# *St. Roch*

## - Patron Saint in Times of Plague
*(pronounced as Saint Rock)*

Background: St. Roch was marked with a red cross on his chest at birth. When his parents died he inherited great wealth which he gave to the poor and devoted his life to helping the plague-stricken and sick. His miraculous powers were known to have cured many with the, "Sign of the Cross".

**O Blessed Saint Roch, Patron of the Sick,**
**have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering.**

**Your power was so great**
**when you were in this world,**
**that by the sign of the cross,**
**many were healed of their diseases.**

**Now that you are in heaven,**
**your power is not less.**
**Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears**
**and obtain for us that health we seek.**

**Ease the fears of all in the face of Covid-19.**
**Protect all health care workers**
**and first responders.**
**Guide the work of those seeking a vaccine.**
**Through Christ our Lord.**
**Amen.**

**Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved**
**from all diseases of body and soul.**