

Bulletin for December 14, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Dale Cieslik

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

THE GOOD NEWS
PROCLAIMED
TO THEM.

— MATTHEW 11:5 —

THIRD 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
<input type="checkbox"/> LOTION	<input type="checkbox"/> BABY FORMULA
<input type="checkbox"/> TISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/> BABY WIPES
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> DEODORANT	<input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER
<input type="checkbox"/> BODY WASH	<input type="checkbox"/> COOKING OIL
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.



Nazareth Home's 2026 Community Education Series

Nazareth Home is offering its free Community Education Series again in 2026, featuring monthly, expert-led sessions on a variety of aging care topics. The series runs January–October and includes topics such as heart health, weather safety, advance care planning, gut health, scamming prevention, Medicare guidance, and much more.

Sessions are held the fourth Wednesday of each month, 3:30–4:30 p.m., at Nazareth Home's Highlands Campus. All are welcome. Learn more at nazhome.org/resources.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Shayne

Sacred Shrines of Italy: May 24 - June 2, 2026

If you have ever dreamt of traveling to the Vatican, seeing all of the sacred sites, and having an audience with the Holy Father, while at the same time experiencing authentic Italian cuisine and culture, then this is your trip.

The deadline for the next pilgrimage with Fr. Shayne is fast approaching. We still have a little under **40 spots available** and would love to have you with us. **Registrations are due by January 24th.**

If you would like to join us, scan the QR code under the 2026 Pilgrimage Opportunities on the next page. If you have any questions about this adventure, please **contact Fr. Shayne at sduvall@httparish.org**



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)

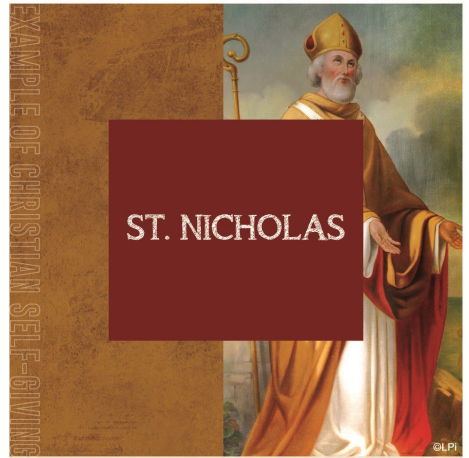
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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 20 - December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 20, 4:30 PM - Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)

Diane Boehnlein	Sacristan
Salem George (sub req.)	Altar Server - Adult
Judith Youngblood	Cantor
Debbie Beavin	Keyboardist
Alison Brotzge-Elder	Lector
George Dutch Boehnlein	EMHC
LuAnn George (sub req.)	EMHC
Donna Hall	EMHC
Roberta Steder	Hospitality
Linda Steder	Hospitality
NOT FILLED	Usher
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Sun, Dec 21, 8:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)

John Clements	Sacristan
Shannon Musselman	Altar Server - Adult
Maggie Davis	Cantor
Marquita Cooper	Keyboardist
Walter Olson, Jr.	Lector
Leonard Hildenbrand	EMHC
Kathleen Huck	EMHC
Maria Wuerth	EMHC
Judith Marcus	Hospitality
Virginia Rodgers	Hospitality
Phyllis Clay	Usher
Richard Huck	Usher

Sun, Dec 21, 10:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent (St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church)

Marnie McAllister	Sacristan
Ian Fileccia	Altar Server - Youth
Kent Fileccia	Cantor
Marquita Cooper	Keyboardist
Olivia Jane Richardson	Lector
Jeff Barrett	EMHC
Therese Bawa	EMHC
Donna Thompson	EMHC
Dee Dee Freibert	Hospitality
Patricia Lawson	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 12/07/2025 \$9,615

Loose Collections \$613

Online giving \$3,115

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154

Amount Over or (Under) YTD: \$17,703

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 13

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 14

8:30AM Raleigh Ridge †

10:30AM The S. Hayden Family

Monday, December 15

Douglas E. Brown †

Wednesday, December 17

The Meagher Family

Friday, December 19

Marcella & Rob Clay †

Weekday Mass Intentions will now be added to Holy Trinity’s daily Mass Intentions while our Daily Masses are temporarily suspended at SFR. The M-F dates are at Holy Trinity’s 8:15AM Mass.

Saturday, December 20

4:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 21

8:30AM Barbara Ogden †

10:30AM People of the Parish

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| Ann Burton | Joyce Mitchell |
| Scott Dinsmore | Toni Mullins |
| Patricia Elliott | Nancy Ostertag |
| Mary Elmore | Susan Rappa |
| Katie Evers | William Rawlings |
| Alberta Fenimore | Ed Schoenbaechler |
| Judy Theobald Fitzhugh | Garland Sharpe |
| Allie & Masey Goatley | Carole Sheehan |
| Michelle Hagan | Judy Thornberry |
| Betsy Hilinski | Linda Waddell |
| Joseph Hohmann | Katheryn Watkins |
| Rita Hohmann | Jean Watson |
| Michael McGuire | Gerard White |
| Ann Browning Mayer | Leora Williams |
| Anne McMahon | Patty Williamson |
| Ann Mary Mehling | 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

- 4:30p Saturday, December 20 – Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, December 21 – Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, December 21 –Fr. Shayne
- 4:30p Wednesday, December 24 –Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 8:30a Thursday, December 25 – Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Saturday, December 27 – TBD