



Welcome to the Parish Index page of the Digital Cuba website.

This page contains transcribed indexes to baptism, marriage and death/burial record books of select parishes throughout the Havana Archdiocese. These indexes will provide all the information needed for a researcher or church archivist to easily and efficiently locate the record.

Always take note of the following:

1. Book/Volume number
2. Name and surname(s) of the person for baptisms and burials. For marriages names of the bride and groom
3. Folio number
4. Number of the record in the book if available in the index

As you use these indexes, it is recommended that you keep a few concepts in mind:

- When searching for a surname of an ancestor, use the spelling you know but also remember to use alternative spellings. Before the late 18th century Spanish spelling was not yet standardized and it is very common, as late as the latter 19th century, to find alternative spellings, sometimes within the same entry.

Typically interchanged letters include the following, with some examples:

B and V – Valdivia might be spelled Baldibia or Baldivia

I, Y – Izquierdo may be spelled Yzquierdo

J, X, G – Jimenez may be spelled Ximenes, Ximenez, Gimenez or Gimenes.

- Names are transcribed exactly as they appear in the original manuscript parish indexes. There is often inconsistency in the spelling, particularly if more than one priest was recording the sacraments within a parish.¹
- During the transcription of some of these indexes, some entries have been impossible to read in their entirety. When there is any doubt about the accuracy of the transcription, a question mark (?) is inserted in the field next to or instead of a name, folio or number field.
- A blank field in a spreadsheet indicates that information is missing from the original indexes. Errors are inevitable but we strive to avoid them wherever possible and future updates will take place to constantly improve this invaluable resource.

¹ For an in-depth exploration of Spanish spelling practices, refer to *Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage* by George R. Ryskamp, pub. Hispanic Family History Research, Riverside, CA 1984.