



The Lateran Basilica

There are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worship of God. They are to be a Heaven on earth, a place where we join with the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones in their angelic praises of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's feast commemorates one such place, the most important church on earth. In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and

the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world. The church building has a long and storied history. In the year 64, the erratic and cruel Roman Emperor Nero blamed a devastating fire in Rome on the Christians. In retaliation, he ordered the execution of many Christians, including Saints Peter and Paul. In 65, there was a conspiracy to kill Nero with the help of the Counsel-designate Plautius Lateranus (Lateran). When Nero learned of the plot, he immediately beheaded Lateranus and confiscated his home, the Lateran Palace. Subsequent Roman emperors used the palace in various ways over the next 250 years, such as a military fort. In 312, when Constantine the Great became the sole ruler of the Western Roman Empire, he took possession of the Lateran Palace. The following year, after issuing the Edict of Milan with Emperor Licinius of the Eastern Roman Empire, Constantine donated the Lateran Palace to Pope Miltiades who first used it to conduct a synod of bishops and then began constructing the first Basilica in Rome. Upon its completion in the year 324, it was dedicated by Pope Sylvester and given the name the "House of God," with a special designation to Christ the Savior. With that, the first cathedral in the most important diocese was established. Constantine the Great did much to help the Catholic Church flourish after legalizing its practice. He saw to it that the Lateran Basilica was beautifully decorated with gold and silver. He also built many other churches in Rome, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Constantinople. Up until that time, the church had suffered greatly, always fearing persecution and death. Now, it had its first cathedral in the heart of Rome, beautifully decorated, with the Roman Emperor's full support. Though the basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior, in the tenth century Pope Sergius III added a new baptistry and rededicated the basilica to Saint John the Baptist. In the twelfth century, Pope Lucius II dedicated the basilica to Saint John the Evangelist. The basilica, therefore, honors Christ the Savior first and the two Saint Johns as the co-patrons. Though the Lateran Basilica has remained the pope's cathedral from the time of its dedication, the Lateran Palace, next to the Basilica, was the papal residence from 324-1305. In 1305, Pope Clement V was elected to the papacy and refused to move to Rome. In 1309, he moved the entire papal court to Avignon, France, where it remained until Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome from Avignon in 1377. Upon the pope's return to Rome, the Lateran Palace was in disrepair due to two fires, so the pope eventually built a new palace next to Saint Peter's on Vatican Hill, where every subsequent pope has resided until today. As we honor the mother church of the whole world, ponder the importance of a church building. A church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honor the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, national conferences, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers



November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

Weekdays:

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday of the Month Anointing: Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm (Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 1pm - 3pm

PRE-BAPTISM: Contact Office

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: To schedule Call Barbara Reay

575-430-4547

MARRIAGE: There is a six-month preparation period

CONFESSION: Will be Thursday's 4pm-6pm EXCEPT the Thursday BEFORE 1st Friday

Thrift Store: Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

If you would like to add anything into the bulletin (funerals, anniversary, birthdays, etc. please send a text message to Brianna at 575-921-1025 or contact the office **No later than Wednesday!**

Make sure to visit our gift shop! Opened during office hours!

This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages: 73-75

Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov 8 5:30pm	Sun. Nov 9 11:00am	Tues. Nov 11 8:00am	Wed. Nov 12 8:00am	Thurs. Nov 13 8:00am	Fri. Nov 14 8:00am	Sat. Nov 15 5:30pm	Sun. Nov 16 11:00am
† Henry & Andrea Herrera & Deceased Family Members	† St Rita (special intention), Constance & Dianne Gibbs, Alice Pino (BD 10/29)		† St Rita (special intention), Ramon Pino (BD), Diburcia Beltran (BD)		† St Rita (special intention), Bill Kowatch, Debra Chavez	† St Rita (special intention), Marvin Rowin (BD 11/18) Joe C Dominguez (Healing mass)	† Mary & Sammy Brusuelas

Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

Kelton Starr, Naomi Pino, Gloria Diaz, Manny Diaz, Debbie Williams, Geralyn Aragon, Sylvia Duran, Joe & Yvonne Padilla, Jude Lovato, Jeff Aragon, Larry Stansel, Gloria Gonzales, Andre Dorame,

Second Collection for November 8th & 9th

Archdiocese for Military Service—Is responsible for providing pastoral care and services to active-duty men and women serving in all branches of US Armed Forces stationed at home and abroad enrolled in the US Military Academies undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond IS Borders and their families. For more information about the Archdiocese and its pastoral programs and services, visit www.milarch.org

ADORATION: Adorers needed for Monday 10am-11am. We also are in dire need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becoming a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

Chapel Hours are from 8am-9pm Monday -Thursday, Friday's 8am-8pm

Services for **Juan P. Salazar** will be:

Wednesday, November 12th. Rosary 10am Mass 10:30am

Services for **Ysidro Monje** will be:
Friday, November 14th Rosary 10am Mass 10:30am



Ushers for the month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— David Pino
Sunday 11:00am— Gilbert Gaston

Alter Servers

Saturday 5:30pm — Angel Kowatch, Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla
Sunday 11:00am— Robert Melendrez, Catherine & Michael Williams, Andrew Gibbs

Sacristans for the Month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— Rose & Christine
Sunday 11:00am— Tim & Sally

Readers

Saturday, November 8th 5:30pm— Rosa Baca
Sunday, November 9th 11:00am— Myles Gaston

Weekend Total Regular Collection

11/2/2025— \$3,395.63

As a parish, we are asked to give our time, talents and treasures. As a household, we should tithe to our parish to keep up with things like utilities, building & equipment maintenance and repairs, salaries, office and church supplies. The past 3-4 years our parish has struggled, putting us \$25,000 below where we should be. We have recently had to upgrade the electrical, removal of asbestos for the school to be safe for the kids, new kneelers, replaced the carpet in the office, repaired the parish hall installed cameras, and fixed settling cracked walls. We need your help to reach our monthly, weekly and yearly goals. If each parishioner adds in an extra \$2 a week, that would help us reach our goals.

Thank you!

Children's Mass Schedule 2025-2026

December 7, 2025

January 11, 2026

February 8, 2026

March 8, 2026



Are you registered in our church? Are you 18 or older? If you are not registered and are 18 or older, stop by the back of the church and fill out the form! This is important for our parish! Also put if you would like envelopes!

All Souls Day—The month of November

Please bring photos of your loved ones into the Sacristy to be placed on the altar as we honor them for the month of November. Feel free to label them on the back and framed or unframed is welcome.

Parents: For everyone's safety, please make sure you are going to the restroom with your young children.
Thank you!

