

I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —

Bulletin for April 26, 2026

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Shayne

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor
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with

TIM TOMES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Noon

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501 CHERRYWOOD ROAD

11:30 Lunch

Donations accepted

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“I am the gate.
Whoever enters
through me will be
saved, and will come
in and go out and
find pasture. A thief
comes only to steal
and slaughter and
destroy; I came so
that they might have
life and have it more
abundantly.”
- Jn 10:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The crowds believed Peter's proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of Jesus' wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?



Support the Life-Saving Work of Little Way

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Please pick up a baby bottle in the back of church on **Mother's Day** weekend, fill with your donation, and return on **Father's Day** weekend or [visit littleway.org/support-us](https://www.littleway.org/support-us)



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Hope for those with
a change of heart

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
(second choice)

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

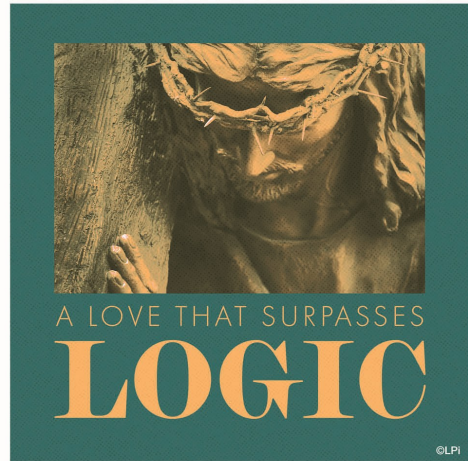
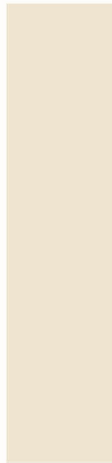
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Peter said to them,
 "Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
 in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
 and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
 Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed.
 For you had gone astray like sheep,
 but you have now returned to the shepherd and
 guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more
 abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter;
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
 Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Virtues, Explained!

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,
 Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
 Help me to know your voice and
 to respond.
 Help me to find your fold and the
 paths on which you lead.
 Bless me with verdant pastures
 and restful waters.
 Refresh my soul.
 Amen.

May 2 & 3: 5th Sunday of Easter

Sat, May 2, -NO 4:30 PM Mass due to the KY Derby

Sun, May 3, 8:30 AM

Steve Wiser
Steve Wiser
Maggie Davis
Marquita Cooper
Kathy DeLozier
Kathleen Huck
Susan Martin
Kathy Wiser
Kelley Abell
David Huber
Bill Benoit
Richard Huck

Sacristan
Altar Server - Adult
Cantor
Keyboardist
Lector
EMHC
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Hospitality
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Usher
Usher

Sun, May 3, 10:30 AM

Beth Wiseman
Ian Fileccia
Kent Fileccia
Marquita Cooper
Charlie Zimmerman
Therese Bawa
Mary Jo Gramig
Leonard Hildenbrand
Fred Fields
Beth Wiseman
Karen Habenstein
Paul Ostertag

Sacristan
Altar Server - Youth
Cantor
Keyboardist
Lector
EMHC
EMHC
EMHC
Hospitality
Hospitality
Usher
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.



Phone List

- Parish Office 502-896-8401
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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 4/19/2026 \$4,450
 Loose Collections \$3,390
 Online giving \$1,460
 Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154
 Amount Over or (**Under**) YTD: **\$38,900**

Collections Correction

We have discovered an error in the spreadsheet we use to track the collections. This error caused us to report higher YTD numbers than actual. The error has been corrected, and this week’s numbers are true.

Mass Intentions for the Week and 2025 Prayer List

Saturday, April 25
 4:30PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, April 26
 8:30AM: People of the Parish
 10:30AM: Poor Souls

Monday, April 27
 8:30AM: Ann Burton †

Wednesday, April 29
 8:30AM: Ann Burton †

Friday, May 1
 8:30AM: People of the Parish

Saturday, May 2 –No Mass today
 4:30PM: **No Mass (KY Derby)**

Sunday, May 3
 8:30AM: Mary Benoit †
 10:30AM: The Timperman Family

**Patricia Elliott
 Mary Elmore
 Katie Evers
 Allie & Masey Goatley
 Michelle Hagan
 Betsy Hilinski
 Mary Rose Mattei
 Anne McMahon
 Joyce Mitchell
 Toni Mullins
 Nancy Ostertag
 Susan Rappa
 William Rawlings**

**Garland Sharpe
 Carole Sheehan
 Judy Thornberry
 Katheryn Watkins
 Jean Watson
 Leora Williams**



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

- Ann Burton

Our Celebrants

- 8:30a Monday, April 27—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Wednesday, April 29—Fr. Mark
- 8:30p Friday, May 1—Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 4:30p Saturday, May 2—**No Mass (KY Derby)**
- 8:30a Sunday, May 3—Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 10:30a Sunday, May 3—Fr. Mark