

Bulletin for January 4, 2026

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Mark

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

# WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING.

MATTHEW 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor

Fr. Mark Hamilton: Associate Pastor

## *Mass Schedule*

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

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

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

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## Stephen Ministry

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](mailto: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  
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Gilda Cirualo 306-904-3259  
Janice Vetter 502-548-4400

## Pilgrimage to Sacred Sites of 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 need at least 20 people to make this trip happen, and as of now are not to that number.** We would love to have you join 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@htparish.org](mailto:sduvall@htparish.org)





Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
- Mt 2:1b-2

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

### Second Reading:

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

### Gospel:

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?

## 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 January 4, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/  
Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/  
Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

### Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday:

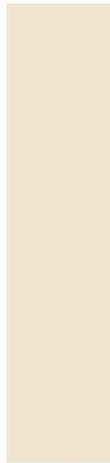
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and  
9b/Jn 3:22-30

### Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— *Father John Muir*

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.  
(Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

## Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

**Monday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Tuesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

## Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,  
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You.  
Inspire us to seek You, as well.  
Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.  
Amen.

## **January 10 - January 11: The Baptism of the Lord**

### **Sat, Jan 10, 4:30 PM - The Baptism of the Lord**

Walter Olson, Jr.	Sacristan
Walter Olson, Jr.	Altar Server - Adult
Jackie Carrico	Cantor
Debbie Beavin (sub req.)	Keyboardist
Kathy Leonard	Lector
Diane Boehnlein	EMHC
Mary Ann Carter	EMHC
NOT FILLED	EMHC
Linda Steder	Hospitality
Roberta Steder	Hospitality
Dutch Boehnlein	Usher
NOT FILLED	Usher

### **Sun, Jan 11, 8:30 AM - The Baptism of the Lord**

Steve Wiser	Sacristan
Steve Wiser	Altar Server - Adult
Maggie Davis	Cantor
Marquita Cooper	Keyboardist
Kathy DeLozier	Lector
Donna Hall	EMHC
Susan Martin	EMHC
Kathy Wiser	EMHC
Ed Farmer	Hospitality
Mary Farmer	Hospitality
Deborah Benoit	Usher
John Clements	Usher

### **Sun, Jan 11, 10:30 AM - The Baptism of the Lord**

Beth Wiseman	Sacristan
John Bawa	Altar Server - Youth
Judith Youngblood	Cantor
Joe Zimlich	Lector
Therese Bawa	EMHC
Mary Masick	EMHC
Marnie McAllister	EMHC
Dee Dee Freibert	Hospitality
Sue Peege	Hospitality
Karen Habenstein	Usher
Paul Ostertag	Usher

*\*Note: The liturgical ministers listed are subject to change after the bulletin has gone to print.*



## 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](mailto: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. Mark Hamilton, Associate 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
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- 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](mailto:sduvall@htparish.org).

Collection 12/28/2025 \$ ?  
Loose Collections \$ ?  
Online giving \$ ?  
Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154  
Amount Over or (Under) YTD: \$ ?

**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 3**  
4:30PM Barbara Ogden †

**Sunday, January 4**  
8:30AM People of the Parish  
10:30AM The Listin Family

**Monday, January 5**  
8:30AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, January 7**  
4:30PM People of the Parish

**Friday, January 9**  
8:30AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 10**  
4:30PM S. Hayden Family

**Sunday, January 11**  
8:30AM Raleigh Ridge †  
10:30AM Dr. Kenneth Henderson †

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

Our Celebrants

- 8:30a Monday, January 5—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Wednesday, January 7—Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 8:30a Friday, January 9—Fr. Shayne
- 4:30p Saturday, January 10—Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, January 11—Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, January 11—Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Monday, January 12—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Wednesday, January 14—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Friday, January 16—Fr. Shayne