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APR 2 ND	JULY 23 RD
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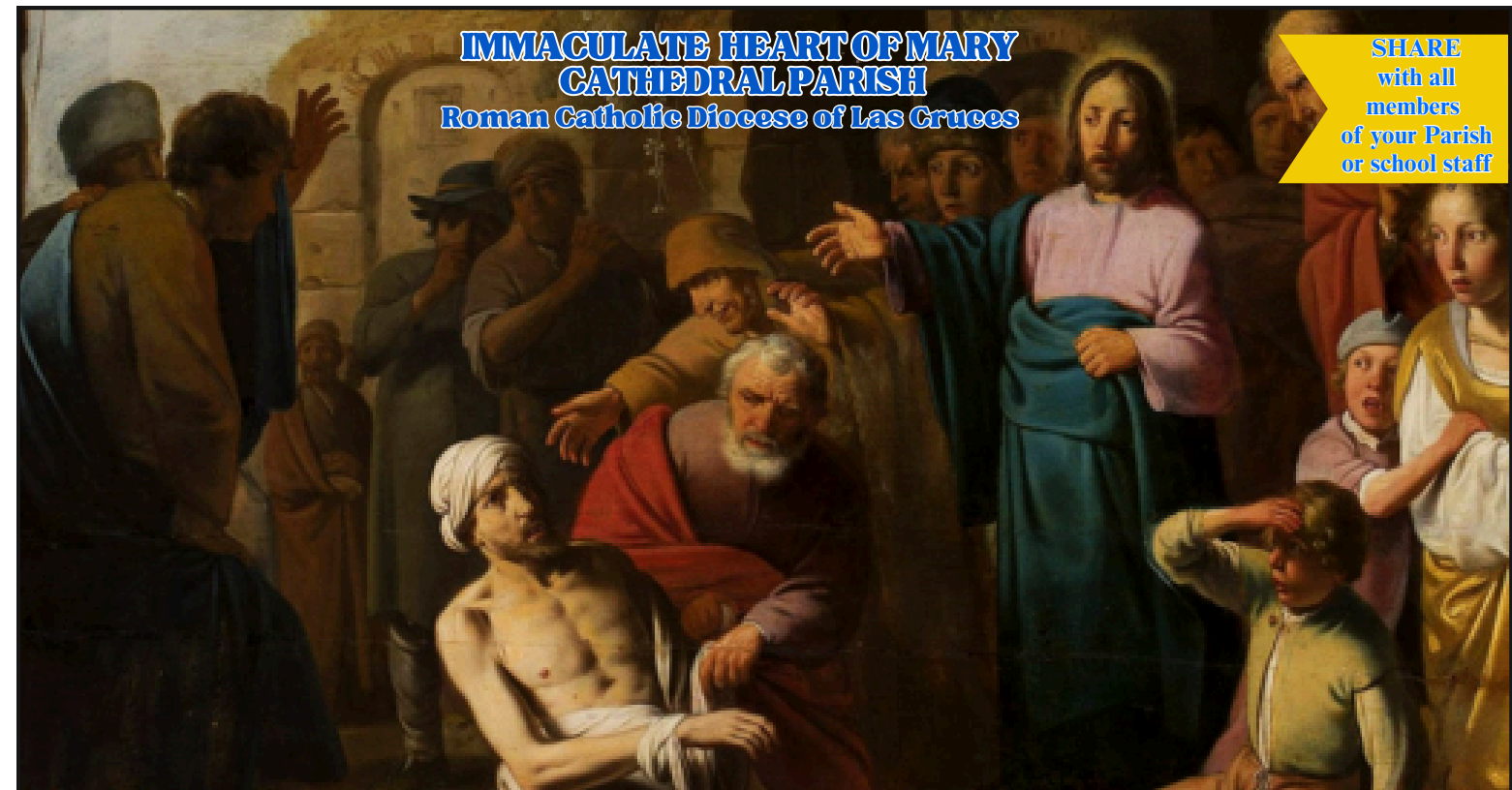
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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.

GOSPEL JOHN 11 1-45

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES/ MISAS

WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA
Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)
Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (Español)

WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA
Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)
Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)
Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)
Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptism / Bautizos: Classes offered every third Saturday of the month. Call the Office to Register for Classes
Spanish: 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
English: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.
Marriage: Call the office for more info. Six months for prep.
Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request
Reconciliation:
Monday - Friday 7:30-8:00a.m.
Saturday: 4:00p.m.

40 Day

Fifth Sunday Of LENT

March 22nd, 2026

Surrender

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Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members should register by completing a WELCOME envelope available at the church office. A registration form will be mailed to you. Once it is completed and returned to the church or office you will be registered. **We encourage you to use your envelopes if you donation is a modest this help us to know that you are an active parishioner.**

Southwest March for Life March 14, 2026



2nd Scrutiny March 15, 2026



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 9-day novena, praying the Holy Rosary adjacent to the Adoration Chapel at IHM Cathedral.



The novena will start on **March 17, 2026, and end on March 25, 2026, from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., and will be led by the Grand Knight.**

STATION
OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent

English-5:30 P.M.
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At the Church



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Interesada comunicarse a las oficinas parroquiales al numero.
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Basketball Courts & Recreation Area Project Update

We are pleased to share that the basketball courts project continues to move forward. In addition to our initial planning meeting, we have now held a second meeting with the contractors, during which we discussed measurements and design for the project.

According to the proposed plan, this project will include not only a basketball court, but also a volleyball court and possibly a pickleball court, as well as a playground area. The contractors are currently measuring the land, and an architect will be preparing the design for the overall layout.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in this project. It has truly been a blessing to work with the construction team, and we are grateful for their professionalism, collaboration, and dedication. Please continue to keep this project in your prayers as we move forward.

Actualización del Proyecto de las Canchas y Área Recreativa

Nos complace informar a nuestra comunidad que el proyecto de las canchas continúa avanzando. Además de la reunión inicial de planificación, recientemente tuvimos una segunda reunión con los contratistas, en la cual se dialogó sobre las medidas y el diseño del proyecto.

De acuerdo con el plan propuesto, este proyecto incluirá no solo una cancha de básquetbol, sino también una cancha de voleibol y posiblemente una cancha de pickleball, así como un área de juegos para niños. Actualmente, los contratistas se encuentran midiendo el terreno, y un arquitecto estará a cargo de realizar el diseño del proyecto.

Queremos agradecer sinceramente a todas las personas involucradas. Ha sido una verdadera bendición trabajar con el equipo de construcción, y estamos muy agradecidos por su colaboración, profesionalismo y compromiso. Les pedimos que continúen encomendando este proyecto en sus oraciones mientras seguimos adelante.



León XIV: Hoy tendemos a cerrar puertas, el Evangelio nos llama a acoger

León XIV concluye sus visitas pastorales previas a la Pascua en la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Ponte Mammolo. Destaca el valor de la inclusión que esta comunidad ha promovido durante muchos años y expresa su gratitud por la vitalidad de sus jóvenes. Las familias, los ancianos, los catequistas, los voluntarios que trabajan con las personas sin hogar, los pobres y los extranjeros: es maravilloso ver a este Papa recorriendo la ciudad. Antonella Palermo - Roma

Los arcos de ladrillo del pórtico de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Ponte Mammolo, que esta tarde recibe al Obispo de Roma en su quinta y última visita a las parroquias romanas, están adornados con flores de papel maché blancas y amarillas. También haciendo cola para entrar en los espacios donde el Papa compartirá tiempo con los fieles se encuentra una anciana, vivaz y modesta. Eleonora Scolastico, de apenas 89 años, originaria de Molise, se mudó a este barrio siendo muy joven y siempre lo ha servido con espíritu de generosidad. Miembro de un instituto secular de la Compañía de San Pablo dirigido por el Beato Cardenal Ferrari, ahora es la catequista veterana de la iglesia. Comenzó como maestra de primaria, dedicándose posteriormente a la iniciación cristiana de niños y adolescentes. «La visita del Papa es un momento muy especial. El barrio necesita gente que transmita autoridad y acogida. Y lo maravilloso aquí es precisamente esa capacidad de acoger. Los niños estaban tan entusiasmados con la noticia de la llegada de León—enfatisa— que se pusieron manos a la obra con manualidades; incluso crearon un precioso libro con todos sus pensamientos dedicados al Papa León».

Los pensamientos de los fieles

Las monjas de la Comunidad Apostólica de María Siempre Virgen están rebosantes de alegría. Son mexicanas y conocen al párroco, que también es mexicano. Dicen que la visita del Papa es una especie de milagro. Sus pensamientos se dirigen a su tierra natal, la frontera con Estados Unidos. Su orden religiosa se fundó justo en la frontera estadounidense. Hoy, sienten la necesidad de ofrecer una oración desde Roma por sus compatriotas, invocando una bendición para quienes, como ellas, viven en el sufrimiento y para todos los que padecen violencia. También hay algunos peruanos que recuerdan con especial cariño el pasado misionero de Prevost en esa tierra. Exhiben sus banderas; incluso hay una ucraniana en sus balcones. En estos símbolos se funden los deseos de paz y la nostalgia.

Ver artículo completo en :<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-s-march-prayer-intention-for-disarmament-and-peace.html>



Church's unity comes from faith in Christ and from love, pope says

Pope Leo XIV said in his weekly general audience that the diversity of the Catholic Church is a strength during these times of conflict, brought together through the unity of faith. [See full article at: https://www.usccb.org/news/2026/churchs-unity-comes-faith-christ-and-love-pope-says](https://www.usccb.org/news/2026/churchs-unity-comes-faith-christ-and-love-pope-says)

Pope at Audience: 'Every baptized person is to bear consistent witness to Christ'

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV continues reflecting on the Second Vatican Council's 'Lumen gentium' and insists that "every baptized person is an active agent of evangelization, called to bear consistent witness to Christ."

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"Every baptized person is an active agent of evangelization, called to bear consistent witness to Christ in accordance with the prophetic gift which the Lord bestows upon His whole Church."

Pope Leo XIV expressed this during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning.

Continuing his catechesis series on the Second Vatican Council and a reading of its documents, the Pope this week revisited the second chapter of the Conciliar Constitution [Lumen gentium](#), dedicated to the Church as the People of God, recalling that the messianic people receive from Christ the participation "in the priestly, prophetic and kingly work office through which His salvific mission is carried out."

Common mission that unites the ordained ministries and lay faithful.

The Pope remembered that the Council Fathers teach that the Lord Jesus, through the new and eternal Covenant, have established a kingdom of priests, constituting his disciples as a 'royal priesthood.' He highlighted that this common priesthood of the faithful is given with Baptism, which enables us to worship God in spirit and truth, and to "confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church."

Furthermore, through the sacrament of Confirmation, he notes all the baptized "are more perfectly bound to the Church ... and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ."

This consecration, the Pope said is at the root of the common mission that unites the ordained ministries and the lay faithful.

In this regard, Pope Leo remembered when Pope Francis had observed that, "looking at the People of God is remembering that we all enter the Church as lay people. The first sacrament, which seals our identity forever, and of which we should always be proud, is Baptism." Pope Leo reiterated that through Baptism and by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the faithful "'are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood' so that everyone forms the faithful Holy People of God."

Aimed at our sanctification

The Pope recalled that the exercise of the royal priesthood takes place in many ways, all aimed at our sanctification, first and foremost through participation in the offering of the Eucharist.

"Through prayer, asceticism and active charity, we thus bear witness to a life renewed by God's grace," the Pope said. As the Council summarizes, "it is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation."

The Pope also recalled that the Council Fathers teach that the holy People of God also participate in the prophetic mission of Christ. [See full article at: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-leo-xiv-at-audience-second-vatican-council-18-march-2026.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-leo-xiv-at-audience-second-vatican-council-18-march-2026.html)



From The Pastor

"Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them and bring you back to the land of Israel." Ezekiel 37:12-14

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's Gospel from John is one of my favorite accounts in the Bible; maybe because I recognize my own need to be raised from the dead. I humbly acknowledge that sin not only makes us ill but also leads us to death. The Gospel of John presents us with a powerful story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is us; this man represents a wounded, ill humanity condemned to die but redeemed and brought to life by Divine Love.

On the other hand, the Lord also invites us to consider just where we are during this Lenten journey. Are we walking in the light or in darkness? Why return to this topic? Because if we don't understand that God wants us to pass from darkness to light—and he is offering us the light of life—we may die and remain in our sin. Again, it is a call to conversion for the heart. Jesus is calling us to trust more in him and to believe in him. Just as the disciples Martha and Mary, we are called to understand that God always fulfills his promises, instead of reproaching and asking where He is, we need to trust more in him rather than ourselves.

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" John 11:21. These are the words of Martha, and maybe even our own words when we experience tragedy and death—not just physical but spiritual death. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" John 11:25. So many times, we believe in God, but we don't follow God! How do we know this? By the things we say, the way we act and the way we live. We often act almost like God does not exist, because then we can be in control! God is with his Church; God is with us. We may not always see his presence, because he is a hidden presence, but he is and will always be with us until the end.

"The teacher is here and is asking for you" John 11:28. One day, as Mary was, we will be called, too. I really admire the readiness of this woman! Let us imitate her, "she rose quickly and went to him" John 11:29. Mary came to where Jesus was and when she saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" John 11:32. Both women had the same reproach. "When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?'" They said to him, 'Sir, come and see.' And Jesus wept" John 11:33-35.

This one of the teaching paragraphs of this passage, Jesus did not consider what they said but he comforts them, asks for his friend, and weeps! The Lord is still comforting us today and the Lord still asks for us today. He asks for those who have died, not just physically but spiritually. He still weeps as he sees how sin is leading us to death! May we humble ourselves and choose life.

This command of the Lord needs to be heard today to help us see the consequences of our sin and stubbornness: "Take away the stone" John 11:39. Our heart can sometimes become like rock, a stony heart, which does not allow us to get out of our state of sin and misery. Let us come out, come out, come out of our selfishness, anger, jealousy, lack of charity, envy, rivalry, gossiping, self-righteousness, perfidy and whatever else leads us to sin.

The Gravity of Sin

"Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him. Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it. For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter, and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent" CCC 1855, 1857.

May the Lord grant us the grace of true conversion, may he help us to see how sin leads us to spiritual and eternal death. May we allow ourselves to experience, like Lazarus, the power of the resurrection and his healing love. May he bring us safely into our true homeland: Heaven!

Sincerely,
Father Alejandro Reyes, Rector

From The Pastor

"Así dice el Señor Dios: Pueblo mío, abriré sus sepulcros, los haré salir de ellos y los llevaré de nuevo a la tierra de Israel." Ezequiel 37,12-14

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

El Evangelio de hoy, tomado de San Juan, es uno de mis pasajes favoritos de la Biblia; quizá porque reconozco mi propia necesidad de ser levantado de la muerte. Humildemente reconozco que el pecado no solo nos enferma, sino que también nos conduce a la muerte. El Evangelio de Juan nos presenta la poderosa historia de la resurrección de Lázaro. Ese hombre somos nosotros; él representa a una humanidad herida, enferma y condenada a morir, pero redimida y devuelta a la vida por el Amor Divino.

Por otro lado, el Señor también nos invita a considerar dónde nos encontramos en este camino cuaresmal. ¿Estamos caminando en la luz o en las tinieblas? ¿Por qué volver a este tema? Porque si no comprendemos que Dios quiere que pasemos de las tinieblas a la luz —y que Él nos ofrece la luz de la vida— podemos morir y permanecer en nuestro pecado. Una vez más, es un llamado a la conversión del corazón. Jesús nos llama a confiar más en Él y a creer en Él. Así como los discípulos Marta y María, estamos llamados a entender que Dios siempre cumple sus promesas; en lugar de reprochar y preguntar dónde está, necesitamos confiar más en Él que en nosotros mismos. "Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto" (Juan 11,21). Estas son las palabras de Marta, y quizá también nuestras palabras cuando experimentamos tragedia y muerte—no solo física, sino también espiritual. "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá" (Juan 11,25). Muchas veces creemos en Dios, ¡pero no seguimos a Dios! ¿Cómo lo sabemos? Por lo que decimos, por cómo actuamos y por cómo vivimos. Con frecuencia actuamos como si Dios no existiera, porque así podemos mantener el control. Dios está con su Iglesia; Dios está con nosotros. Puede que no siempre veamos su presencia, porque es una presencia oculta, pero Él está y estará con nosotros hasta el fin.

"El Maestro está aquí y te llama" (Juan 11,28). Un día, como María, también seremos llamados. ¡Admiro mucho la prontitud de esta mujer! Imitemos su ejemplo: "Ella, apenas lo oyó, se levantó rápidamente y fue hacia Él" (Juan 11,29). María llegó a donde estaba Jesús y, al verlo, cayó a sus pies y le dijo: "Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto" (Juan 11,32). Ambas mujeres expresaron el mismo reproche. "Jesús, al verla llorar, y al ver llorar a los judíos que la acompañaban, se conmovió profundamente y preguntó: '¿Dónde lo han puesto?' Le dijeron: 'Señor, ven y lo verás.' Y Jesús lloró" (Juan 11,33-35).

Este es uno de los párrafos más reveladores del pasaje: Jesús no se detiene en lo que ellas dijeron, sino que las consuela, pregunta por su amigo y llora. El Señor sigue consolándonos hoy y sigue preguntando por nosotros. Él pregunta por aquellos que han muerto, no solo físicamente sino espiritualmente. Él sigue llorando al ver cómo el pecado nos conduce a la muerte. Que podamos humillarnos y elegir la vida.

Este mandato del Señor necesita ser escuchado hoy para ayudarnos a ver las consecuencias de nuestro pecado y terquedad: "Quiten la piedra" (Juan 11,39). Nuestro corazón a veces puede volverse como una roca, un corazón de piedra que no nos permite salir de nuestro estado de pecado y miseria. Salgamos, salgamos, salgamos de nuestro egoísmo, ira, celos, falta de caridad, envidia, rivalidad, chismes, autosuficiencia, perfidia y de todo aquello que nos lleva al pecado.

La gravedad del pecado

"El pecado mortal destruye la caridad en el corazón del hombre por una infracción grave de la ley de Dios; aparta al hombre de Dios, que es su fin último y su bienaventuranza, prefiriendo un bien inferior. El pecado venial deja subsistir la caridad, aunque la ofende y hiere. Para que un pecado sea mortal, se requieren tres condiciones: es pecado mortal el que tiene por objeto una materia grave y que, además, es cometido con pleno conocimiento y deliberado consentimiento" (CIC 1855, 1857).

Que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de una verdadera conversión; que nos ayude a ver cómo el pecado nos conduce a la muerte espiritual y eterna. Que podamos experimentar, como Lázaro, el poder de la resurrección y su amor sanador. Que Él nos lleve con seguridad a nuestra verdadera patria: ¡el Cielo!

Sinceramente,
Padre Alejandro Reyes, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado March 21th

5:30p.m. † Jared Medina (by Family)

Sunday / domingo March 22th

7:30a.m. † Virginia & Tommy Ortega (by Mike & family)
† Harry A. & Thomas Lujan (by Alice Lujan)

9:00a.m. † Victor Cruz Frias (Por la Familia) (sp)
† Olga & Hugo Snyder (by Daughter & Familia)
† Guadalupe & Victoria Moreno (por Mannie Morales Family)
Por las almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. † Moises & Josefina Hernandez

Monday / lunes March 23rd

8: 15a.m. † Maria de Jesus Loya (by family Vargaz)

Tuesday / martes March 24th

8:15a.m. For Our Community

6:00p.m. † Lindsey Luna (by Raguel Luna) (sp).

Wednesday / miércoles March 25th

8:15a.m. † Maria-Rose & Michel Paradis (by Family)

Thursday / jueves March 26th

8:15a.m. Anthonette Alejandrez (by Joan Marquez)

Friday / viernes March 27th

8:15a.m. Antonia Trevizo Frias (By Family)

Saturday / sábado March 28th

8:15a.m. † Oscar & Ruben Hernandez (by Family)

What is happening

Chrism Mass
March 24, 2026
5:30p.m.

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

Good Friday (Veneration of the cross)
April 3, 2026
3:00pm

Easter Vigil
April 4, 2026
8:00p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 5
regular sunday mass schedule

Oración durante los 40 Días por la Vida,
28 de Marzo a las 4:00 p. m.
Gran Rally de Clausura the Lords Ranch- Vado NM.

40 Days of prayer for Life as we stand together in faith and hope for the protection of all life.
March 28, 2026, at 4:00 PM
Closing Rally at the Lords Ranch- Vado NM.

Pray for the members of our parish who are ill.

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Deacon Ed Misquez	Stella Armenta
Mr. & Mrs. Montoya	Christina Arrieta
Mike Ortega	Mrs. Arvizu
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Rose Sedillo	Alice & Carlos Castro
Daniel Telles	Alice Romero
Sally Torres	Bill & Raquel Chubb
Ceylon Mendenall	Joe Contreras
Jaime Adaime	Narciso Dominguez
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Ignacio Romero	Elizah & Zurayah
Luke Simmons	Benavidez family
Beverly Zubia	Olivia Marshall
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- Neocatechumenal Way
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Saint of the Day / Santo del dia

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit, founder of the Order of Minims



He was born in Paola, now province of Cosenza, on 27 March 1416. Afflicted as a child by a severe infection of one eye, his parents entrusted him to the intercession of Francis of Assisi: if he recovered, he would wear the Franciscan habit for a whole year. After his recovering, when he was 15 years old he entered the convent of St. Marco Argentano (Cosenza) in order to fulfill the vow made by his parents. There, he immediately showed his inclination to prayer and his powerful gifts of piety, along with some supernatural manifestations. At the end of his stay at the convent, he undertook a pilgrimage with his parents in search of the most suitable religious life for him. He went to Assisi, Montecassino, Rome, Loreto and Monte Luco. In Rome he was troubled by the opulence of the papal court and commented: "Our Lord was not like that". This was the first sign of his reforming soul.

Death and canonization

Francis died in Tours on 2 April 1507. His fame soon spread through Europe thanks to the three branches of the family of the Minims (friars, nuns and the third order). He was canonized on 1 May 1519, only twelve years after his death, during the pontificate of Pope Leo X, to whom he had predicted his election to the papal throne when he was still a child. On 13 April 1562, some Huguenots forced his tomb and on finding his body uncorrupted set it on fire. The few remaining relics are kept in various convents of the Minims, including Palermo, Milazzo and Paola.

s. Francisco de Paola, eremita, fundador de la Orden de los Mínimos

Nació en Paula, hoy provincia de Cosenza, Italia, el 27 de marzo de 1416. De niño sufrió una grave infección en un ojo, sus padres lo encomendaron a la intercesión de San Francisco de Asís: en caso de curación vestiría el hábito franciscano por un año. Perfectamente curado, para cumplir el voto ingresó a los 15 años en el convento de San Marcos Argentano (Cosenza), donde pronto manifestó su propensión a la oración y firme piedad. Al concluir su estancia en el convento, emprendió con sus padres una peregrinación, buscando una vida religiosa adecuada para él. Fue a Asís, Montecassino, Roma, Loreto y Monte Luco. En Roma, turbado por el lujo de la corte papal comentó: «Nuestro Señor no iba de esa manera». Era el primer indicio de su alma reformadora.

Muerte y canonización

Francisco se apagó en Tours el 2 de abril de 1507. Su fama se difundió pronto en Europa, a través de las tres ramas de la familia Mínima (frailes, monjas y terciarios). Fue canonizado el 1º mayo de 1519, solamente doce años después de su muerte, durante el pontificado del papa León X, al cual había predicho su elección pontificia cuando era niño. El 13 de abril de 1562, algunos hugonotes forcejearon su tumba y al encontrar su cuerpo incorrupto le dieron fuego. Sus pocas reliquias se conservan en los conventos de los Mínimos, entre ellos en Palermo, Milazzo y Paula.