



St. Nicolas -- Nicholas of Myra, according to Christian tradition, was born in [Patar](#) in Asia Minor.^[10] He is said to have made a [pilgrimage](#) to Egypt to study theology under the [Desert Fathers](#) after which he was consecrated the [Bishop of Myra](#).^[10] During the [Diocletianic Persecution of Christians](#), Nicholas of Myra was imprisoned. He was released after [Constantine the Great](#) promulgated the [Edict of Milan](#) in 313, which allowed for the public practice of Christianity in the Roman Empire. Nicholas of Myra was known for his generosity through a Christian legend, in which he gave a poor father money in order to prevent his daughters from being taken into slavery, as the father did not have the funds for his daughters' [dowries](#). It is said that Nicholas of Myra threw the money through the family's window, which landed in their shoes, which were drying near their fireplace. Nicholas of Myra died on 6 December 346, giving rise to the present Feast of Saint Nicholas. The saint was entombed in [St. Nicholas Church, Demre](#), though in 1087, Italian soldiers transferred his remains to Italy, where they were enshrined in the [Basilica di San Nicola](#) and are held to this day. Saint Nicholas' tomb is said to exude the [Oil of Saint Nicholas](#), which has attracted, throughout the centuries, Christian pilgrims who take the oil home in small bottles to use during [prayer](#). Nicholas of Myra is the [patron hallow](#) of children, sailors, those undergoing financial problems, and victims of fire. In the 11th century, Christian [nuns](#) in Belgium and France initiated the practice of giving the poor gifts in the name of Saint Nicholas. This custom spread to Germany and Holland further spreading the Feast of Saint Nicholas and its associated customs.

RCIA Class 16 The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this week's RCIA class we will consider how **the Eucharist** is the real presence of Christ, a memorial sacrifice, communion with God and each other, and an eschatological banquet our next RCIA class will **RESUME**, [Wednesday January 08, 2025] at [6:30pm] in the [Parish Library]...

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School Fund raiser...

Join us as we Give Back and Give Catholic. #GiveCatholic's donation to support Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic School, For School Projects. "I Give Catholic" December 2024 to February 2025

This is a global day dedicated to promoting generosity and kindness.

- A counter-narrative to consumerism, promotes Catholic social teaching, and is evangelistic in nature.
- It kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and year-end giving.
- Lots and lots of free exposure and media attention for participating organizations.

Collection box is at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration: No Adoration Christmas Day....

Monday - Thursday 9am to 9pm Friday 9am thru 8pm If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please contact Naomi at 575- 551-2498. Thank you.

Found Rosary: Found a Chaplet Rosary in the church pew bench. Come to the Church Office to claim.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 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: (3) Thursdays beginning with 2nd Thursday of each Month - 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 ***

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word. LK 1:38

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December, 2024 Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 21 5:30pm † -----**St. Rita Special int**
 Sun. Dec. 22 11:00am † Henry, Luz, & Janita Diaz
 Mon. Dec. 23 ----- † **No Mass**
 Tue. Dec. 24 5:30pm † **Christmas Eve Mass**
 Wed. Dec. 25 11:00am † **Christmas Day Mass**
 Thur. Dec. 26 8:00am † **Communion Service** St. Antony Intention**
 Fri. Dec. 27 8:00am † Mass- **St. Rita Special int**
 Sat. Dec. 28 5:30pm † Amber N. Lopez **St. Rita Special Int.**

Mass Intentions Dec. 15th

† Henry, Luz, & Juanita Diaz

 Pray for the Sick

Adelina Pino
 Annie Brady
 Anthony Mendez
 Antonio Romero
 Andres Baldonado
 Armado Lopez
 Bert Romero
 Billy Brady
 Bobby Baroz
 Bob Tagg
 Brenda Travis
 Benji Montoya
 Carol Guilez
 Carlos Hangarter
 Carol Blanco-Atwood
 Chano Flores
 Clara Bartlette
 Colleen Boyer
 Dale Ray Dixon
 Darlene Martinez Garcia
 Danny Sucher
 Daxton Valdez
 Debbie Williams
 Diana Dewitt
 Dorothy Ferro

 Pray for the Sick

Edward Frias
 Elisa Gutierrez
 Eva Hoffer
 Frank Pino
 Fred Utter
 Gary Wolffe
 Gloria Diaz
 Gloria Gonzales
 Goyo Rocha
 Helen Guerra
 Heidi Scarieber
 Jeff Aragon
 Joe Padilla
 Josie Duran
 Ken Servais
 Jane Campos
 James Duran
 Joann Duran
 Judy Aguirre
 Landon Wright
 Lizzy Moretz
 Loyola Romero
 Leah Martinez
 Luna Bella Nevarez
 Manny Diaz

 Pray for the Sick

Maria Elena Perez Lopez
 Martha Gemmell
 Margie Salcido
 Monica Nik
 Natalia Walters
 Nina Brusuelas
 Philly Pacheco
 Rachelle Simons
 Raleigha Cordova
 Ramona Flores
 Rachael Sanchez
 Rachel Flores
 Robert Capuchin
 Robert Dixon
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena
 Rose Baroz
 Rose Salazar
 Rosemary Cordova
 Rosie Romero
 Samuel Rotolo
 Soncera Brierer
 Sonia Vigil
 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

NO 2nd Collection

The parish office will be closed the week of Christmas

Weekend Total Regular Collection 12/15/24 \$2,373.00



WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL JAN 7, 2025 MERRY CHRISTMAS

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024
 SAT. 5:30PM DAVID PINO
 SUN. 11:00AM KEVIN GILLILAND

Sacristans for the Month of December 2024...
 Sat. 5:30 Rose Baroz
 Sun. 11:00 Barbara and Ruthina

Altar Servers

Saturday Dec. 21, 5:30pm Mass
Angel Kowatch Sunday
 Sunday Dec. 22, 11:00am Mass
Claymore Campbell

Fiesta Planning

*It's that time!! We are looking for high school students who are interested in being our Fiesta King or Queen! If your child (and family) is interested in working on fundraising for our church and being recognized. On fiesta weekend **April 25-27, 2025** please let us know. Also looking for Mayordomos!! Persons need to register in the church and willing to make a 2-year commitment. Contact: Brianna Chavez @575-921-1025*

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday 12/24/2024 -- 5:30pm
Christmas Day Mass Wednesday 12/25/2024—11:00am

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion → Schedule

12-21-24
 Steve Chávez, Andrea Carrillo


 12-22-24
 Andrea Carrillo, Irma Melendrez

Readers

Saturday Dec. 21 5:30pm Mass
Reader 1 Rosa Baca
Reader 2 Irma Melendrez

 Sunday Dec. 22 11:00am
Reader1 Maureen Smith
Reader2 Myes Gaston

Annie's Cupboard:
 the pantry needs any and all donations especially canned *meats* and *meats in general*.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please kindly donate Poinsettias in memory of a loved one and help decorate our church for this year's Christmas Celebration.
 Poinsettias can be left in the Church or Sacristy. 

Deacon's Corner

The Transmission of Divine Revelation Through the Ages Councils and Creeds:

Throughout history, the Church has faced various challenges, including misunderstandings and false teachings about the faith. To address these, the Church has convened councils—gatherings of bishops from around the world—to discuss and define key aspects of the faith. Some of the most important councils include the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), which affirmed the divinity of Christ, and the Council of Trent (1545 – 1563), which responded to the Protestant Reformation. These councils have given us the Creed—statements of faith that summarize the core beliefs of the Church. The Nicene Creed, for example, is recited at mass every Sunday and outlines the essential beliefs about God. Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. These creeds are like anchors, holding us firm in the true faith.