volunteers Needed

St. Frances of Rome has a handful of prayer blankets on hand that have recently been stored in a damp and dusty environment. Before we offer these gifts to homebound parishioners or nursing home residents, we would like to have them laundered and refreshed. If you would like to provide this service, please call the parish office at 502-896-8401 and let us know how many you are willing to launder. They can be picked up at the parish office.



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, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Parish Life 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
- Mary Scott Herrington, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Ministry to Seniors 502-896-8401 SFR/ or 502-897-5207 x1110

St. Frances of Rome Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor

Open Position –Chair

Bill Benoit –Finance Chair

- Anne Hogan
- Kathy Leonard
- Marnie McCallister
- Matt Brotzge
- John O'Brien
- Paul Ostertag
- Phyllis Clay

The St. Frances Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The Council has discussed ways to improve communication with parishioners and others interested in joining our community.

If you have thoughts or comments to share, please email them to either Father Shayne sduvall@htparish.org, or Fr. Steven Henriksen shenriksen@sfrlou.org.

Collection 7/27/2025 \$5,705

Loose Collections \$668

Online giving \$1,225

Amount Needed Weekly: **Fiscal year 25/26 budget not yet finalized**

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, August 2

4:30PM Arnold Brown✝

Sunday, August 3

8:30AM Grayson Hayden

10:30AM The Honaker Family

Weekday Mass Intentions will now be added to Holy Trinity's daily Mass Intentions while our Daily Masses are temporarily suspended at SFR. The following dates at times are at Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, August 6

Rosemary Sidebottom

Friday, August 8

The Meagher Family

Saturday, August 9

4:30PM Donnie Crisp✝

Sunday, August 10

8:30AM People of the Parish

10:30AM The S. Hayden Family

Ann Burton
Barbara Cameron
Scott Dinsmore
Patricia Elliott
Mary Elmore
Katie Evers
Alberta Fenimore
Judy Theobald Fitzhugh
Allie & Masey Goatley
Michelle Hagan
Fr. Steven Henriksen
Betsy Hilinski
Joseph Hohmann
Rita Hohmann
Carolyn Holman
Ceil Lanham
Michael McGuire
Mary Rose Mattei
Ann Browning Mayer
Lynne McKnight
Anne McMahon
Ann Mary Mehling

Barbara "Bobbi" Merket
Nelda Miles
Joyce Mitchell
Toni Mullins
Barbara Ogden
Nancy Ostertag
Susan Rappa
William Rawlings
Raleigh Ridge
Ed Schoenbaechler
Garland Sharpe
Carole Sheehan
Barbara Sutton
Judy Thornberry
Linda Waddell
Jean Watson
Gerard White
Leora Williams
Patty Williamson
Arthur Woolery

Please Pray for the Repose of Their Souls...



- Mary "Kathy" Kathleen Henchey
- August "Augie" Bickel
- Ann Lavelly

Our Celebrants for the Week

- 4:30p Saturday, August 9 –Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, August 10 – Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, August 10 –Fr. Shayne