



ST PATRICK—was a fifth-century Romano British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland," he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigid of Kildare and Columba. He is also the patron saint of Nigeria. Patrick was never formally canonised by the Catholic Church, having lived before the current laws were established for such matters. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion), and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is general agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. A recent biography on Patrick shows a late fourth-century date for the saint is possible. According to tradition dating from the early Middle Ages, Patrick was the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland (despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence on the island), and converting Ireland from paganism in the process.

In Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*, he writes that when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He writes that he lived there for six years as an animal herder before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.



## St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers



**March 15, 2026**  
4th Sunday of Lent

### **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

**Mass Intentions must go through the office**

If you would like to have any announcements in the bulletin please contact the office or Brianna at 575-921-1025 or [bchavez32@yahoo.com](mailto:bchavez32@yahoo.com)

**BEFORE WEDNESDAY**

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 14th 5:30pm** — † St Rita (special intention), Fidel & Margarita Sanchez, Eloy Sanchez  
**Sunday, March 15th 11:00am** — † Margaret Martinez, Marylou Stone  
**Tuesday March 17th 8:00am** — † **Communion Services**  
**Wednesday, March 18th 8:00am** — † St Rita (special intention)  
**Thursday, March 19th 8:00am** — † **Communion Services**  
**Friday, March 20th 8:00am** — † St Rita (Special Intention), Mary Aragon, Bertha A Aragon  
**Saturday, March 21st 5:30pm** — † Kathy Reyes, Roy Vallejos, Christina Fernandez  
**Sunday, March 22nd 11:00am** — † Antonio Sencion & Juan Romero, St Rita (Special Intention)

**\*\*Communion Services on Tuesday & Thursday\*\***

### Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

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

### Second Collection for March 14-15, 2026

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** fund allows parishioners to share resources with those parishes in our diocese unable to raise sufficient emergency funds when needed for facility repairs. **Please be generous towards our poorer parishes.**  
**Thank you!**

**ADORATION:** We are in dire need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becoming a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

**This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages:**  
**72-75**

**Weekend Total Regular Collection**  
**03/8/2026**  
**\$2,812.04**

### Stations of the cross every Friday at 6pm during Lent

A rosary and bracelets were found in the sacristy. If they belong to you please contact the office.

### Sacristans for the Month of February

**Saturday 5:30pm**— Rosa & Christine  
**Sunday 11:00am**— Ruthina & Rose

### Readers

**Saturday, January 5:30pm**— Steve & Liz Chavez  
**Sunday, 11:00am**— Children's mass

### **Fiesta News:**

We need the following donations for our food booths. Here is a list of items needed: **Onions, Crackers, Potatoes, Variety of chips, Green chili (Frozen), and Red Chili.** Also!! **OUR famous baked goods for the Cake walk booth the day of the fiesta.** **ANY CASH donation will work as well.** For any questions please contact any of the following

**Jordan Gaston (575)430-2986, Jon Salazar (720)926-2376, Jennifer Gaston (575)430-8930**

If your child is interested in folklorico dancing, there will be sign-ups after the 11am mass Sunday, March 8th until 2pm. If you are unable to make this sign up, please reach out to Darlene 575-491-9562, Savannah 575-491-9827 or Brianna Chavez 575-921-1025

### Catholic Trivia

**Q: Who had a dream about Jesus during his trial and before his crucifixion?**

A. The Wife of Pontius Pilate

Donations for new or "re-gifted items are needed for Fiesta Bingo, kids games or dollar shop. Please contact Barbara Reay for pick up 575-430-4547

### Ushers for the month of March

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

### Alter Servers

**Saturday 5:30pm** — Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla  
**Sunday 11:00am**- Robert Melendrez, Michael & Catherine Guilliams, Andrew Gibbs

### Easter Sunday!

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th after the 11:00 mass. Donations needed of individual Wrapped candy or Cash donations are welcome as well.

Please call Jennifer Gaston for pick up (575)430-8930

### United in Ministry 2026

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**For more information call 575-523-7577**

**Envelopes are located at the back of the church**

Lenten Penance Service will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at St Jude in Alamogordo at 6pm.