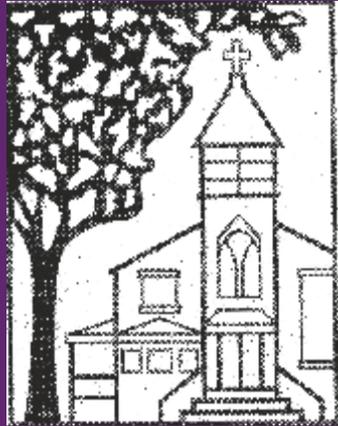


March 21, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Frances of Rome

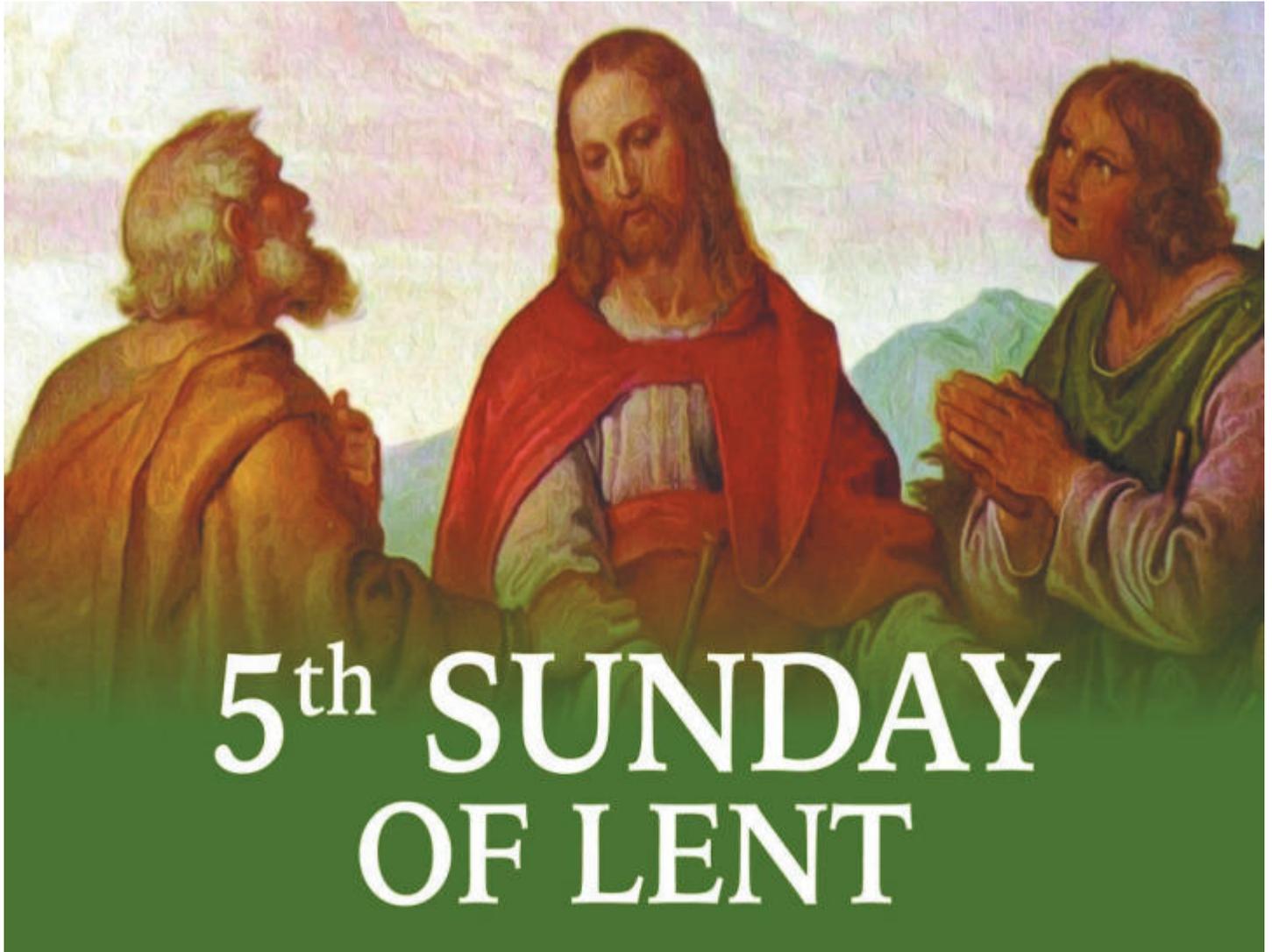


St. Frances of Rome is an inclusive, welcoming Roman Catholic family challenging ourselves to seek, experience and share the loving presence of God.

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



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Throughout the season of Lent, 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 Christ's Resurrection. Father Lou will be available in the parish church for private Confessions on the following dates and times:

- **Sunday, March 21 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at St. Frances of Rome**
- **Wednesday, March 24 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm at St. Frances of Rome**

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 necessary - all are welcome to 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.

Lenten Opportunities



Lent at Saint Frances of Rome

Rosary

Mondays & Fridays during Lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Adoration

Fridays during Lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass & Rosary

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent following the 8:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lent at Saint Leonard

Stations of the Cross

Sundays during Lent at 3:00 pm in the church and live-streamed

Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) at 3:00 pm

Rosary

Tuesdays and Thursdays following the 12:00 pm Mass

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



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Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more about the Rice Bowl program from our own @CatholicArchLou CRS Global Fellow, or view Deacon Scott Haner's video here or at <https://youtu.be/FCWtHrYt0zM>



Holy Week Schedule

We look forward to celebrating the Paschal Triduum with you! Reservations are required **ONLY** for liturgies at St. Frances of Rome; overflow seating will be provided in the cafeteria for Masses at St. Leonard. To make reservations for the St. Frances of Rome liturgies, please call 502-896-8401. The evening Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies will be live-streamed via Facebook for parishioners participating from home.



Holy Thursday, Thursday, April 1

8:30 am Prayer Service at St. Frances of Rome
(no noon Mass at SL)

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Leonard



Holy Saturday, Saturday, April 3

(no 5 pm Mass at SL)

9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass at **St. Leonard**



Good Friday, Friday, April 2

8:30 am Prayer Service at **St. Frances of Rome**

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at **St. Leonard**

7:00 pm Passion Liturgy at **St. Frances of Rome**



Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4

8:30 am Mass at St. Frances of Rome

10:00 am Mass at St. Leonard

11:30 am Mass at St. Frances of Rome



Leonard Ladies Lenten Journey: Imagine

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:15 pm via Zoom

The next meeting of the Leonard Ladies series Imagine will take place on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:15 pm via Zoom. Our discussion this week will be based on “Episode 8 - The Way of the Cross” of the podcast Imagine: A Guide to Jesuit Prayer. You can follow along by using the technique of Ignatian contemplation to pray with Mark 15 and/or John 19. As you pray, we encourage you to ponder the following questions:

1. As you imagine the events of Jesus' crucifixion, what words, images, emotions, or other details stand out in your prayer?
2. Imagine experiencing these scenes from the point-of-view of Mary: how does her perspective resonate with your heart? Are you drawn to the point-of-view of other characters? What stands out to you?
3. How do you perceive that Jesus is speaking to you through this prayer experience?

If you are interested in calling in to our Zoom meeting on March 24 at 7:15 pm, follow these instructions:

Dial 1 929 205 6099

When asked to enter the Meeting ID, enter these numbers: 994 1699 9249#

When asked for Participant ID, enter just the pound sign: #

When asked to enter the Passcode, enter these numbers: 932922#

You can now enter the meeting..



Diaconate Ordination

The DIACONATE ORDINATION of Dustin Hungerford will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11am. The people of the Archdiocese of Louisville are welcome and encouraged to view the livestream of this joyful celebration. To access the livestream, visit the YouTube page of the Cathedral of the Assumption (link below). For more information, contact Sr. Sarah Yungwirth in the Vocation Office at 502-471-2121.



St. Frances of Rome Major Interior Church Plaster Repairs and Repainting



Beginning Wednesday, April 7th the St. Frances of Rome Church interior will be undergoing major interior repairs and renovations. The interior plaster has developed some significant cracks and it

needs to be repaired and repainted. This process will take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete. The interior decor will not be changed and the church will maintain its current aesthetic. In order to complete this project in a timely manner, the church will be closed so scaffolding can be put up so that the workers do not have to adjust around mass schedules. Fr. Lou and the St. Frances of Rome Parish Council felt that a project of this scope would best be completed while still under the Covid-19



seating restrictions. The goal is to complete these projects before the church seating limitations are lifted. While this

project is underway ALL St. Frances of Rome Liturgies will be offered at St. Leonard's Church during this time. Our liturgy schedules dovetail very well and will prevent significant adjustments. All liturgy times and schedules will remain the same. Liturgical minister(s) training will be offered and they will be notified of these arrangements as they are complete. Progress reports will be available throughout the project via the electronic parish newsletter and in the weekly print bulletin. Thank you for your understanding, patience and support of this endeavor. St. Frances of Rome church is an exquisite treasured pearl and these efforts will maintain her beauty for future generations.



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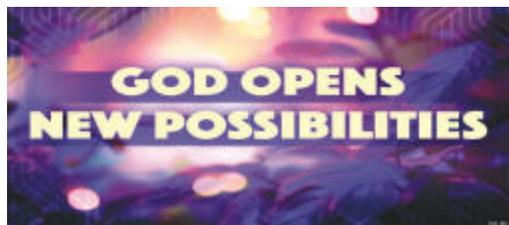
St. Leonard Membership Renewal: keep those responses coming! Have you misplaced your renewal form or not had a chance to return it to the parish? No worries! We will be sending you an email and/or calling you in the next few weeks to confirm your contact information. Thank you in advance for helping us improve our parish database and plan for 2021!

United Crescent Hill Ministries



St. Frances of Rome is collecting the following items: Clorox Wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap and Shampoo. Donations can be placed in the basket near the organ at the entrance of the church or dropped off at the parish house, Monday – Friday: 8:00am to 2:00pm. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity and support!

During March, **St. Leonard** will be collecting macaroni & cheese and peanut butter on behalf of our partners at UCHM. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the church vestibule before or after Masses, or at the parish office during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am - noon).



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Scrutiny-5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God

desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time? ©LPi

Community Updates



Foster & Adoptive Parents Needed Kentucky kids need you!

Virtual Informational Meetings for St. Joseph's Children's Home will be held on April 6 and May 4 at 5:45 pm. Individual meetings are also available upon request. You can call (502-893-0241) or email (Info@SJKids.org) for more information or to RSVP. Visit the St. Joseph Children's Home website to learn more.

Catholic Charities of Louisville

How Catholic Charities of Louisville is living out the principles of **Catholic Social Teaching** here in our archdiocese:

Call to Family & Community: Family Support Services prepares new parents to care for themselves and babies.

Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers: Common Table offers culinary arts job training for those facing barriers to employment.

Rights & Responsibility: Immigration Legal Services offers access to low-cost services for those seeking work permits.

St. Joseph, patron of families, workers, and the universal Church, pray for us and those we serve! Visit cclou.org to see how you can help!

Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-March 21

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Palm Sunday in Ordinary Time-March 28

First Reading: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Second Reading: Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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Mass Intentions



Friday, March 19, 8:30am:
Sunday, March 21, 8:30am: **People of the Parish**
Sunday, March 21, 11:30am: **Patricia Varga**
Monday, March 22, 8:30am: **Phyllis Taylor**
Wednesday, March 24, 8:30am: **Jayne BecVar**
Wednesday, March 24, 12Noon: **Donald Ott, Sr.**
Friday, March 26, 8:30am: **Jim Milliman**
Sunday, March 28, 8:30am: **Mary Ann Schwantes**
Sunday, March 28, 11:30am: **Jack Williams**



Saturday, March 20, 5:00pm: **John Sheptuck**
Sunday, March 21, 10:00am: **People of the Parish**
Tuesday, March 23, 12Noon:
Thursday, March 25, 12Noon: **Nancy Royce**
Saturday, March 27, 5:00pm: **Marian Clem**
Sunday, March 28, 10:00am: **People of the Parish**
Tuesday, March 30, 12Noon: **Frank Schuster**
Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm: **Community of St. Leonard & St. Frances of Rome**
Saturday, April 3, 9:00 pm: **Community of St. Leonard & St. Frances of Rome**



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