

St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were peasant farmers. He had an older brother and three younger sisters, as well as two other siblings who died in infancy. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God. Fortunately, his parents were also very religious, and they supported his Catholic development. His family attended daily Mass. Francisco served as an altar boy at his local parish. Francisco was known for taking on penances and his mother once scolded him for sleeping on a stone floor. Francisco's community was also supportive. Saint's days were popular celebrations and commonly celebrated in his town. From his tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too. Although Francisco and his family was very religious, they were also very poor, which required that he work. He spent many years as a child tending to a small flock of sheep owned by his family. Unfortunately, the work meant he was unable to attend school regularly, so he quickly fell behind other kids his age. Francisco was sickly as a child. He suffered an attack of gastroenteritis at age six and when he was ten, he had typhoid fever. In 1897, after three years of schooling, Francisco expressed to his parents that he wanted to become a friar. His parents traveled to a nearby community of monks and asked if Francesco could join them. He was evaluated, despite his young age, and was told that he needed more education before he could join. To prepare Francesco, his parents decided to hire a private tutor. To pay the cost of the tutor, Francesco's father traveled to America to find work, and sent the money home. At the age of 15, Francisco was finally ready, and he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. At the age of 17, Brother Pio became extremely ill and could only digest milk and cheese. He was sent to the mountain for better air, and when this did not work, he was sent home to his family. Amid all this, he continued to study for the priesthood. On one occasion during prayer, a fellow monk astonishingly reported he saw Pio levitate during an episode of ecstasy. Brother Pio became a priest in 1910 but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health. In 1915, with World War I afflicting the world, Padre Pio was summoned for military service. He was compelled to leave a tiny community of monks, with whom he was then housed, and drafted into medical service. However, he was so sickly that he was often sent home, only to then be recalled for service. In March 1916, he was finally dismissed because of his poor health. On September 20, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet. He noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful. Bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape. By 1919, word began to spread about Padre Pio's stigmata and people came from far away to examine him. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him. For example, he was said to levitate, and able to perform miracles. Padre Pio became internationally famous. He was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry." He had other illnesses, as well, including cancer which was miraculously healed after just two treatments. Other problems, such as arthritis, which plagued him in his later years, never went away. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people. Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is September 23. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and the village of Pietrelcina.

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26th Sunday of Ordinary time

October 1, 2023

Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Time Change>>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1pm – 3pm (Closed Wed. & Fri.)

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 ***

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. [JN 10:27](#)**

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

Sat. Sept. 30 5:30pm † Debbie Chavez (BD), Micaela Garcia, Veronica Viscarra, Joseph Becchetti
 Sun. Oct. 1 11:00am † Ramona Monje (Ann.), Jeni (BB) Alexander
 Mon. Oct. 2 8:00am ---No Mass
 Tue. Oct. 3 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Wed. Oct. 4 8:00am † ***Special Int. St. Rita***
 Thur. Oct. 5 8:00am † ****Communion Service**
 Fri. Oct. 6 8:00am † ***Special Int. St. Rita***
 Sat. Oct. 7 5:30pm † Brian Oberlander, Pete Martinez

Mass Intentions for Oct. 8
 † Jeni (BB) Alexander †

 † **Pray for the Sick**

Annie Brady
 Anthony Mendez
 Antonio Romero
 Andres Baldonado
 Armado Lopez
 Billy Brady
 Bobby Baroz
 Bob Tagg
 Brenda Travis
 Benji Montoya
 Carlos Hangarter
 Carol Blanco-Atwood
 Chano Flores
 Clara Bartlette
 Colleen Boyer
 Cuca Montoya
 Claudio Prudencio
 Dale Ray Dixon
 Darlene Martinez Garcia
 Daniel Rael
 Daxton Valdez
 Danny Cordova
 Deama Silva
 Debbie Williams
 Deborah Salcido

 † **Pray for the Sick**

Diana Dewitt
 Dorothy Ferro
 Edward Frias
 Elisa Gutierrez
 Ernestina Huizar
 Frank Pino
 Fred Utter
 Gary Wolffe
 Gloria Gonzales
 Goyo Rocha
 Helen Guerra
 Heidi Scarieber
 Jeff Aragon
 Joe Padilla
 Josie Duran
 Ken Servais
 James Duran
 Jennifer Sanchez
 Joann Duran
 Judy Aguirre
 Landon Wright
 Lilly Pino
 Lizzy Moretz
 Loyola Romero
 Leah Martinez

 † **Pray for the Sick**

Luna Bella Nevarez
 Manny Diaz
 Maria Elena Perez Lopez
 Martha Luna
 Monica Nik
 Natalia Walters
 Nina Brusuelas
 Peter Burila
 Philly Pacheco
 Rachelle Simons
 Raleigh Cordova
 Ramona Flores
 Rachael Sanchez
 Robert Capuchin
 Robert Dixon
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena
 Rose Baroz
 Rose Salazar
 Rosemary Cordova
 Rosie Romero
 Sandra Bartlette
 Soncera Brierer
 Sophia Banks
 Stella Tarin
 Sylvia Pino

 † **Pray for the Sick**

Terri Baca
 Teresita Hutchings
 Timothy Jaramillo
 Trish Martinez
 Uziah Blazer
 Ysidro S Monje
 Zack Evvs
 Zeke Kazhe

Today 2nd Collection for Sept 30th - Oct. 1st The Black and Indian Mission collects funds that are distributed as grants to dioceses, supporting and strengthening evangelization of the Black and Indian peoples of the United States.

Weekend Collection Total Regular Collections
Sept. 18, 2023 - \$2,416.50
Sept. 24, 2023- \$1,419.00

Deacon's Corner Vesting Prayers

Did you know that as a priest dresses for Mass, or vests, he may pray special prayers to help him prepare? While putting on his alb, or inner white garment, he prays, "Cleanse me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may attain everlasting joy." When putting on the cincture, or belt, he says, "Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and quench in me the fire of concupiscence; that the virtue of continence and chastity may remain in me." As he dons his stole, his prayer is, "Return to me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which I have lost in the sin of my first parent; and although I, unworthy, approach Thy sacred Mystery, grant to me, nevertheless, everlasting joy." And finally, when putting on his chasuble, he prays, "O Lord, Who has said, My yoke is easy and My burden light; grant that I may be able so to bear it, that I may obtain Thy grace. Amen." Since our priests pray before dressing for Mass, wouldn't it be appropriate if we did the same? **Let us pray: Lord, I believe in you: grant me a more confident hope. I love you; may I love you more ardently. I am sorry for my sins; may I have a deeper sorrow as I worship you in this mass. Amen.**

Ushers For the month of Sept. 2023
 Sat. 5:30pm Billy Artiaga
 Sun. 11:00am Quentin Rodriguez

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

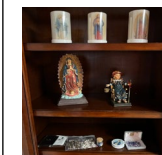
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion → [Schedule](#)
 9-30-23 Rose Baroz, Janie Aragon
 10-1-23 Rosa Baca, Barbara Reay



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.**

Parish Council Mandatory Meeting

Sunday October 8th at 1 pm in the Parish Library



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.

Readers Saturday Sept. 30 5:30pm Mass
Reader 1 Steve Chavez
Reader 2 Liz Chavez
Sunday Oct. 1 11:00am
Reader 1 Maureen Smith
Reader 2 Quentin Rodriguez

Altar Servers Saturday Sept. 30 5:30pm Mass
 Angel Kowatch

Sunday Oct. 1 11:00am
 Gabriel Vigil