

## The Holy Mother of God



## **Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saint Mary has many titles under which we honor her. Today's Solemnity commemorates the utterly unique, and unrepeatable, bond she shared with Jesus, a bond no other saint can claim. Jesus and Mary probably even looked very much alike, as hers was the only human DNA in His body. What a beautiful thing that our God did not float down from heaven on a golden pillow. How good that He was not forged from a fiery anvil. How right that He did not ride to earth on a thunderbolt. Jesus could not redeem what He did not assume. So, it was fitting that He was born like all of us—from a mom. We honor Mary today for her vocation as mother. If she had disappeared from the pages of the Gospels after giving birth to Jesus, she still would have fulfilled her role in salvation history. She was obedient. She was generous.

She allowed God to use her, body, and soul, to write the first chapter of man's true story, the story of the Church. Like all true stories, the person comes first. A life is lived, and the book comes later. God's Mother gives us our mother, Holy Mother Church, who washes our souls in the saving waters of baptism, adopting us into God's family. The Motherhood of Mary gives the world Jesus. Jesus gives us the Church. The Church then brings us into God's family where Mary is our mother, Jesus our brother, and God our Father. This is the family of the Church. What pride to be members of so noble a family! O Mother of God, you birthed the one who created all. How beautiful the mystery. How exalted your vocation that precedes and makes possible the Apostles' own vocations. At home you bounced on your knee the one who spins the world on His finger. Help us start this new year with wonder more than resolutions, with eternal gratitude more than mundane goals.



**December** – A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org))

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### **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

**January 01, 2023**

**Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers**

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Fri. & Wed.)

**Office Closures:** Closed Monday for Holiday 01/02/23

### **St. Francis de Paula Masses:**

**Weekdays:** Tues. & Thur. 8am ([Communion Ser.](#)) and Wed. & Fri. 8am [[Mass](#)]  
**[1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Anointing] Holy Days:** 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 11:00 am Mass, [CONFESSIONS:](#) Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

**PRE-BAPTISM:** - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

**BAPTISM CELEBRATION:** --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

**MARRIAGE:** -There is a (6) month preparation period.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** -> Every Friday and Sunday each month: to schedule -

Call Barbara Reay (575-430-4547)

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wed morning.

Or email: [StFrancisdepaula@gmail.com](mailto:StFrancisdepaula@gmail.com) \*\*\* Try our new website: [stfrancisdepaulachurch.org](http://stfrancisdepaulachurch.org) \*\*\*

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.**

**HB 1:1-2**


**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgen Mary, Mother of God ..... Jan. 1, 2023**

Sat. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm † Tiburcia Beltran (Ann.)  
 Sun. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am † Jesus Lopez, Manuel, Viviana & Victor Calderon  
 Mon. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> No Mass -----  
 Tue. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am † **\*\*Communion Service**  
 Wed. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00am † -----  
 Thur. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm † **\*\*Communion Service**  
 Fri. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00am † -----  
 Sat. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm †

*Mass Intentions for Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>*  
 † Mary Salazar  
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 **Pray for the Sick**

Annie Brady  
 Anthony Mendez  
 Antonio Romero  
 Armado Lopez  
 Billy Brady  
 Bobby Baroz  
 Brenda Barreras  
 Brenda Travis  
 Benji Montoya  
 Carlos Hangarter  
 Chano Flores  
 Clara Bartlette  
 Colleen Boyer  
 Cuca Montoya  
 Dale Ray Dixon  
 Daniel Rael  
 Danny Cordova  
 Deama Silva  
 Diana Dewitt  
 Diolanda Moore  
 Elisa Gutierrez  
 Ernestine Huizar  
 Frank Pino  
 Gary Wolffe  
 Gloria Gonzales

 **Pray for the Sick**

Helen Guerra  
 Hope Carrion  
 Janie Portillo  
 Jeff Aragon  
 Jenni (BB) Alexander  
 Joe Padilla  
 Josie Duran  
 Ken Servais  
 Judy Aguirre  
 Landon Wright  
 Loyola Romero  
 Leah Martinez  
 Luna Bella Nevarez  
 Manny Diaz  
 Maria Elena Perez Lopez  
 Martha Luna  
 Monica Nik  
 Natalia Walters  
 Nina Brusuelas  
 Rachelle Simons  
 Raleigha Cordova  
 Ramona Flores  
 Rachael Sanchez  
 Robert Diaz  
 Robert Capuchin

 **Pray for the Sick**

Robert Dixon  
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena  
 Rose Baroz  
 Rose Salazar  
 Rosemary Cordova  
 Rosie Romero  
 Sandra Bartlette  
 Soncera Briever  
 Sophia Banks  
 Sylvia Pino  
 Teresita Hutchings  
 Ysidro S Monje  
 Zack Evvs  
 Zeke Kazhe

**No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for this week ending**

**Weekend Collection Total Regular Collections Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, \$2,419.17**

**New Schedule for Confessions will be heard every starting this Thursday Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to 5:30pm**

**We are in desperate need of someone to help in the office. Please offer your services.**

**Office will be closed Monday for the New Year holiday 2023**

**Let us pray for our troops in the military services:**



**Benjamín Grijalva  
 Dyanna Ortega  
 Isaiah Diaz  
 Paulita Rocha**

**Ushers For the month of December 2023**

*Sat. 5:30 Abe Pino  
 Sun. 11:00 Gilbert Gaston*

**Sacristans for the Month of Dec. 2023**

**Sat. 5:30 Rose Baroz  
 Sun. 11:00 Ruthina & Barbara**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion → Schedule**  
 12-24-22 -----  
 12-25-22 -----

**Beware of email scam**

*Email Scam has been going around using Fr. Patrick's name asking for money to help Fr. Patrick. Do Not respond to this ridiculous Scam...*

**Parish Council Meetings**  
 Will be held every third Thursday of the Month.  
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**New Parish Council Members**  
 are Andrea Carrillo & Quentin Rodriguez

**Please do not take any decorations or church items from the Sacristy or Parish Hall that does not belong to you.**

**Readers**

**Saturday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30 Mass**  
 Reader 1 Steve Chavez  
 Reader 2 Liz Chavez  
**Sunday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00**  
 Reader 1 Maureen Smith  
 Reader 2 Myles Gaston

**Altar Servers**

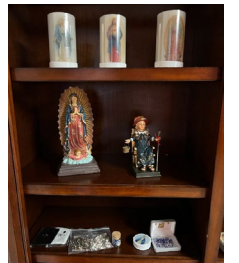
**Saturday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm Mass**  
 Angel, Archie & Gabriel Vigil  
**Sunday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am**  
 Myles Gaston & Demetrius Armijo-Vigil

**DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES – 2023**  
 All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2023, are invited to attend a Mass at St. Peter Parish in Roswell on Saturday, February 11, 2023, or at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and receive a blessing from Bishop Peter Baldacchino. Couples wishing to celebrate these milestone anniversaries must register with their Parish Priest no later than January 10, 2023 and provide him with a Certificate of Marriage from the Catholic parish where the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was celebrated, or a recent Baptism Certificate (within the last 6 months) with notations on the back of the Certificate indicating the marriage is recognized by the Church.

**Annie's Cupboard:** the pantry needs any and all donations especially canned meats and meats in general. All donations are greatly appreciated. \*\*\*\*\*

**Volunteers Needed to be able to open Soup Kitchen.**

**St. Francis De Paula Religious Items**



**Come and see our many religious items in our gift shop. Rosaries Candles and Statues.**

**We will be receiving many more new items along with.....Books, Bibles and booklets.**