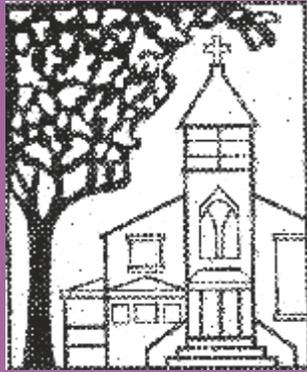


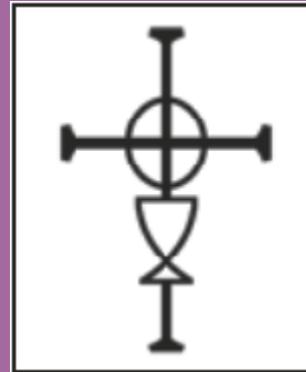
November 29th, 2020: First Sunday of Advent

St. Frances of Rome



St. Frances of Rome is an inclusive, welcoming Roman Catholic family challenging ourselves to seek, experience and share the loving presence of God.

St. Leonard



The St. Leonard family welcomes all into our Catholic community to serve, pray and worship, as we welcome Christ.

The 25,000 imported Italian twinkle lights are finally shining (although not twinkling) and the family is gathered on the lawn to watch. One by one Clark hugs



them until at last he gets to COUSIN EDDIE!!!! Where did HE come from? From the broken-down RV parked in the driveway, of course. Same as every year I watch. In fact that's WHY I watch. From chopping down the ginormous tree ("She'll see it later, dear, her eyes are frozen.") to Aunt Bethany's gifts ("This box is meowing." "She wrapped up her cat."). From the Jelly of the Month Club Christmas bonus ("That's the gift that keeps on giving the whole year.") to SWAT teams, squirrels and Clark with a chainsaw ("Fixed the newel post."), all Clark Griswold wants is to give his family the perfect Christmas. And that wish spirals into perfect, inevitable, hilarious chaos. "Worse?! How could things get any worse? Take a look around you, Ellen! We're at the threshold of Hell!!" At which point, of course, it gets worse.

Every year. While thinking and praying about how we can do the ancient rituals of the Advent/Christmas season, I started thinking about our other rituals during these days. And one of those is watching beloved Christmas movies and TV specials that have been passed down through the years. And I thought about how many of them are about ideal, wonderful Christmases where everything works out as planned. Exactly. None came to my mind either. So, as 2020 parks its broken-down RV in our Christmas driveway and refuses to leave, I'll be watching that long ago Griswold Family Christmas come apart, right on schedule. Not so much because it will make

me feel better that at least my Christmas won't be THAT bad, as because it will remind me (as it was always meant to) of what Christmas is NOT about. And in a year that is going to take away many of our treasured rituals of Christmas, we may need that more than most years. And the laughter. We definitely need the laughter. Because in the end it's not about that perfect Christmas experience, it's about the love that gets us through and keeps us together even in and through disaster. That Love, that is born in Jesus Christ and "with us always, until the end of the age." In fact it's when times like these strip other things away, that we can come to know more surely how powerful that Love is, and that can shape us into people who can better live that Love of God and trust it.

In the end the Griswold's survived that Christmas. And Clark got not what he wanted but what he needed. And I like to think that because of that they're still together. (Though not physically this year, what with the spouses and grandkids, unless they're social distancing and in masks.) And that wherever they are, they tell their story and sing their favorite Christmas song, "Oh the rockets' red glare . . ."

So let it be for us, for our parishes, for our world. That in the ways that we find to wait this Advent, to celebrate this Christmas, we might find at our heart that the true promise of our God, of our salvation, is born after all. And that we might look back on this year, different and difficult as it might be, as a time that because we so needed God's grace, it became easier to find. And because it became easier this time, it became easier at all times.

Wouldn't that just be the hap, hap, happiest of Christmases?

Fr. Lou

Christmas is Coming

Been making a novena to St Jude for a Thanksgiving that's 75 and sunny so you can have an outside dinner where all the family can get together and socially distance? You know, like the pilgrims. We're all having to re-think and be creative about how we can celebrate these upcoming feasts, and that includes us here at SFR and SL. We're especially working on Masses for Christmas, making plans for accommodating more people than have been coming on a typical weekend by moving to larger spaces. Unless we're at a point in the pandemic where cases are high and no one wants to come out even for Christmas. Or the number of people coming is about what it's been for regular weekends. From what we're hearing that may be a lot like your own holiday planning - trying to cover the possibilities of what things will be like on the 25th of December. So, as you're planning, keep us in mind, and keep us posted on whether Christmas Mass will be a part of your celebration in person or online. More people in person means we'll need more volunteers, and if you are willing to help that would be great, too. Together, in person or apart, we're working to keep Christmas 2020 as a prayerful celebration of Christ's life born among us.

-Fr. Lou



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Throughout the season of Advent, Father Lou will be offering several opportunities for parishioners to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ. Father Lou will be available in the parish church for private Confessions on the following dates and times:

- **Saturday, December 5 at Saint Leonard from 3:00 - 4:30pm**
- **Wednesday, December 9 at Saint Frances of Rome from 12:30 - 2:00pm**
- **Sunday, December 13 at Saint Frances of Rome from 12:30 - 2:00pm**
- **Wednesday, December 16 at Saint Leonard from 6:00 - 7:30pm**

Every effort will be made to keep everyone safe: masks are required, temperatures will be checked, and social distancing will be maintained in the confessional and throughout the church. No appointment is necessary - all are welcome to come at your convenience and participate in this beautiful sacrament!

Parishioners are also always welcome to make a private appointment for Confession. Call your parish office to schedule an appointment.



Immaculate Conception December 8, 2020

Our parishes will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at Masses on **Tuesday, December 8** at the following times:

- **8:30am at Saint Frances of Rome**
- **6:00pm at Saint Leonard Parish**

Please note that there will be no noon Mass at St Leonard Parish on December 8

Worship Updates



It is our prayer here at St. Frances of Rome that Christ, the Source of all Light, is ever present to strengthen us, instruct us, inspire us and give us hope and that His Light will never burn out as long as we live in faith without a shadow of doubt that darkness will ever defeat us. Earlier this year, due to the Covid health screening process at the entrance of the church to attend mass, the St. Frances of Rome devotional area

was limited to only one candle. However, due to the increased request by people wanting to light a candle for their own intentions, we are going to offer the opportunity to do so. Email stfranrome@sfrlou.org or scoonan@sfrlou.org or call (502) 896-8401 and a candle will be lit for you. Donations for your candle(s) can be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Sunday collections with an envelope marked as "SFR Candle Intention".

Saint Leonard Advent Prayer Intentions

The Worship Committee of Saint Leonard Parish is hard at work creating an Advent prayer guide for our community featuring your prayer intentions! We invite you to share a specific prayer intention with us so that we can share these with our community via the newsletter throughout Advent. Anyone can share a prayer intention by calling our office at 502-897-2595.

Formation Updates

Social Justice Initiative

Over the past few months, a small group of parishioners have gathered to discuss how we can support Social Justice at SFR in alignment with our parish Mission Statement:

"St. Frances of Rome is an inclusive, welcoming Roman Catholic family challenging ourselves to seek, experience and share the loving presence of God."

Our first project for this effort is during the upcoming Advent season.

Beginning November 29, we are offering daily reflections to share for meditation or discernment relating to Social Justice. They can be found in the Blue Books being delivered to all parish households.

Our parishioners are from various age groups, backgrounds, life experiences, so "Social Justice" may have differing thoughts and reactions to this topic. We invite you to participate with us!



Want to stay up-to-date with Family Faith Formation news?

Andrew Hennessy regularly communicates reminders and resources to parish families via emails and mailings. Not yet receiving Andrew's updates? Or do you want to become a regular participant in our Family Faith Formation opportunities? Click on the link below to download a registration form and return it to your parish office. Questions? Reach out to Andrew at ahennessy@sfrlou.org.



Saint Leonard's Maryhurst collection is this week!

Remember, this week is your last chance to contribute to Saint Leonard's collection of gift cards for the children of Maryhurst! You can help by picking up a \$25 gift card to WalMart, Amazon, Meijer, Kohls, Old Navy, or Target, and bringing it to the parish office from Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4; a collection box will also be available in the back of church before and after Masses on Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6. Alternatively, we can pick up gift cards for you! Write a check payable to Saint Leonard Parish and write "Maryhurst" in the memo line, and drop off your check in the collection boxes between November 30 and December 6. Thank you for your generosity!

St Frances of Rome Giving Tree

During Advent and Christmas, St. Frances of Rome has historically embraced the spirit of giving each year for United Crescent Hill Ministries' (UCHM) **"Christmas Connection"** program through the Advent Giving Tree. This program is dedicated to ensuring that the children in our community are provided a cheerful and fulfilling holiday. However, with this unprecedented giving season, UCHM would like to keep everyone as safe as possible. So the **"Christmas Connection"** program will look a little different this year. Rather than fulfilling children's wish lists by parishioners purchasing gifts themselves, they are asking St. Frances of Rome for preferable donations in the form of cash, check or preloaded gift cards. (The financial donations will be used by UCHM staff and volunteers to purchase \$100 Target, Walmart, or Amazon gift cards and \$25 Kroger gift cards, one for each child in a family. These gift cards will allow families to prioritize their needs, as well as give them the dignity of providing for their family in the best way that they see fit.)

If you are interested in donating or sponsoring a family,

please use one of the following methods:

- Visit the UCHM "Christmas Connection Program" web page to donate directly: <https://www.uchmlouky.org/christmas-connection-sponsorship-sign-up/> and select "Donate" to make your contribution.
- Donate cash, or a check (made out to "United Crescent Hill Ministries").
- Or purchase a gift card from Target, Amazon, Visa or Walmart with the amount noted on the card. [Please enclose the cash, check or gift card in an envelope marked "UCHM Christmas Connection" and place it in the collection basket on Sundays or drop it off at the parish office during business hours.]

For each SFR gift received, a ribbon will be hung on the parish's Advent "Christmas Connection" Giving Tree. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzann McGarvey, Parish Administrative Assistant at stfranrome@sfrlou.org or Sharon Coonan, Pastoral Associate at scoonan@sfrlou.org or call (502) 896-8401. Thank you in advance for your kindness and ongoing support of this Advent/Christmas parish outreach effort.

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Prayer List

Compassionate and Loving Father, in the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then

Zoey Abner	Greg Metry
Mark Ambrose	Anna Meyer
Jim Avery	Don Mirka
Elsie Banks	Jim Monohan
Ben & Herminda Baylon	Betty Moore
Jayne BecVar	Mike Murphy
Mary Bradley	Tom & Joyce Niehoff
Gerald & Betty Brewer	Paul Ogden
Arnold Brown & family	Teresa Oliver
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Marian Clem	Arthur Parola, Jr.
Jordan Collie	Ed Peter
Marquita Cooper	Mike & Liz Pottinger
Jan Corum	Ina Reeves
Shirley Detenber	Mary June Robinson
Mary Elmore	Lisa Runyon
Mary Farmer	Katie Russo
Ann Faurest	Verna Sauer
Kathy Fritz	Betty Schwartzel
Allie & Masey Goatley	Garland Sharpe
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Bob Hart	Hilda Stoddard
Pat Haunz	Kameron Sutton
David Hausman	Marge Tessier
Dottie Herrmann	Gene Thompson
Leonard Heydt	Margaret Webb
Terry Hickey	Ginny Weber
JoAnne Hohman	Joe Weber
Ceil Iler	Diane West
DeeDee Jones	Gerard White (son)
Bob Liter	Leora Williams
Michael March	Arthur Woolery
Joyce McKiernan	Alene Young

Thank you!

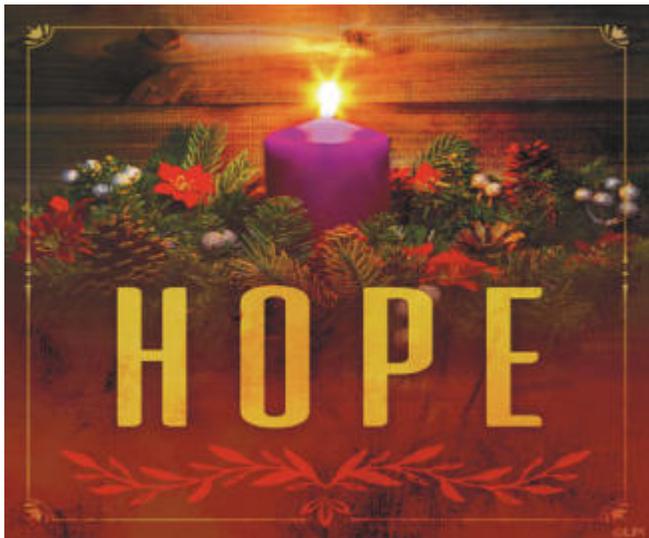
The people of Saint Leonard Parish would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to our sister community of Saint Frances of Rome for donating a lovely flower arrangement to help us celebrate our patron saint last weekend. We are thankful for this thoughtful gesture, and for your prayers!



As always, we also thank our dedicated Arts & Environment Committee for continuing to make our worship space beautiful and reverent. This week's shout-outs go to Barbara Trompeter, Patti Nash, and Tom Stocker for all of their hard work. Thank you!

St Leonard Silent Fall Picnic Update

Once again, we ask our Saint Leonard community to prayerfully discern how you might be able to contribute to our **Silent Fall Picnic** as a way to support our parish in this unusual year. We had been expecting to raise **\$20,000** from the annual Summer Picnic cancelled due to COVID-19 to fund our church operations and continue to provide wonderful ministries for our members and guests. To date, we have collected **\$2,615**. **Donations can be sent to the parish office.** Thank you for your generous support!



"You do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening...or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." Mark 13:35-36

The good steward is always expected to have the affairs of the master in order at all times. There is no time for complacency. Stewardship entails readiness to serve others and vigilance in that service.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You." Amen.

Catholic High School Placement Test

Students who wish to attend a Catholic high school next year are required to take the Catholic high school placement test scheduled on **Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The placement test is free of charge and helps Catholic secondary schools determine the most appropriate course work and academic path for meeting the needs of each student.

Students take the test at the Catholic high school they plan to attend. This year due to COVID-19, students are asked to preregister on that high school's website. Links to preregister for the high school placement test can be found at www.louisvillecatholicschools.com/placementtest. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a face mask, as each school will adhere to safe and healthy testing guidelines.

If inclement weather cancels the test on December 12, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, December 19 at the same time. For more information, call the Catholic School Information Line at 502/634-1315 or email comm@archlou.org.

In Remembrance

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jayne BecVar**, a St. Frances of Rome parishioner who entered eternal life. We pray for Jayne's family and friends as they remember her life and mourn her loss.

Weekend Readings

First Sunday of Advent - November 29

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

Second Sunday of Advent-December 6

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14
Gospel: Mk 1:1-8

Stewardship of Treasure



Collection 11/15/2020	\$2,176
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,942
YTD Overage	\$14,055.93



Collection 11/15/2020	\$3,232
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,975
YTD Under	\$(18,215)

Collection News

Due to the early deadline for this bulletin, we will report on the collection for November 22 for St. Frances of Rome and St. Leonard in next week's bulletin. Thank you!

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Nov 29, 8:30 am: **People of the Parish**
Sunday, Nov 29, 11:30 am: **Jack Williams**
Monday, Nov 30, 8:30am: **Ken Clarke**
Wednesday, Dec 2, 8:30am:
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Friday, Dec 4, 8:30 am: **Wanda Brinly**
Sunday, Dec 6, 8:30am: **Steve Leonard**
Sunday, Dec 6, 11:30am: **Beatrice Castelli**



Saturday, Nov 28, 5 pm:
Sunday, Nov 29, 10 am: **People of the Parish**
Tuesday, Dec 1, Noon: **Leila Vaghei**
Thursday, Dec 3, Noon: **Paul & Regina Schmidt**
Saturday, Dec 5, 5 pm:
Sunday, Dec 6, 10 am: **People of the Parish**
Tuesday, Dec 8, 6 pm:
Thursday, Dec 10, Noon:

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