

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday at 8:00 AM Weekend Masses Saturday @ 4:00 PM Sunday @ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM 5:00 PM en Espanol Wednesday Holy Hour 3:00—4:00 PM First Friday Adoration 8:30 AM—8:00 PM Confessions Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment

The Church is Open for Personal Prayer Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM

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Introducing Our New Pastor

Father Carlos J. Cabán Vázquez

Father Carlos J. Cabán Vázquez began his priestly formation in 1994 in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. He completed his studies

in Philosophy and Education in the Dominican Republic and finished his initial formation of theology in Rome. Father was ordained a priest in Aguadilla, PR, in 2005 and was assigned to Parroquia San Francisco de Sales in Cataño, PR.

After three years serving as head of the Youth Ministry at Parroquia, Father Carlos was sent to Jarabacoa of the Dominican Republic and oversaw aspiring Salesians. The following year, 2009, he was sent to work at the Industrial Polytechnic Institute of Santiago, where he spent the next four years.

Father Carlos returned to his homeland to work in the Parroquia San José Obrero of Aguadilla for two years as director, administrator, and manager of the Youth Ministry. He was assigned to St. John Vianney Catholic Church, in Orlando, in August 2016. In 2019 Father Carlos

became the Parochial Administrator of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and School. On September 10, of 2023, Father Carlos was incardinated into the Diocese of Orlando and became pastor of St. John Vianney Catholic Church before taking over our parish on November 14, 2023.

We Welcome Father Carlos to our St. Faustina Parish Family!



May God bless you and our family in abundance on this Thanksgiving!

Have a blessed.

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Father Ramon's Farewell Letter — Last week's bulletin contained an insert in which Father Ramon addressed his tenure here at St. Faustina and his transfer to St. John the Baptist in Dunnellon. If you missed the opportunity to see Father's letter, it is posted on our parish website at:



https://stfaustina.org/ministries/father-ramons-farewell-message/

On behalf of Father Carlos and the entire St. Faustina parish staff, we would like to wish you, your family, and your friends a Blessed, Safe, and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Church Office Will Be Closed In Observance of Thanksgiving On Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24





Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 10:00 am. The Blessing of the food will follow the Mass.

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of November 5, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$15,932.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$4,171.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of November 5, 2023: 1,563

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov	ember 18, 2023		
4:00 pm	+ Bob Vodvarka		
	Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.		
Sunday, November 19, 2023			
7:30 am	+ Modesta Inumerable		
	Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable		
9:30 am	+ Johannes H. Broehl		
	Requested by: Dcn John & Nora Broehl		
11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina		
5:00 pm	+ Carlos Alvarez		
	Requested by: Adrey Goez		
Monday, Nove	mber 20, 2023		
8:00 am	+ Teresa Keogh		
	Requested by: Kathryn Johnson		
Tuesday, Nove	mber 21, 2023		
8:00 am	+ Eliodoro Sousa		
	Requested by: Oti Sousa		
Wednesday, November 22, 2023			
8:00 am	+ Winston Rabelas		
	Requested by: Ed & Gay Rabelas		
Thursday, Nov	rember 23, 2023		
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass		
	Blessings of food after Mass		
Friday, November 24, 2023			
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving		
	Requested by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango		
Saturday, November 25, 2023			
8:00 am	SI Juan & Oliva San Nicolas		
	Requested by: Matthew & Tina Bright		
4:00 pm	+ Yolanda Maiellano		
	Requested by: Maiellano Family		
Sunday, Noven	nber 26, 2023		
7:30 am	+ Christine Boguszewski		
	Requested by: Allan Boguszewski		
9:30 am	+ Ralph Vieto		
	Requested by: Ida Vieto		
11:30 am	+ Luis Ramos		
	Requested by: Miriam Ramos		
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Faustina		

Prayer Requests

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to **resubmit names** that you would like on our list by emailing: *office@stfaustina.org.*



David Venditti, Joseph Loughrev, Robert, Kasper, Paul Overeem, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Ed David, Jack Marchewks, Michael Daniel Boglino, Christine Gallagher, Timothy Leonard, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Michael Kelly, Jim Exnicios. Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales. Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve



If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, we want you to know how welcome you are --- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city...WELCOME!

OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.

This Week's Schedule of Events

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am followed by the Holy Rosary

Saturday, November 18	No events scheduled
Sunday, November 19	No events scheduled
Monday, November 20	Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom Spanish Bible Study, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in church
Tuesday, November 21	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Children's Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm in church Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Legion of Mary, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom Festival Choir Practice, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church
Wednesday, November 22	Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church
Thursday, November 23	<i>Parish Office is Closed</i> Thanksgiving Mass, 10:00 am Blessing of the food following Mass.
Friday, November 24	Parish Office is Closed No events scheduled
Saturday, November 25 Sunday, November 26	4:00 pm Mass, no other events scheduled Regular Mass Schedule, no other events scheduled

To see all of November's events in place, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/</u>



PLAN AHEAD, SPACE IS LIMITED – Do you have a parish meeting or event coming up and need to reserve one of our rooms or the church? Simply click on the following link, fill out the form (in either English or Spanish) and hit the submit button. You will receive a confirmation email and then, after your request has been reviewed, an email from our own Kelly Mucci to either confirm or explain why she had to deny your request. *EVERYONE* who would like to reserve space at our church, <u>MUST</u> complete the form at the following link: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/</u>

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Faustina Catholic Parish,

All of us at the Hands of Hope of America, Inc. Food Pantry wish you and your family and friends a Happy, Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving.

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During our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive, you once again showed tremendous support and generosity through your donations. "Thank You!"

You donated over 1,000 pounds of food over the past month, which was distributed to those in need in our Four Corners Community. You helped to feed over 400 families in need. Besides the

many food items, your monetary donations helped us purchase turkeys and gift cards to make sure that neighboring families were able to celebrate a very healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

We would also like to thank those parishioners who volunteer their time to help distribute food for our community throughout the year.

Again, "Thank You" for all you do for us, and for your community.



Another way to keep up with what is going on in the parish is to **join our Facebook page**. Daily Devotions, Saint of the Day, other inspirational and spiritual information as well as up-to-the-minute parish news are posted every day. To join, please go to:

www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute This Week's Flowers Were Anonymously Donated, Wishing the Parish a Beautiful and Safe Thanksgiving!

If you would like to donate flowers as a

Weekend Mass and Praise Tribute,

please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office at: jseddio@stfaustina.org.

This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions.





The Saint Faustina Giving Tree is an annual event held during Advent in support of the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center.

Tags with the children's *Wish Lists* will be hung on the tree for each Mass. *Blue ribbons* are for boys, *Pink ribbons* are for girls. Please place your unwrapped gift, with the tag you took from the tree, under the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 17. *Please contact Connie Stoops at (478) 955-0337 with any questions*.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26! It is hard to imagine that Thanksgiving is this Thursday. The Sunday immediately following that special day, <u>NEXT</u> Sunday, November **26, will be our bi-monthly blood drive, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.** The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance. Since the drive began in June of 2019, you have contributed 475 pints of blood while saving over 1,425 lives as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients in need. Our drive has met its



OneBlood assigned goal in all but once and has surpassed 25 donors six times (including the 29 donations we received at our September drive) with our record being 33 pints contributed.

While walk-ups make up 90% of our donations, you can reserve your spot by making an appointment at: OneBlood

This month's theme is: "Be Thankful for all the Lord has done for you by giving a half-hour of your time and a pint of your blood."

Besides your ability to help those with medical needs, you will receive a wellness check-up which includes: a COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening. OneBlood is also offering a \$20 e-card and a blanket for this drive.

"Thank You" for supporting this ministry in the past, and "thank you" for considering donating on November 26th.



The 2023 Advent Daily Devotions book

will be available after all Masses next weekend, November 25 & 26.

One book per active registered family, please.

SAVE THE DATES...DECEMBER 2 & 3 *Holiday and Hospitality Weekend Under the Tent*





Get a jump on your Christmas shopping the weekend of December 2-3 as we celebrate our first *Holiday and Hospitality Weekend* under the tent.

Our Youth Ministry and our Caring Crafters will have items for sale as well as a "special surprise array of crafts" guaranteed to bring a *Christmas Smile* to both the buyer and the recipient.

Tables for some Christmas Treats! We look forward to seeing everyone the weekend of December 2 & 3!

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events Murphys are Named the Knights of Columbus **October "Families of the Month"**

Loretta and Kathy Murphy, sisters-in law, and spouses to the late Jack and Bill Murphy, respectively, were presented the Family of the Month award by the Knights of Columbus at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 29.

Jack Murphy was a Knight for more than 50 years. He served in all capacities from Outside Guard to Grand Knight to Faithful Navigator to District Deputy in South Carolina. Jack did them all well and Loretta was right there with him. He received many awards through the vears. Some of the best times were in South Carolina where he was responsible for starting a new Council in Our Lady Star of the Sea along with forming the 4th Degree Assembly at OLSS in North Myrtle Beach. Jack was responsible for starting the tootsie roll drive and getting permission from Supreme to change the fund raiser to summer, which was the tourist time of the year. The best part was he enlisted their three grand daughters to hustle after the masses, which became a tradition for the girl; Loretta Murphy, Kathy Murphy, Fr. Ramon, Knights Robert Crais, Sam Jones III with lots of laughs for all. The first year the and Ed Rabelas Council collected \$150 and then could not find



any schools that had programs for handicapped children. But someone told someone etc. and a special education teacher from NMB primary school got in touch with him and alas, the money was given to the teacher to use for the children and not given to the school to use as they pleased. This was the start of Council 7122 getting involved with the handicapped.

Bill Murphy did not join the Knights of Columbus until 2006. Bill and Kathy were at Corpus Christi Parish and they were asking for one more man to sign up in order to start their own Council. Bill spoke with Fr. Gregory Parks wanting to know if at the age of 69 was he too old to become a Knight. Fr. Parks answered Bill telling him, "you are never too old to be a Knight! Sign up Bill", thus the Corpus Christy Council started. Bill and Kathy became parishioners of St. Faustina parish in September of 2006. Fr. Stephen Phillips told Bill he wanted to have a Knights of Columbus Council installed. Bill was named the First Grand Knight of St. Faustina Council 14217. Bill's older brother, Jack, having been in the Knights for many years and having served in most positions, offered to help Bill acclimate himself to the duties and responsibilities that awaited him. Bill was grateful for his brother's help. While Bill was the Grand Knight, the council received the Star Council Award in 2007-2008 Fraternal year for Membership Growth. Under his leadership, the Knights hosted The First Holy Communion Breakfasts for the Communicants and their immediate families. They also started the Tootsie Roll drive, giving money to various organizations to help handicapped young people. St. Faustina's council has donated \$1,000 to Bishop Grady Villas each of the last two years. Bill also became a Fourth Degree Knight and belonged to this Council in Corpus Christi.

Kathy watched her husband Bill immerse himself in this new phase of life. She observed Bill as his faith deepened. Normally quiet and even shy, she would see him engage in a private conversation with a fellow Knight. She believed this transformation in him took place because at 69 years old, he had the courage to ask, "Am I too old to become a Knight?" The remainder of his 11 years in the Knights became his legacy.

Loretta and Kathy are currently working on the archives of our church. They are working behind the scenes.

(article and photo submitted by Ed Rabelas, Grand Knight)

To see more, as well as all the Family of the Month honorees, please go to the Knights' FOM web page at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/family-of-the-month/

Blessed Miguel Austin Pro

By Marylu Mariniello

José Ramón Miguel Agustín Pro Juarez was born into a mining family on January 13, 1891 in Guadalupe Zacatecas, Mexico, the third of

eleven children. Four of his siblings died as infants or young children. His nickname was "Cocol." Two of his sisters joined a convent and Miguel entered the Jesuit novitiate at El Llano on August 15, 1911. Miguel studied in Mexico until 1914. Then a massive wave of governmental anti-Catholicism forced the novitiate to dissolve. The Jesuits all fled to Los Gatos CA, traveling on foot through Texas and New Mexico until they reached California. Then Miguel went to study in Granada, Spain in 1915. He stayed there until 1919, leaving for Nicaragua to teach from 1919 to 1922.

In the 1917 Constitution of Mexico, five articles were aimed at suppression of the Catholic Church. Article 3 authorized secular education in schools, prohibiting the Church from participating in primary and secondary education, Article 5 outlawed monastic religious orders, Article 24 forbade any public worship outside of church buildings, Article 27 restricted religious organizations' rights to own property and Article 130 revoked the civil rights of clergy members.



Priests and religious workers were not allowed to wear their religious attire, were denied the right to vote and were forbidden from discussing public affairs to the press. In 1998, most of the anti-clerical provisions of the constitution were removed. Miguel next traveled to Enghien, Belgium for his theological studies. The French Jesuits, who were also in exile, had their Faculty of Theology there. Miguel's health continued to deteriorate. He was ordained a priest in Belgium on August 31, 1925. At this time, he wrote "How can I explain to you the sweet grace of the Holy Spirit, which invades my poor miner's soul with such heavenly joys? I could not hold back the tears on the day of my ordination, above all at the moment when I pronounced, together with the bishop, the words of the consecration. After the ceremony, the new priests gave their first blessing to their parents. I went to my room, laid out all the photographs of my family on the table, and then blessed them from the bottom of my heart."

His first assignment was to work with the miners of Charleroi, Belgium. The workers beliefs were socialist, communist or anarchist, but they listened to Father Pro preach to them. Only three months later, his health took a turn with Father having to undergo several operations for ulcers. Still, he remained cheerful and courageous, saying his strength was through his prayers.

One of Father's friends was Pulido, who described Miguel's character as that he "had never seen such an exquisite wit, never coarse, always sparkling."

Father Pro was noted for his charity and ability to speak about spiritual subjects without being boring. He was known to also have a playful side, along with his prayerful one, spending long days in the chapel. He finished his studies in the summer of 1926 and planned to return to Mexico. He stopped at Lourdes first, where he celebrated Mass and visited the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. He arrived in Veracruz on July 8, 1926.

The president of Mexico was now Plutarco Elias Calles, who vigorously enforced the anti-Catholic provisions of the 1917 constitution, implementing the so-called "Calles Law", which provided specific penalties for priests. Religious who criticized the government were given five years' imprisonment and those who wore clerical garb in certain situations outside their churches were fined 500 pesos. This law went into effect on July 31, 1926. At this time some states, such as Tabasco, which was ruled by the notorious anti-Catholic Tomás Garrido Canabal, implemented these anti-clerical rules. He closed all of the churches, killing many of the priests. He forced a few priests to marry and the remaining few served undercover, risking their lives. When Father Pro returned, knowing his fate, he served a church which was forced to go "underground." He celebrated Mass clandestinely and ministered other sacraments to small groups of Catholics. He adopted many interesting disguises, such as coming in the middle of the night dressed as a beggar to baptize infants or to bless a marriage. He would show up in a jail dressed as a policeman to bring Communion to imprisoned Catholics or go to an upscale neighborhood to get aid for the poor, dressed as a fashionable businessman with a flower on his lapel. Many details of Father's ministry in the underground church came from his letters, signed as *Cocol*.

In October 1926, a warrant for his arrest was issued. He was arrested and released from prison the next day, but was kept under surveillance. Generals Roberto Cruz and Palomera Lopez Pro then arrested Father Pro and his brothers on November 22, 1927 at 11:00 PM on the false charges of a bombing and the attempted assassination of former Mexican President Álvaro Obregón. The next day, while walking from his cell to the courtyard, Father blessed the soldiers, knelt and briefly prayed quietly. He declined a blindfold and faced his executioners with a Crucifix in one hand and a Rosary in the other. He held his arms out in imitation of the crucified Christ and shouted out, "May God have mercy on you! May God bless you! Lord, Thou knowest that I am innocent! With all my heart I forgive my enemies!" Before the firing squad was ordered to shoot, his last request was to be allowed to kneel and pray. Father Pro was then shot, but when the firing squad gunshots failed to kill him, a soldier killed at him at point-blank range.

Calles wanted the execution to be meticulously photographed. Newspapers throughout the country carried photos on the front page the following day.

Calles thought that the sight of the pictures would scare the Cristeros, who were rebels fighting against his troops, particularly in the state of Jalisco, but the photos had the opposite effect. They became more animated and fought with renewed enthusiasm, many of them carrying the newspaper photo of Father Pro standing in front of the firing squad.

Writer Graham Green called the slaughter authorized by Calles as the "fiercest persecution of religion anywhere since the reign of Elizabeth." Forty thousand people lined up for the funeral procession. Another twenty thousand were at the cemetery where Father was buried without a priest present.

Father Pro was beatified on September 25, 1988 by Pope John Paul II, who described him as a Catholic martyr, killed *in odium fidei* - in hatred of the faith. At the beatification, Pope John Paul said "Neither suffering nor serious illness, nor the exhausting ministerial activity, frequently carried out in difficult and dangerous circumstances, could stifle the radiating and contagious joy which he brought to his life for Christ and which nothing could take away. Indeed, the deepest root of self-sacrificing surrender for the lowly was his passionate love for Jesus Christ and his ardent desire to be conformed to him, even unto death." The feast day for Blessed Miguel Pro is November 23.

