

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

MATTHEW 3:3

Bulletin for December 7, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Shayne

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am: Fr. Shayne

SECOND 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

<input type="checkbox"/> SHAMPOO/ CONDITIONER	<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPSTICK
<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET PAPER	<input type="checkbox"/> BABY & TODDLER FOOD
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<input type="checkbox"/> CLOROX WIPES	<input type="checkbox"/> SHELF STABLE MILK
<input type="checkbox"/> HAND & DISH SOAP	<input type="checkbox"/> HAIRBRUSHES/ HAIR TIES
<input type="checkbox"/> LAUNDRY ITEMS	<input type="checkbox"/> JELLY
<input type="checkbox"/> BODY CLEANSING WIPES	<input type="checkbox"/> CANS OF FOOD WITH POP TABS
<input type="checkbox"/> SANITARY NAPKINS	<input type="checkbox"/> FLOUR
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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.



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.

Next Senior Luncheon is December 11th

Thursday, December 11th will be the next gathering of the Senior Group at Holy Trinity's Multi-Purpose Building. This gathering will be the Senior Christmas party, and will begin with lunch at 11:30a followed by a Panpipe Flute concert. Bring your friends or come make some new ones.

In order for us to order enough food, RSVPs are required by calling or emailing Molly Willer. Her phone number is **897-5207 x 1115**, and her email is mwiller@htparish.org. Lunch is free, but donations are accepted to defray the costs



John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, *Prepare the way of the Lord.*
- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. What do you hope for in your future?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?

Gospel:

John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?

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.



Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **“locusts and wild honey”** (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
 a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
 a spirit of counsel and of strength,
 a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
 (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
 for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
 but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

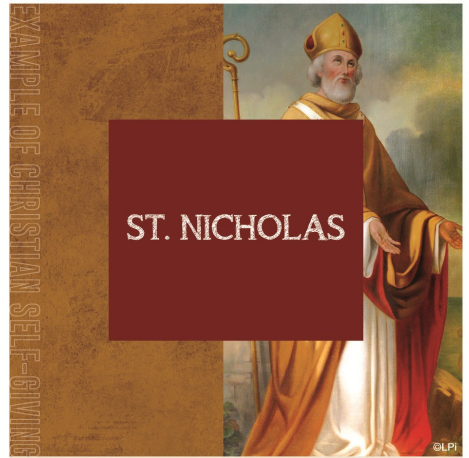
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Friday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.

Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!
 Bring your peace to our world.
 Inspire reconciliation, heal
 divisions, bind wounds,
 rewrite scripts.
 You are the Prince of Peace,
 bring that light into every space.
 Amen.

December 13 - December 14: Third Sunday of Advent**Sat. Dec 13, 4:30 PM - Third Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)**

Kathy Leonard	Sacristan
Salem George (sub req.)	Altar Server - Adult
NOT FILLED	Cantor
Debbie Beavin	Keyboardist
Kay Whelan	Lector
Diane Boehnlein	EMHC
Mary Ann Carter	EMHC
LuAnn George	EMHC
NOT FILLED	Hospitality
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George Dutch Boehnlein	Usher
Fred Fields	Usher

Sun. Dec 14, 8:30 AM - Third Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)

John Clements	Sacristan
Walter Olson, Jr.	Altar Server - Adult
Lauren Hammond	Cantor
Marquita Cooper	Keyboardist
Keitt Wood	Lector
Paul Bleuel	EMHC
Donna Hall	EMHC
Leonard Hildenbrand	EMHC
Mary Farmer	Hospitality
Stephanie Massler	Hospitality
Deborah Benoit	Usher
Ed Farmer	Usher

Sun. Dec 14, 10:30 AM - Third Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)

Beth Wiseman	Sacristan
Ian Fileccia	Altar Server - Youth
Kent Fileccia	Cantor
Mary Masick	Lector
Jeff Barrett	EMHC
Mary Jo Gramig (sub req.)	EMHC
NOT FILLED	EMHC
Dee Dee Freibert	Hospitality
Donna Thompson	Hospitality
Karen Habenstein	Usher
Paul Ostertag	Usher

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 11/30/2025 \$6,480

Loose Collections \$505

Online giving \$475

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154

Amount Over or (Under) YTD: \$11,915

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, December 6

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 7

8:30AM Robert Gillespie ✝

10:30AM The Honaker Family

Monday, December 8 *Immaculate Conception*

8:30AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 10

8:15AM @Holy Trinity Walt Gahm ✝

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.

Saturday, December 13

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 14

8:30AM Raleigh Ridge ✝

10:30AM The S. Hayden Family

Ann Burton
Scott Dinsmore
Patricia Elliott
Mary Elmore
Katie Evers
Alberta Fenimore
Judy Theobald Fitzhugh
Allie & Masey Goatley
Michelle Hagan
Betsy Hilinksi
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

St. Frances of Rome Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24	Thursday, December 25
4:30pm –Fr. Jerry Eifler	8:30am –Fr. Shayne

Our Celebrants

- 8:30a Monday, December 8 –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 4:30p Saturday, December 13 – Fr. Dale Cieslik
- 8:30a Sunday, December 14 – Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 10:30a Sunday, December 14 –Fr. Ron Knott
- 4:30p Saturday, December 20 – Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, December 21 – Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, December 21 –Fr. Shayne