

A close-up photograph of a hand sowing seeds into dark, rich soil. The seeds are light-colored and scattered across the surface. The background is a blurred field of similar soil.

Bulletin for July 12th, 2026

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Mark

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

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

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

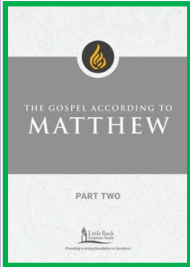
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Fr. Shayne Duvall: Pastor
Fr. Mark Hamilton: Associate Pastor

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The next Book Study will be: **The Gospel According to Matthew, Part 2**

Two Groups: Wednesdays, beginning Aug 5 - Aug 26 10:30-Noon, or Thursdays from 10:00-11:30am

From Liturgical Press: *“Beginning with the Transfiguration of Jesus in chapter 17:1, the Gospel of Matthew continues to reveal through Jesus' teachings what it means to be a disciple. This second part of the study of Matthew reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel.”*

Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, and the price of the book is \$10.95. For questions regarding this study, reach out to Walt Olson at noslow@att.net or call him at (502) 648-9965

Catholic Charities Updates and Opportunities

Common Earth Gardens

Catholic Charities' GRAY STREET FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, June 4 through Sept. 25, rain or shine, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. VOLUNTEERS are needed for a produce delivery program through the Gray Street Market every Thursday 11-3 or Friday mornings. Contact Debbie Belt at dbelt@archlou.org to schedule time to deliver fresh food to families.



Saturday Serve Opportunities

Catholic Charities' SATURDAY SERVE will include the Back-to-School Build-a-Backpack. All the donations from our Empower Pack donation drive will be packed and prepared for distribution.

This packing event takes place on Saturday, July 25, from 9 am -Noon at Mary Queen of Peace. Reach out to Debbie Belt at dbelt@archlou.org for more information and to sign up.



And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow...Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

- Mt 13:3, 7-9

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah encourages us to trust in the reliability of God's word and purposes. When do you find yourself trusting in the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul places his hope in God's promised future, when both people and creation itself will be freed from corruption and decay. Is there something you or your family have been hoping for lately?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches his disciples to be open (be "rich soil") to the often mysterious meaning of the parables about the kingdom of Heaven. Are you someone who is open to new or different ideas?



Join Fr. Shayne on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Fr. Shayne and Fr. Rust are still going to the Holy Land November 9-19, 2026!

We still have openings if you are interested. Please know that Signature Tours will not allow this pilgrimage to occur if it is not safe to do so. If the trip does get cancelled or rescheduled, you will be refunded in full, including the deposit. The deadline to register is July 23, 2026. Scan the QR code for more information.

If you have any questions, please email me sduvall@htparish.org



Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-
15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

My word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world.

Observances for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Forgiveness is love in action. It is mercy extended for no other reason than a desire to be like God, who forgives us out of sheer goodness. The Catechism says that forgiveness proves that "love is stronger than sin."

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.
We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call.
Amen.

July 18 - 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, July 18, 4:30 PM

Salem George	Sacristan
Salem George	Altar Server - Adult
Judith Youngblood	Cantor
Debbie Beavin (sub req.)	Keyboardist
Charlie Zimmerman	Lector
LuAnn George (sub req.)	EMHC
Mary Jo Gramig	EMHC
Rita Ann Wigginton	EMHC
Laura Harpring	Hospitality
Roberta Steder	Hospitality
Dutch Boehnlein	Usher
Fred Fields	Usher

Sun, July 19, 8:30 AM

Walter Olson, Jr.	Sacristan
Walter Olson, Jr.	Altar Server - Adult
Maggie Davis	Cantor
Marquita Cooper	Keyboardist
Virginia Rodgers	Lector
Donna Hall	EMHC
Leonard Hildenbrand	EMHC
Kathleen Huck	EMHC
Robert Fritz	Hospitality
Judith Marcus	Hospitality
Phyllis Clay	Usher
Richard Huck	Usher

Sun, July 19, 10:30 AM

Beth Wiseman	Sacristan
Ian Fileccia	Altar Server - Youth
Kent Fileccia	Cantor
Jacob Hein (sub req.)	Keyboardist
Gregory Brotzge	Lector
Therese Bawa	EMHC
Mary Masick	EMHC
Donna Thompson	EMHC
Dee Dee Freibert	Hospitality
Patricia Lawson	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.



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
- 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 7/05/2026 \$5,035

Loose Collections \$594

Online giving \$1,030

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,173

Amount Over or (Under) YTD: **(\$1,514)**

Consider Going Digital

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, July 11

4:30PM: Honaker Family

Sunday, July 12

8:30AM: Helen & Jack Huber †

10:30AM: Dr. Kenneth Henderson †

Monday, June 13

8:30AM: Walt Gahm †

Wednesday, July 15

8:30AM: People of the Parish

Friday, July 17

8:30AM: People of the Parish

Saturday, July 18

4:30PM: Randy Duvall †

Sunday, July 19

8:30AM: Sarah Christine Abell †

10:30AM: Randy Duvall †

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

Carole Sheehan
Judy Thornberry
Katheryn Watkins
Jean Watson
Leora Williams



Our Celebrants

- 8:30a Monday, July 13—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Wednesday, July 15— Fr. Mark
- 8:30p Friday, July 17—Fr. Shayne
- 4:30p Saturday, July 18—Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, July 19—Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, July 19—Fr. Shayne

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