



St. Ephrem Deacon and Doctor of the Church, was born in Nisibis in year

306. "I was born in the way of truth: though my childhood was unaware of the greatness of the benefit, I knew it when trial came." Ephrem (or Ephraim) the Syrian left us hundreds of hymns and poems on the **faith** that inflamed and inspired the whole Church, but few facts about his own inspiring life. Most historians infer from the lines quoted above that Ephrem was born into a **Christian family** -- although not baptized until an adult (the trial or furnace), which was common at the time. Other than that little is known about his birth and youth although many guess he was born in the early fourth century in Mesopotamia, possibly in **Nisibis** where he spent most of his adult life. "He Who created two great lights, chose for Himself these three Lights, and set them in the three dark seasons of siege that have been." Ephrem served as teacher, and possibly deacon, under four **bishops** of Nisibis, Jacob, Babu, Vologeses, and Abraham. The first three he describes in the **hymn** quoted above written while Vologeses was still alive. As the verse states, Ephrem did not live in easy times in Nisibis. "I have chanced upon weeds, my brothers, that wear the color of wheat, to choke the **good** seed." According to tradition, Ephrem began to write hymns to counteract the heresies that were rampant at that time. For those who think of hymns simply as the song at the end of **Mass** that keeps us from leaving the church early, it may come as a surprise that Ephrem and others recognized and developed the power of music to get their points across. Tradition tells us that Ephrem heard the heretical ideas put into song first and to counteract them made up his own hymns. In the one below, his target is a Syrian heretic Bardesane who denied the **truth** of the Resurrection: "How he blasphemes justice, And **grace** her fellow-worker. For if the body was not raised, This is a great insult against grace, To say **grace** created the body for decay; And this is **slander** against justice, to say **justice** sends the body to destruction." The originality, imagery, and skill of his hymns captured the hearts of the Christians so well, that Ephrem is given credit for awakening the Church to the importance of music and poetry in spreading and fortifying the faith. In the **time** before monks and monasteries, many devout Christians drawn to a religious **life** dedicated themselves as ihidaya (single and single-minded followers of Christ). As one of these Ephrem lived an ascetic, celibate **life** for his last years. Heresy and danger followed him to Edessa. We do not know the exact date or year of his death but June 9, 373 is accepted by many. Ephrem relates in his dying testament a childhood vision of his **life** that he gloriously fulfilled: "There grew a vine-shoot on my tongue: and increased and reached unto heaven, And it yielded fruit without measure: leaves likewise without number. It spread, it stretched wide, it bore fruit: all **creation** drew near, And the more they were that gathered: the more its clusters abounded. These clusters were the Homilies; and these leaves the Hymns. **God** was the giver of them: **glory** to Him for His grace! For He gave to me of His **good** pleasure: from the storehouse of His treasures."

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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

June 11, 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.
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**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever. Jn 6:51**

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ..... June 4, 2023

Sat. Jun. 10th 5:30pm † -----
 Sun. Jun. 11th 11:00am † Rudolfo & Alberto Guerra
 Mon. Jun. 12th 8:00am ---No Mass
 Tue. Jun. 13th 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Wed. Jun. 14th 8:00am † ******St. Anthony******
 Thur. Jun. 15th 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Fri. Jun. 16th 8:00am † **** For the parishioners**
 Sat. Jun. 17th 5:30pm † -----

Mass Intentions for June 11th
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 **Pray for the Sick**

Albert Silva
 Annie Brady
 Anthony Mendez
 Antonio Romero
 Armado Lopez
 Betty Luevano
 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

 **Pray for the Sick**

Edward Frias
 Elisa Gutierrez
 Frank Pino
 Fred Utter
 Gary Wolffe
 Geneva Fresquez
 Gloria Gonzales
 Helen Guerra
 Heidi Scarieber
 Jeff Aragon
 Jenni (BB) Alexander
 Joe Padilla
 Josie Duran
 Katherine Murrjo-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

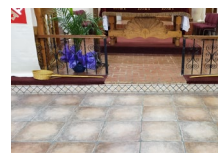
 **Pray for the Sick**

Natalia Walters
 Nina Brusuelas
 Rachelle Simons
 Raleigh Cordova
 Ramona Flores
 Rachael Sanchez
 Robert Capuchin
 Robert Dixon
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena
 Rose Baroz
 Rose Salazar
 Rosemary Cordova
 Rosie Romero
 Roy Chavez
 Sandra Bartlette
 Soncera Brierer
 Sophia Banks
 Stella Tarin
 Sylvia Pino
 Terri Baca
 Teresita Hutchings
 Ysidro S Monje
 Zack Evvs
 Zeke Kazhe

NO 2nd collection for Today

Weekend Collection
Total Regular Collections
June 04, 2023 --
\$2,979.43

St. Francis De Paula is now using our communion rail at all Sunday masses and holy days of obligations. For those that are not able to kneel you may reverently bow and receive standing at the communion rail. Or if not able to come to altar, we will go to you.



Ushers For the month of June 2023

Sat. 5:30pm David Pino
 Sun. 11:00am Tim Brooks

Sacristans for the Month of May 2023...

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -> Schedule

6-10-23 Steve Chavez & Andrea Carrillo
6-11-23 Rosa Baca & Barbara Reay

Fiesta News!

The Fiesta is right around the corner, and we are still in need of donated items. We are asking each parish member to donate a case of water and a 12 pack of Coca Cola Products if you can. Please call the following organizer if you can donate a food item or money to purchase items.
Enchiladas – Cynthia Cairns, 575-491-7964
BBQ – Darlene Marrujo, 575-491-9562
Posole – Lillian Duran, 575-491-5040
Nachos/ Hot Dogs / Pickles – Celina Romero, 575-430-2868
Hamburgers – Tim Brooks, 575-551-2198
Sno Cones – Rebecca Maes, 575-921-4043
We still have plenty of tickets available if you are interested in purchasing or selling some.

Guadalupanas News: Guadalupanas will be doing the cake walk at the fiesta and we will be taking donations the day of - if anyone likes to bake! We will have a meeting Sunday, June 4th after mass to plan for cake walk/fiesta.

Reverence in Church and at Mass Continued... 6. Silent Prayer after Mass

In the same spirit as praying before Mass, it is a great habit to pray after the Mass has ended for a few minutes. Reflect on the gift. Give thanks for the Mass. Pray for those who were unable to come to Mass or unable to receive the Holy Eucharist. Pray for a good week and the conversion of sinners. Just take some time with Christ in front of you in the tabernacle, knowing that He is in you physically and spiritually, and pray.
The Big Don't It is terrible form to leave right after Communion before the Mass has ended. There is never a good reason to do this, and it signals that the great gift just received was instead taken and other worldly things are more important. We should avoid "squeezing Mass in" or having the attitude that, "at least I came at all". We want to take our time, remember what we are really doing in the scheme of things, and reflect. **Don't** leave mass noisily remember to leave quietly and reverently.
Conclusion These are things you can do immediately as you attend Mass and try to foster an attitude of reverence in your life. As you do them you must do them for the right reasons. Do not engage in pious devotions and practices as a show for others to see how "holy" you are or to calling attention to yourself. This is about giving glory to God. If you are stuck going to a church that is full of distractions and makes it more difficult to enter prayerfully into the Mass, you can still do these things. Do your best and never feel compelled to hold hands or participate in novel practices that are counter to the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Amen. *Den Mariano*

Readers

Saturday June 10th 5:30pm Mass
Reader 1
 Irma Melendrez
Reader 2
 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday June 11th 11:00am
Reader 1
 Maureen Smith
Reader 2
 Quentin Rodriguez

Altar Servers

Saturday June 10th 5:30pm Mass
 Angel Kowatch
 Archie Coney
 Gabriel Vigil
Sunday June 11th 11:00am
 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil & Myles Gaston