



St. Bridget of Sweden Saint Birgitta was the daughter of Uppland's Lagman, Birger Petersson and his wife, Ingeborg, who was a member of the same clan as the reigning family. Birgitta's family was pious; her father went to confession every Friday and made long and arduous pilgrimages as far away as the Holy Land. Birgitta's mother died, leaving Birgitta, ten years old, Katharine, nine and a newborn baby boy, Israel. The children were sent to their maternal aunt for further education and care. It seems that as a young child, Birgitta had a dream-vision of The Man of Sorrows. This dream was very vivid. Birgitta asked Him who had done that to Him. His answer: 'All those who despise my love.' The memory of this dream never left Birgitta and may have even left an indelible mark on her sub-conscious. As was usual during the Middle Ages, Birgitta was married when she was 13 years old to a young man, Ulf Gudmarsson with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons, all of them survived infancy, and that was very rare at that time. When the King of Sweden, Magnus Eriksson married Blanche of Namur, he asked his kinswoman, Birgitta to come and be Lady-in Waiting and to teach the young queen the language and customs of her new country. After her years of service at Court, Birgitta and Ulf made the long pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela. On the return journey Ulf became dangerously ill in Arras. Birgitta feared for his death and sat all night by his bed praying, and then a bishop appeared to her, promised that Ulf would recover and 'God had great things for her to do.' He told her that he was Denis, Patron of France. Ulf recovered and was able to continue his work as Lagman in the province of Närke until early in the year 1344, when he was very ill so Birgitta took him to the monks at Alvastra where he died and was buried. Birgitta remained in a little house near the abbey and she spent along hours in prayer by Ulf's grave. She said that she 'loved him like my own body.' She arranged her affairs among her children and various charities and prayed for guidance. She was 41 years old and in the abbey at Alvastra God called her 'be My Bride and My canal'. He gave her the task of founding new religious order, mainly for women. He said that the other orders had fallen into decay and this new order would be a vineyard whose wine would revivify the Church. He showed her how her abbey church was to be built, gave directions concerning the clothing and prayers of the nuns, 60 in all, who needed priests as chaplains, 13 priests, 4 deacons and 8 lay brothers. These two communities were to be ruled by an abbess, who was to represent the Blessed Virgin Mary together with the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

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16th Sunday of Ordinary time

July 23, 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: TBA

St. Francis de Paula Masses:

**Weekdays: Tues. & Thur. 8am (Communion Ser.) and Wed. & Fri. 8am [Mass]
[1st 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: Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 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: -> 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 *** Try our new website: stfrancisdepaulachurch.org ***

**Remain in my love, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. [Jn 15:9b, 5b](#)**

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

Sat. Jul. 22nd 5:30pm † Ramon, Adela & Alice Pino
 Sun. Jul. 23rd 11:00am † -----
 Mon. Jul. 24th 8:00am ---No Mass
 Tue. Jul. 25th 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Wed. Jul. 26th 8:00am † Mass>>St. Rita Special Intention
 Thur. Jul. 27th 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Fri. Jul. 28th 8:00am † Mass>>
 Sat. July 29th 5:30pm † Bertha A. Marrujo (BD)

Mass Intentions for July 23rd
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 **Pray for the Sick**

Annie Brady
 Anthony Mendez
 Antonio Romero
 Armado Lopez
 Billy Brady
 Bobby Baroz
 Bob Tagg
 Brenda Travis
 Benji Montoya
 Carlos Hangarte
 Chano Flores
 Clara Bartlette
 Colleen Boyer
 Cuca Montoya
 Claudio Prudencio
 Dale Ray Dixon
 Darlene Garcia
 Martinez
 Daniel Rael
 Daxton Valdez
 Danny Cordova
 Deama Silva
 Debbie Williams
 Diana Dewitt
 Dorothy Ferro
 Edward Frias

 **Pray for the Sick**

Elisa Gutierrez
 Frank Pino
 Fred Utter
 Gary Wolffe
 Gloria Gonzales
 Helen Guerra
 Heidi Scarieber
 Jeff Aragon
 Jenni (BB) Alexander
 Joe Padilla
 Josie Duran
 Katherine Marrujo-Thurman
 Ken Servais
 Judy Aguirre
 Landon Wright
 Lizzy Moretz
 Loyola Romero
 Leah Martinez
 Luna Bella Nevarez
 Manny Diaz
 Maria Elena Perez Lopez
 Martha Luna
 Monica Nik
 Natalia Walters
 Nina Brusuelas

 **Pray for the Sick**

Rachelle Simons
 Raleigha Cordova
 Ramona Flores
 Rachael Sanchez
 Robert Capuchin
 Robert Dixon
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena
 Rose Baroz
 Rose Salazar
 Rosemary Cordova
 Rosie Romero
 Sandra Bartlette
 Soncera Briever
 Sophia Banks
 Stella Tarin
 Sylvia Pino
 Terri Baca
 Teresita Hutchings
 Uziah Blazer
 Ysidro S Monje
 Zack Evvs
 Zeke Kazhe

2nd collection today for United In Ministry 8/12-13/2023
Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico is called to enact the corporal works of mercy: that the hungry might be fed, the naked clothed, the homeless sheltered, the sick and imprisoned visited, the stranger welcomed, all with the dignity proper to the children of God. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Las Cruces is the visible expression of the Catholic Church's solidarity with persons in need. *Please be generous. Thank you!*

Weekend Collection 7/18/23> \$1480.00

Deacon's Corner

The Altar Walk into

any Catholic church and you'll notice that the focal point of the church is the altar. The altar is a large table, usually made of wood or stone or a combination thereof, where the sacrifice of the Mass is offered. In the old covenant, animals were sacrificed on an altar. But in the New Covenant, the sacrifice of Christ is made present at every Mass on the altar. In the early days of the Christian Church, altars were built over the final resting places of martyrs and saints. The Church wanted to keep a connection with those who had gone before in faith. Even today you'll still find many churches built over the tombs of martyrs and saints, including perhaps the most famous of all, St. Peter's in Rome. As the Church grew and spread, this practice became all but impossible. But the connection with heroes of the faith and the altar continues. In the Latin rite, every fixed altar very well may contain a relic. A relic is something physically connected with the martyr or saint – often a bone or bone fragment or personal object. The relic is contained within or under that altar, which is dedicated by a bishop. The altar is more than just a table. It is the table of the Lord! Amen.

Ushers For the month of July 2023
 Sat. 5:30pm Billy Artiaga
 Sun. 11:00am Gilbert Gaston

Sacristans for the Month of July 2023...
 Sat. 5:30 Rose Baroz
 Sun. 11:00 Chris & Rosa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion → [Schedule](#)

7-22-23 Steve Chavez, Janie Aragon
 7-23-23 Barbara Reay, Rose Baroz



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adorers needed for the following hours: Mondays 12p - 1p, and We are also in dire need of subs. If you cannot commit to an hour, please consider becoming a sub. If interested, please call Naomi at 575-551-2498 {leave message} or Adelina at 575-921-3640. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to keeping our Adoration Program going. Thanks Naomi



Altar Servers needed.

For anyone interested in learning how to be an Altar Server. There will be training Sat. 29th July in the church at 10am. Must have received 1st Communion and in the state of grace. Ages from 7 to ??? years or more....

Beware of email scams asking for gift cards for cancer patients... do not respond. Fr. Patrick's name is being used in this request he would never do such a thing.

Readers

Saturday Jul. 22nd 5:30pm Mass
 Reader 1 Andrea Carrillo
 Reader 2 Irma Melendrez

Sunday Jul. 23rd 11:00am
 Reader 1 Quentin Rodriguez
 Reader 2 -----

Altar Servers

Saturday July 15th 5:30pm Mass
 Angel Kowatch
 Archie Coney
 Gabriel Vigil

Sunday July 16th 11:00am

Demetrius Armijo-Vigil & Myles Gaston

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.