



Saint George (Ancient Greek: Geórgios; died 23 April 303), also George of Lydda, was an early Christian martyr who is venerated as a saint in Christianity. According to holy tradition, he was a soldier in the Roman army. Of Cappadocian Greek origin, he became a member of the Praetorian Guard for Roman emperor Diocletian, but was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith, as part of the Diocletianic Persecution. He became one of the most venerated saints, heroes, and megalomartyrs in Christianity, and he has been especially venerated as a military saint since the Crusades. He is respected by Christians, Druze, as well as some Muslims as a

martyr of monotheistic faith.

In hagiography, he is immortalised in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon and as one of the most prominent military saints. In Roman Catholicism, he is also venerated as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. His feast day, Saint George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23 April. Historically, the countries of Portugal, England, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ukraine, Malta, Ethiopia, Catalonia and Aragon, and the cities of Moscow and Beirut have claimed George as their patron saint, as have several other regions, cities, universities, professions, and organizations. The Church of Saint George in Lydda, now Lod in Israel, has a sarcophagus traditionally believed to contain St. George's relics.

The English historian Edward Gibbon (1737 – 1794) argued that George, or at least the legend from which the above is distilled, is based on George of Cappadocia, a notorious 4th-century Arian bishop who was Athanasius of Alexandria's most bitter rival, and that it was he who in time became George of England. This identification is seen as highly improbable. Bishop George was slain by Gentile Greeks for exacting onerous taxes, especially inheritance taxes. J. B. Bury, who edited the 1906 edition of Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, wrote "this theory of Gibbon's has nothing to be said for it". He adds that "the connection of St. George with a dragon-slaying legend does not relegate him to the region of the myth". Saint George in all likelihood was martyred before the year 290.

## St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

### April 26, 2026

### Forth Sunday of Easter



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#### **Mass Times:**

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

#### **Weekdays:**

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am

Tuesday & Thursday

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Anointing:

Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass and

6:00 pm (Mass)

**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, April 25th 5:30pm** — † St Rita (special intention), Amber Aragon  
**Sunday, April 26th 11:00am** — † St Rita (special intention), David (Poco) Ortega, Cissy Beltran  
**Tuesday April 28th 8:00am** — † **Communion Services**  
**Wednesday, April 29th 8:00am** — † St Rita (special intention)  
**Thursday, April 30th 8:00am** — † **Communion Services**  
**Friday, May 1st 8:00am** — †  
**Saturday, My 2nd 5:30pm** — † St Rita (special intention), Roberta Carol Guilez, Juan Rocha  
**Sunday, May 3rd 11:00am** — † Manuel & Dolores Dominguez, Crissy Beltran  
**\*\*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, Leah Matinzo

**Second Collection for**  
**April 25-26, 2026**

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** 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: 88-90**

**Weekend Total Regular Collection**  
**04/19/2026**  
**\$1,759.60**

**Sacristans for the Month of May**

**Saturday 5:30pm**– Tim & Sally  
**Sunday 11:00am**– Chris & Rosa

**Readers**

**Saturday 5:30pm** – Andrea Carrillo  
**Sunday 11:00am** – Demetrius Armijo Carrillo

**Catholic Trivia**

**Q: What is the name of the Jewish feast day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on?**

A. The Passover feast

Services for Adelina (Nina) Brusuelas will be held Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Rosary 10am Mass 10:30am. Family would like to invite the Guadalupana's to attend in honor of Nina.

**Ushers for the month of May**

**Saturday 5:30pm**– Elena Pino  
**Sunday 11:00am**– Kevin Gilliland

**Alter Servers**

**Saturday 5:30pm** – Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla  
**Sunday 11:00am**- Robert, Michael & Catherine, Andrew, Claymore

**United in Ministry 2026**

**ONE IN CHRIST**

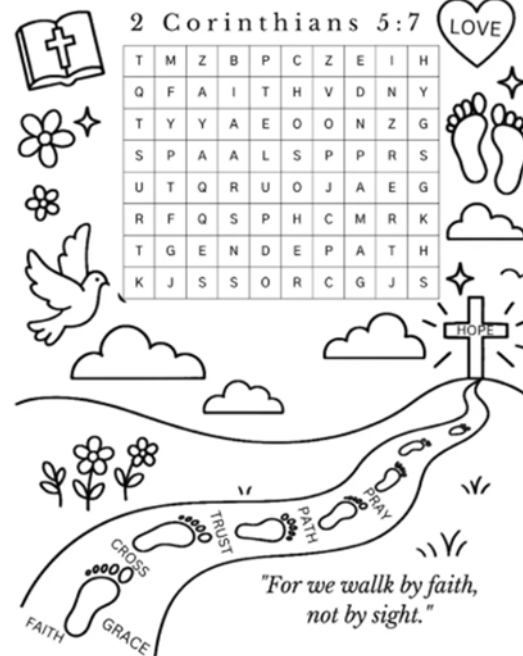
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**Envelopes are located at the back of the church**

**WALK BY FAITH**

2 Corinthians 5:7



"For we walk by faith, not by sight."