

YOU ALSO MUST BE **PREPARED.**

— MATTHEW 24:44 —

Bulletin for November 30, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Jerry Eifler

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor

Mass Schedule

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

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

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✓ **ITEMS WE DON'T OFTEN GET**
UNITED CRESCENT HILL MINISTRIES
FOOD PANTRY

☐ SHAMPOO/ CONDITIONER	☐ CHAPSTICK
☐ TOILET PAPER	☐ BABY & TODDLER FOOD
☐ LOTION	☐ BABY FORMULA
☐ TISSUES	☐ BABY WIPES
☐ CLOROX WIPES	☐ SHELF STABLE MILK
☐ HAND & DISH SOAP	☐ HAIRBRUSHES/ HAIR TIES
☐ LAUNDRY ITEMS	☐ JELLY
☐ BODY CLEANSING WIPES	☐ CANS OF FOOD WITH POP TABS
☐ SANITARY NAPKINS	☐ FLOUR
☐ DEODORANT	☐ BUTTER
☐ BODY WASH	☐ COOKING OIL
☐ DIAPERS	

October 2023

Food pantries in Jefferson County saw sharp increases in need as the federal government shutdown affected more people. Despite it's reopening, the need has not eased up. There are a lot of families that are struggling right now.

Let's refill the pantry shelves at United Crescent Hill Ministries this month with essential items like canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, toilet paper, and hygiene items like soap/body wash, toothpaste, and shampoo.

Also, we have designated all of the monetary donations and food pantry donations collected at the Friendsgiving event to go to United Crescent Hill Ministries. Thanks to your generosity, the parish was able to raise \$1,129.25 in cash as well as several boxes of assorted shelf stable foods to the pantry at UCHM. Thank you all for your kindness and compassion.

Advent

Lessons and Carols



Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Join Us For Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity

The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is a prayer service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

If you are interested in gaining some knowledge and listening to some great music to prepare you for the holiday, please join us at Holy Trinity church on Sunday, December 14th at 3pm.

Thank You For Your Generosity

It is with humble and grateful hearts that we would like to thank the parishioners of St. Frances of Rome for their generosity in supporting the "5th Sunday" 2nd collection, which was collected this weekend. Your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society touches so many lives! Thank you again, also to Fr. Shayne for allowing us to do so.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministries is sponsoring a talk **“Not Feeling So Merry?...Managing Our Loss, Grief, and Stress Over the Holidays”**. Johnathan White, MSW, will speak on how to cope with these feelings at a difficult time of year. Please join us! We'll be in Holy Trinity's Multipurpose Building at 7pm on Wednesday, December 3rd.



Grief is a deeply personal journey, and it can often feel overwhelming. But you don't have to face it alone. Reaching out for support is a courageous and healthy step toward healing.

Stephen Ministry is here to walk with you through your season of grief. Whether you're grieving the loss of a loved one or facing another difficult life challenge, our trained Stephen Ministers offer one-on-one, confidential care grounded in Christ's love. There's no "right" way to grieve, but sharing your experience with someone who listens and understands can bring comfort, clarity, and hope.

If you'd like to learn more or begin the process, you can:

- Email us at stephen.ministry@htparish.org
- Use the confidential Stephen Ministry Drop Box in the back of the church
- Contact one of our Stephen Leaders directly:
 Terry Lesch 502-641-8725
 Allyson Skaggs 502-593-5880
 Gilda Cirualo 306-904-3259
 Janice Vetter 502-548-4400



Plan Now to Join SFR's Advent Prayer & Reflection Groups

Advent is almost upon us! St. Frances of Rome will have groups on Wednesdays to pray, read, and discuss a new resource from Ave Maria Press. *Illuminate* by Fr. John Nepil will walk through the Prologue to John's gospel as a way to enter the darkness of winter and emerge into the light of Christmas with the birth of our Lord.

Volunteer leaders will guide sessions on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am and Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the SFR Parish House meeting room. Groups will meet on these Wednesdays of Advent:

- December 3
- December 10
- December 17

Pick up your copy of the book at the parish office or in the back of Church starting November 8 and 9.

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/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:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

You know the time;
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

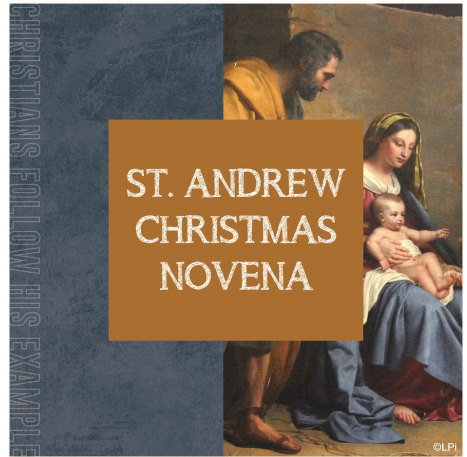
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent; Respect Life Sunday
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Mt 24:40-42

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. What does a world totally at peace look like?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. What motivates you to live a moral life?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?

2026 PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED SITES OF ITALY

MAY 24 - JUNE 2, 2026



Join Fr. Shayne on an unforgettable journey to the sacred sites of Italy, from Rome to Milan and more!



POLAND WITH ARCHBISHOP FABRE

JULY 2 - 15, 2026



Join Archbishop Fabre and Fr. Shayne on a journey to Poland's sacred sites in the footsteps of St. John Paul II.



THE HOLY LAND

NOVEMBER 9 - 19, 2026



Join Fr. Shayne and Fr. Rust on the journey of a lifetime as we explore the Holy Land, in the footsteps of Jesus.



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
- 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
- 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
- Kathy Leonard, Parish Life Coordinator 502-896-8401

St. Frances of Rome Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor
John O'Brien –Council Chair
Bill Benoit –Finance Chair

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

The St. Frances Parish Council meets on a bi-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.

Collection 11/23/2025 \$5,900

Loose Collections \$454

Online giving \$1,460

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154

Amount Over or **(Under)** YTD: \$11,936

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, November 29

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 30

8:30AM People of the Parish

10:30AM People of the Parish

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 M-F dates and times are at Holy Trinity.

Ann Burton
Scott Dinsmore
Patricia Elliott
Mary Elmore
Katie Evers
Alberta Fenimore
Judy Theobald Fitzhugh
Allie & Masey Goatley
Michelle Hagan
Betsy Hilinski
Joseph Hohmann
Rita Hohmann
Michael McGuire
Ann Browning Mayer
Anne McMahon
Ann Mary Mehling
Joyce Mitchell
Toni Mullins
Nancy Ostertag
Susan Rappa
William Rawlings
Ed Schoenbaechler
Garland Sharpe

Carole Sheehan
Judy Thornberry
Linda Waddell
Katheryn Watkins
Jean Watson
Gerard White
Leora Williams
Patty Williamson
Arthur Woolery



Saturday, December 6

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 7

8:30AM Robert Gillespie †

10:30AM The Honaker Family

Our Celebrants

- 4:30p Saturday, December 6 – Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, December 7 – Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, December 7 –Fr. Shayne
- 4:30p Saturday, December 13 – TBD
- 8:30a Sunday, December 14 – Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 10:30a Sunday, December 14 –Fr. Ron Knott