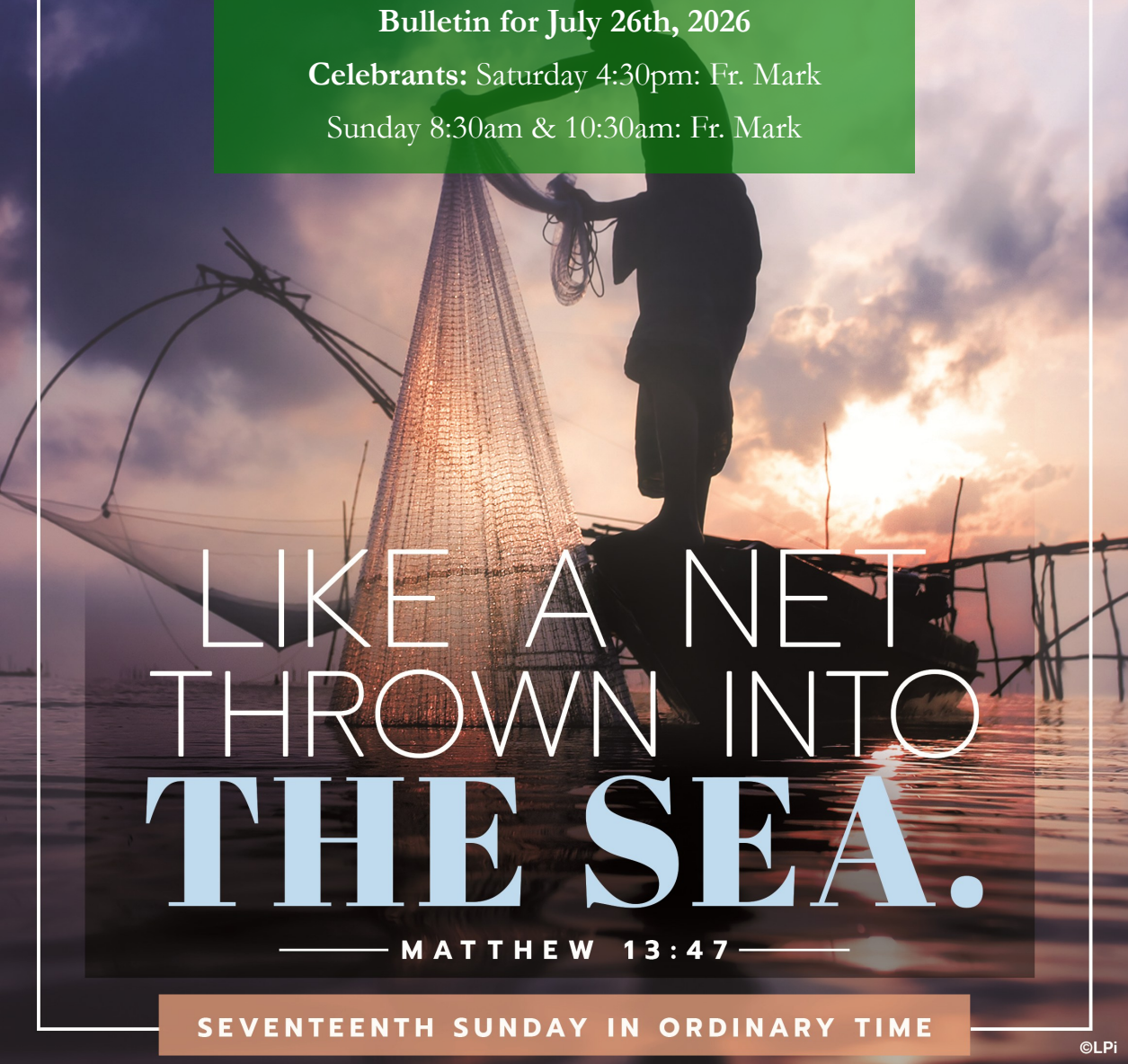


Bulletin for July 26th, 2026

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Mark

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



LIKE A NET THROWN INTO THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 13:47 —

SEVENTEENTH 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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Dear St. Frances of Rome Parishioners,

Greetings in our Lord! This past weekend I was able to celebrate and preach at all three of our weekend Masses. During the homily, I provided an update on the Parish Planning Process, and I would like to share this most recent update with you here..

All of the Deaneries in the Archdiocese held listening sessions with the Archdiocese and with representatives of the parishes in our Archdiocese. Together, in the presence of the Archdiocesan Officials, each parish and their representatives were able to discuss the Parish Planning Process Recommendations that were published earlier this year. As was published in *The Record on June 25, all of the Deanery Gatherings have been completed. We will soon be entering into Phase IV of the Parish Planning Process, which includes taking all the information gathered from the Deanery Gatherings and presenting the recommendations to the Parish Planning Process Committee for their input, consideration, and recommendation to the Archbishop. This next phase could be completed and published in the Fall of 2026.*

Over the past few months, I have consulted with our Parish and Finance Councils. I have prayed and tried to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Taking into account these consultations and discernment, I drafted a letter to Archbishop Fabre on June 24, 2026, asking him and the Parish Planning Process Committee to consider allowing St. Frances of Rome to become a ***“mission”*** of Holy Trinity. *A mission is defined as, “An active faith community with a full variety of ministries but is not a separate parish. The Mission is linked to a parish with a Pastor who serves the mission church.”*

I have had the honor of serving as Pastor of Holy Trinity these past four years as well as serving as your Pastor these past two years. This proposal makes sense, but again, it is up to the Archbishop and his committee to make that final decision. As of July 22, 2026, I have not received a response from the Archbishop, and that is ok, as I did not expect one immediately. His decision requires patience, prayer, and consultation as well.

If St. Frances of Rome does become a Mission of Holy Trinity, we will have to look at what that means for us regarding Mass times and other liturgical and sacramental celebrations. I do know that we will no longer offer three Masses each weekend, and we will most likely have to decrease or eliminate our daily Masses as well. More to come on that.

I wish I had more details and more specific information to share with you, but I do not. I simply ask that you continue to pray for our Archdiocese, those responsible for making these difficult decisions, and those who will be impacted by the decisions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, and I will answer them as best as I can.

May our patroness, St. Frances of Rome, continue to intercede for us, and I remain,

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Shayne R. Duvall
Pastor

“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

- Mt 13:29-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

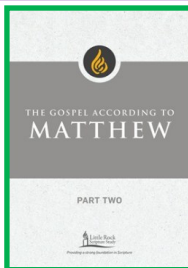
Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one?



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

The books from Little Rock Scripture Study have been delivered. They will be available in the back of church after the Masses this weekend, July 25-26, 2026. Please check the sign in sheet for accuracy and place a check mark behind your name when you pick up your text. If your name is not on the sign in sheet, please add your name, telephone number, and email address, and place a check mark behind your name as you take your text.

Please read Lesson one before the first week of August 2-8, 2026. We should have a very lively and profitable discussion.

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

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

★ **ST. FRANCES OF ROME** ★

GATHER AT THE GRILL

Enjoy an Evening with Your
Parish Family on Aug 15th



Come share in the
fellowship of our
Great St. Frances of
Rome Community!



EVENT DETAILS:



Saturday, Aug 15, 2026



5:15PM-8:15PM



**Clifton School
Reception Hall**



**Volunteer and RSVP in
the back of the church**

**Good Food • Good Friends •
Great Memories**

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 7/19/2026 \$7,355

Loose Collections \$761

Online giving \$675

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,173

Amount Over or (Under) YTD: (\$1,073)

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 25

4:30PM: S. Hayden Family †

Sunday, July 26

8:30AM: Randy Duvall †

10:30AM: Betty Tonini †

Monday, June 27

8:30AM: People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 29

8:30AM: For the sick & recovering parishioners of SFR

Friday, July 31

8:30AM: Vince Ferrer †

Saturday, August 1

4:30PM: Randy Duvall †

Sunday, August 2

8:30AM: Mary Benoit †

10:30AM: People of the Parish

Patricia Elliott

Mary Elmore

Katie Evers

Allie & Masey Goatley

Michelle Hagan

Betsy Hilinski

Mary Rose Mattei

Michael McGuire

Lynne McKnight

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 Their Souls...

Parishioner Betsy Hilinski

Our Celebrants

- 8:30a Monday, July 27—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Wednesday, July 29— Fr. Mark
- 8:30p Friday, July 31—Fr. Shayne
- 4:30p Saturday, August 1—Fr. Mark
- 8:30a Sunday, August 2—Fr. Mark
- 10:30a Sunday, August 2—Fr. Mark

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