



St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with, and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person. Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 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 4:30 - 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 *** Try our new website: stfrancisdepaulachurch.org ***

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will never die.**

JN 11:25a, 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent.....March 26, 2023

Sat. Mar. 25th 5:30pm † Daniel Salazar
 Sun. Mar. 26th 11:00am † David Vigil, Special Intention St. Anthony
 Mon. Mar. 27th No Mass -----
 Tue. Mar. 28th 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Wed. Mar. 29th 8:00am † -----
 Thur. Mar. 30th 8:00pm † ****Communion Service**
 Fri. Mar. 31th 8:00am † -----
 Sat. Apr. 1st 5:30pm † Joe Pino Jr. (BD), Mary Prudencio (Ann.), Gilbert Gonzales (Ann)

Mass Intentions for Apr. 2nd
 † David Vigil Special Intention St. Francis de Paula
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 Pray for the Sick

Albert Silva
 Annie Brady
 Anthony Mendez
 Antonio Romero
 Armado Lopez
 Billy Brady
 Bobby Baroz
 Brenda Travis
 Benji Montoya
 Carlos Hangarter
 Chano Flores
 Clara Bartlette
 Colleen Boyer
 Cuca Montoya
 Dale Ray Dixon
 Daniel Rael
 Daxton Valdez
 Danny Cordova
 Deama Silva
 Diana Dewitt
 Edward Frias
 Elisa Gutierrez
 Frank Pino
 Fred Utter
 Gary Wolffe

 Pray for the Sick

Gloria Gonzales
 Helen Guerra
 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 Capuchin
 Robert Dixon
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena

 Pray for the Sick

Rose Baroz
 Rose Salazar
 Rosemary Cordova
 Rosie Romero
 Roy Vallejos
 Sandra Bartlette
 Soncera Brierer
 Sophia Banks
 Sylvia Pino
 Terri Baca
 Teresita Hutchings
 Ysidro S Monje
 Zack Evvs
 Zeke Kazhe

No 2nd collection

Weekend Collection
Total Regular Collections
Feb. 26, 2023 --
\$1,315.36

Attention Parishioners
Cement foundations at cemetery are not allowed to be poured by individuals.
All cement must be poured by Ortega monuments
575-652-9421



Let us pray for our troops in the military services:

Benjamin Grijalva
Dyanna Ortega
Isaiah Diaz
Paulita Rocha

Stations of the Cross
with Benediction / Holy Hour EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

AT 6:00 PM



Ushers For the month of March 2023

Sat. 5:30pm
Elena Pino
Sun. 11:00am
Kevin Gilliland

Triduum (Holy Week) Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 6th
7pm Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper
Good Friday -- April 7th
2pm Stations of the Cross followed by
3pm --- Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday most holy day of the year
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Parish Council Meeting Times
 for the months of Jan. thru May meetings will be 3rd Thursday of each month 6pm in the parish library. For the Months of June thru December meeting will be held every other month on the 3rd Thursday of the month.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

March 26, 2023, 8am to 10am then again from 12pm to 1pm \$5.00 per plate.... Coffee and Juice Free..... **Come and get them while they are hot.!**

Sacristans for the Month of Mar. 2023

Sat. 5:30 Rose Baroz
Sun. 11:00 Barbara Reay & Rosa Baca

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion → Schedule

3-25-23 Rosa Baca & Quinten Rodriguez
3-26-23 Barbara Reay & Jennifer Gaston



We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th after the 11:00am mass. We are in need of individual wrapped candy. Please call Jennifer Gaston for pick up donations (575)430-8930.

Que Viva La Fiesta
This Year our St. Francis de Paula fiesta is in the planning stage to be celebrated on June 23rd thru 25th 2023

Readers Saturday

Mar. 25th
5:30 Mass
Reader 1
 Andrea Carrillo
Reader 2
 Myles Gaston
Sunday
Mar. 26th
11:00
Reader 1
 Maureen Smith
Reader 2
 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil

Altar Servers

Saturday
Mar. 25th
5:30pm Mass
 Angel Kowatch
 Archie Coney & Gabriel Vigil
Sunday Mar. 26th 11:00am
 Myles Gaston & Demetrius Armijo-Vigil