



# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 21, 2024

The Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus, I Trust in You

## Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

*Daily Mass / Misa Diaria*

**Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Weekend Masses / Misas de fin de semana*

**Saturdays @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Sundays @ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,**

**5:00 p.m. en Espanol**

*Wednesday Holy Hour / Miércoles Hora Santa*

**3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

*First Friday Exposition /  
Exposición del Primer Viernes*

**8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

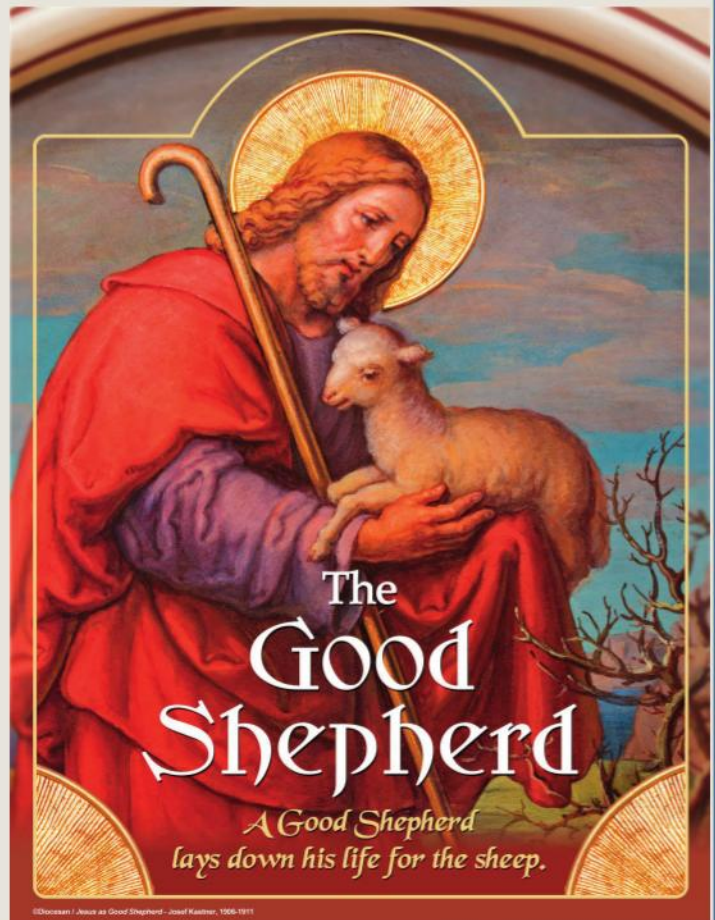
*Confessions / Confesiones*

**Saturday / Sábado 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

**or by appointment / o con cita previa**

*The Church is Open for Personal Prayer  
Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m., and on Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.*

*La Iglesia está abierta para la oración personal  
De lunes a jueves, de 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
y los viernes, de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.*



## Parish Office Hours / Horario de Oficina Parroquial

Monday thru Thursday / Lunes a Jueves 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday / Viernes 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Pastoral Team / Equipo pastoral

Pastor	Father Carlos Caban	Ext. 101	<a href="mailto:ccaban@stfaustina.org">ccaban@stfaustina.org</a>
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## *A Message From Father Carlos / Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos*

My Dear St. Faustina Family,

This weekend's liturgy remembers Jesus the Good Shepherd. Throughout the Universal Church, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In the first reading of the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Peter openly proclaims that the power of the risen Jesus Christ has healed the paralytic who begged for alms and whom he had healed. Only the Lord can heal and save, which was clear in the apostles' minds. In the second reading, Saint John makes us aware of our great dignity: God has made us his children and heirs of his Kingdom.

This weekend's Gospel brings us the beautiful image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This image is a call to conversion for those of us who, in one way or another, shepherd the Christian community. The shepherd who resembles Jesus thinks only of his sheep; he does not "run away" from problems and does not leave his sheep alone. On the contrary, he is next to them, defends them, goes out of his way for them, and even exposes his life seeking their good. Let us take into consideration that it is Jesus himself who makes this description of the Good Shepherd.

My brothers and sisters, this description is also a call to fraternal communion among all of us. The Good Shepherd, Jesus says, "I know my sheep, and they know me." It is a two-way relationship. Only from this closeness, this mutual relationship, and this communion of heart does the Good Shepherd share his life with the sheep. We must all walk as a Church toward this communion and mutual relationship, even more so today with everything happening in the world. Without ceasing to be faithful to the Gospel, to our Master, Jesus, we must discover how to walk creatively toward the future. How much do we need? Only believers, filled with the Spirit of the Good Shepherd, can help create the climate of closeness, mutual listening, reciprocal respect, and humble dialogue that we so much need.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord to continue calling many young people to be shepherds among his people, Good Shepherds like Jesus. We must strengthen our prayer life daily. What will help us the most is the testimony that we give as a community and as a church, starting with my own. We must talk about vocation with our children and in our families. Jesus needs us. Animo!

Saint Faustina, Pray for us.  
Father Carlos

Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

La liturgia de este fin de semana nos recuerda a Jesús el Buen Pastor, y también celebramos en toda la Iglesia Universal la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las vocaciones. La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, San Pedro proclama abiertamente que el paralítico que pedía limosna y al que había curado, ha sido curado por el poder de Jesucristo re-sucitado. Sólo el Señor puede curar y salvar. Eso estaba bien claro en la mente de los apóstoles. En la segunda lectura San Juan nos hace tomar conciencia de nuestra gran dignidad: Dios nos ha hecho hijos suyos y herederos de su reino.

El evangelio de este fin de semana nos trae la bella imagen de Jesús, Buen Pastor. Ciertamente, hablando en primera persona, es una llamada a la conversión, para quienes de una manera u de otra pastoreamos la comunidad cristiana. El pastor que se parece a Jesús sólo piensa en sus ovejas, no «huye» ante los problemas, no las deja solas. Al contrario, está junto a ellas, las defiende, se desvive por ellas, e incluso expone su vida buscando su bien. Tomemos en consideración que esta descripción del Buen Pastor es el mismo Jesús que la hace.

Pero también hermanos y hermanas esta descripción es una llamada a la comunión fraterna entre todos. El Buen Pastor, dice Jesús: "conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí." Es un movimiento de dos direcciones. Sólo desde esta cercanía, desde este conocimiento mutuo y esta comunión de corazón, el Buen Pastor comparte su vida con las ovejas. Hacía esta comunión y mutuo conocimiento hemos de caminar también todos como Iglesia. Y más todavía hoy con todo lo que pasa en el mundo, todo sin dejar nunca de ser fieles a los criterios del Evangelio, ósea a nuestro Maestro Jesús, tenemos que descubrir como caminar de manera creativa hacia el futuro. ¿Cuánto nos falta? Sólo creyentes, llenos del Espíritu del Buen Pastor, pueden ayudarnos a crear el clima de acercamiento, mutua escucha, respeto recíproco y diálogo humilde que tanto necesitamos.

Hermanos y hermanas, pidamos al Señor que siga llamando a muchos jóvenes a ser pastores en medio de su pueblo. Pero pastores como Jesús. Nuestra oración tiene que ser cada día más fuerte. Definitivamente lo que más nos va a ayudar es el testimonio que demos como comunidad, como iglesia, comenzando por el mío propio. Atrevamos nos hablar de vocación con nuestros hijos, en nuestras familias. Jesús necesita de nosotros. ¡Animo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.  
Padre Carlos



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association  
4:00 p.m. + Kathleen E. Cammerata  
by: Duane Hyland

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
9:30 a.m. + C. Doreen "Donovan" Lacey  
by: John D. Bailey  
11:00 a.m. + Ladislaus Rasquina  
by: The Rasquina Family  
5:00 p.m. + Margarita Lopez  
by: Hilda Miller

### Monday, April 22, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. SI Mary, Ned Burken  
by: Nonie Mae

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

#### St. George; St. Adalbert

- 8:00 a.m. + Minnie Haliday  
by: Dee Riley

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

#### St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

- 8:00 a.m. + Fernando Bulfango Jr.  
by: Francisco and Rosalina Bulfango

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

#### St. Mark

- 8:00 a.m. + Irene Fisher  
by: Eileen and Joe Broderick

### Friday, April 26, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. + Florence Green  
by: Lina and Wil Green

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. + Memorial Mass Association  
4:00 p.m. + Eusebia Hernandez  
by: Regina Duran

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. + Michael Venditti  
by: David Venditti  
9:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
11:30 a.m. + Roger Datuin  
by: Clermont Prayer Group  
5:00 p.m. + Roberto Adames  
by: Luisa Britto

## 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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).



Lorgia & Pablo Pazmino, Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino, Phillip Kilinski, Carol Gosart, Steven Syrkin, and Roger Jones, Frank T. Montiagnino, Loretta Murphy, Kristey Nelson, David Egan, Robert Kolenc, Jan Nilsen, Brenda Brubaker, Roger Darnell, Sandy Darnell, Tina Cyr, Patrick J Cyr, Barb Nelson, Ed David, Jack Marchewka, David Venditti, Cecilia Fanelli, Arabella Zeglovskis, Felisa Parker-Gibson, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Michael Daniel Boglino, Mike McGee, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Paulette Sparlik, Lilian Hawkinson, 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

Welcome to St. Faustina Catholic Church, we are glad you could be with us with today!

¡ Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina, ¡nos alegramos de que puedan estar hoy con nosotros!

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



**NUESTRA MISION** - Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espiritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a traves de una administracion res-ponsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.



## *Farewell to Joe Seddio / Adiós a Joe Seddio*

Dear Parishioners:

With sadness, I must announce the departure of Joe Seddio, our Operations Manager, from the St. Faustina staff. After lengthy consultations with his wife, Maggie, and family, Joe has decided to seek other employment opportunities beyond the doors of St. Faustina parish. We will always be grateful to Joe for his years of dedicated service to our parish. He was an integral part of our community - always present, smiling, and helping, doing whatever needed doing regardless of the hour of the day or weather conditions. We will miss his enthusiasm, his gentleness, and his can-do spirit. We wish him and his family the best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. Thank you, Joe! You made St. Faustina parish a great place to be!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Carlos



Queridos feligreses:

Con tristeza, debo anunciar la salida de Joe Seddio, nuestro Gerente de Operaciones, del personal de Santa Faustina. Después de largas consultas con su esposa, Maggie, y su familia, Joe ha decidido buscar otras oportunidades de empleo más allá de las puertas de la parroquia de Santa Faustina. Siempre estaremos agradecidos a Joe por sus años de servicio dedicado a nuestra parroquia. Era una parte integral de nuestra comunidad - siempre presente, sonriendo y ayudando, haciendo lo que fuera necesario sin importar la hora del día o las condiciones climáticas. Echaremos de menos su entusiasmo, su amabilidad y su espíritu emprendedor. Le deseamos lo mejor a él y a su familia, que pasan al siguiente capítulo de sus vidas. Gracias, Joe. Hiciste de la parroquia de Santa Faustina un gran lugar donde estar.

Atentamente,  
P. Carlos

### *Financial Stewardship*

**Weekly Collection Weekend of March 14, 2024**

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$9,396.50 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,815.00**

**Mass Attendance / Asistencia a Misa: 1,773**

**To donate through our parish website, please go to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z517/home>**

## *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

*Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary  
Misa diaria de lunes a sábado a las 8:00 a.m. seguida del Santo Rosario*

<b>Saturday, April 20</b>	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser after 4:00 p.m. Mass
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser following all Masses
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	Rosary Makers at 9:00 a.m. in classroom
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in classroom
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in church Young Adults Ministry, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in classroom
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	Divine Will Study, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in classroom . Oracion y Vida, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. en el salon
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	Cursillo, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in classroom Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	Grief Support Group, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in classroom
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	No scheduled events

## PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



**Knights of Columbus to Hold Annual Fundraiser This Weekend**—Our Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, will hold its annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser this weekend, April 20-21, following all Masses. The Knights donate the proceeds from this yearly event to the Bishop Grady Villas, which provides residential, employment, youth transition, life skill development, and advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Central Florida. The Knights will also be at the Eagle Ridge Publix on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For more information on Bishop Grady Villas, please visit their website at <https://www.magnifyfl.org/>. For more information about our Knights, please visit their website at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/>.

**Give the Gift of the Blessed Mother for Mother's Day**—The St. Faustina Fundraising Committee will sell pocket Rosary decades after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12. The cost will be \$5 in cash or by check; we cannot accept credit cards. All sales will benefit the St. Faustina Catholic Church Construction Fund. These pocket decades are a great way to focus your thoughts on our Blessed Mother throughout the day and to pray the Rosary a decade at a time.



**Regale a la Virgen el Día de la Madre**—El Comité de Finanzas de Santa Faustina venderá rosarios de bolsillo después de todas las misas del fin de semana del Día de la Madre, el sábado 11 y el domingo 12 de mayo. El costo será de \$5, en efectivo o cheque, no podemos aceptar tarjetas de crédito. Todas las ventas beneficiaran al Fondo de Construcción de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina. Estas décadas de bolsillo son una gran manera de enfocar sus pensamientos en nuestra Madre Bendita a través del día y rezar el Rosario década por década.



**OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!** Volunteers are needed on the first weekend of each month to help set up tables and chairs before the 7:30 a.m. Mass and to break down and put away those items following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Volunteers are also needed after every Mass to help in the warming kitchen to make coffee, put doughnuts on platters, transfer items to the outside tables and help clean up after each Mass. If you are interested, please email [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org)

and include your availability and what you would like to do to help.

**¡NUESTRO MINISTERIO DE HOSPITALIDAD NECESITA VOLUNTARIOS!** Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a poner mesas y sillas antes de la misa de las 7:30 a.m. y para desmontar y guardar esos artículos después de la misa de las 11:30 a.m.. También se necesitan voluntarios después de cada misa para ayudar en la cocina caliente para hacer café, poner rosquillas en bandejas, transferir artículos a las mesas exteriores, y ayudar a limpiar después de cada misa.

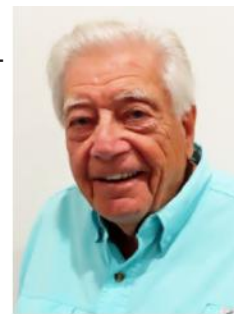
Si usted está interesado, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org) e incluya su disponibilidad y lo que le gustaría hacer para ayudar.

**Get All the News!** There are two ways to get the bulletin digitally. The first is to visit <https://stfaustina.org/news-weekly-bulletin/#bulletin>; on this page, you can see our bulletin archive, including the most current bulletin. To receive the bulletin in your email, visit <https://discovermass.com/church/st-faustina-catholic-church-clermont-fl/#bulletins> and click "Sign Up Today." The program will ask you to enter your email address, and soon after, you should start receiving the bulletin every week.



# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Faustina Parishioner Jim Shiflett Awarded our Parish's Divine Mercy Award** — St. Faustina Parishioner Jim Shiflett Awarded our Parish's Divine Mercy Award—On Sunday, April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, Jim Schiflett received the Divine Mercy Award from our Pastor, Fr. Carlos J. Caban. The award, established by our former Pastor Fr. Ramon Bolate in 2023, recognizes a parishioner who has shown an intense dedication to the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the precepts of Divine Mercy, as explained in St. Faustina's diary. If you have ever attended the Saturday Vigil Mass, you have seen Jim lead the Chaplet devotion and have probably noted that he places a particular emphasis on the phrase "for the sake..." To read Jim's incredible story of how he came to place such emphasis on the Chaplet, and those words, visit: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/he-was-brain-dead-until-they-prayed>. Congratulations Jim!



**Feligrés de Santa Faustina Jim Shiflett Galardonado con el Premio de la Divina Misericordia de nuestra Parroquia** - Feligrés de Santa Faustina Jim Shiflett Galardonado con el Premio de la Divina Misericordia de nuestra Parroquia-El domingo 7 de abril, Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, Jim Schiflett recibió el Premio de la Divina Misericordia de manos de nuestro Párroco, P. Carlos J. Cabán. El premio, establecido por nuestro anterior Párroco P. Ramón Bolate en 2023, reconoce a un feligrés que ha mostrado una intensa dedicación a la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y a los preceptos de la Divina Misericordia, como se explica en el diario de Santa Faustina. Si alguna vez ha asistido a la Misa de Vigilia de los sábados, habrá visto a Jim dirigir la devoción de la Coronilla y probablemente habrá notado que pone un énfasis particular en la frase "por el bien..." Para leer la increíble historia de Jim sobre cómo llegó a poner tanto énfasis en la Coronilla, y en esas palabras, visite: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/he-was-brain-dead-until-they-prayed>. ¡Enhorabuena Jim!



## CARING CRAFTERS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

The Caring Crafter's one-year anniversary celebration is just one week away!!! The members have been super busy creating some new items and we have a great selection for you to choose from. Thank you for your continued support. Remember, we can only accept cash or check payments.

**We will be under the tent after every Mass  
on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our ministry is open to all and we would love to have you come and join us and share your talents or learn new ones. We meet the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the classrooms. For more details, come and talk with any one of the members at our Anniversary Celebration. We will also have an informational sheet with all the details.

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

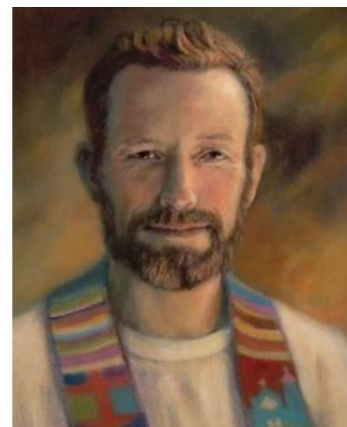
To learn more about the Caring Crafters Ministry, please go to their web page on our parish site at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/caring-crafters/>





# Blessed Stanley Rother

By Marylu Mariniello



Stanley Francis Rother was born in Okarche, Oklahoma, on March 27, 1935. His parents were Franz Rother and Gertrude Smith, who also had three other children, Betty Mae, Tom, and Jim. Betty Mae became a nun, Sister Marita. Stanley was baptized two days after his birth.

The family lived and worked on their farm. Stanley was a strong boy, quite able at his tasks. After finishing high school at Holy Trinity, he became a priest, studying at St. John Seminary and Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas. He was the sacristan, groundskeeper, bookbinder, plumber, and gardener there. After almost six years at the seminary, the staff advised him to withdraw. He then consulted with Bishop Victor Reed of Oklahoma City, who sent Stanley to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Stanley graduated and was ordained a priest by Bishop Reed on May 25, 1963.

Father Rother was now an associate priest in various parishes, including St. William in Durant, St. Francis Xavier, the Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa, and Corpus Christi in Oklahoma City. 1968 Father requested a reassignment to the Diocese mission in Santiago Atitlán in southwest Guatemala. The people there were the Tz'utujil Mayan Indians. Father learned Spanish and the Tz'utujil language, which was a spoken and not written indigenous language, first recorded by the missionary Ramón Carlin, who served in Santiago Atitlán before Father Rother arrived. Father Carlin supported a radio station located on the mission property, transmitting daily language and mathematics lessons.

By 1975, Father Rother had become the leader of the Oklahoma-sponsored mission effort in Guatemala. Other religious and lay supporters came and went, but Father stayed. Now a prominent figure in the community, he was known for his light complexion and smoking a pipe. There was no Tz'utujil equivalent for "Stanley," so the people called him "*Padre Apla's*" - "Father Francis," his middle name.

In early 1981, Father was warned that his name was on a hit list of right-wing death squads. Friends informed him that he was scheduled as number eight to be killed and also told him that he should leave Guatemala. Father returned to Oklahoma in January, resuming parish duties, but wanted to return to Guatemala to be with his people and also looked forward to celebrating Easter with them. Knowing that the death squads were watching him, he returned to Santiago Atitlán in April. On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, gunmen broke into the rectory. A teenager named Francisco Bocel was in the Church. The assassins forced Francisco to take them to Father's bedroom, threatening to kill him if he did not do this. Francisco led them down a flight of stairs and knocked on the door. Father opened the door, and a struggle ensued. As Francisco fled, Father was shot twice in the head.

Many things changed the year before Father Rother's murder. Forces destroyed the radio station and murdered its director. Some of the catechists and parishioners disappeared. Searchers later found them dead, having been beaten and tortured. Father knew about all of this upon returning to Guatemala. The previous December, he wrote a letter to the faithful in Oklahoma describing the violent situation: "This is one of the reasons I have for staying in the face of physical harm. The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger." Father Francis Rother was one of ten priests who were murdered in Guatemala that year. His body was flown back to Oklahoma and buried in Holy Trinity Cemetery on August 3, 1981.

Authorities arrested three men on murder charges within weeks of Father's death. The police also questioned another man and a woman. They admitted to entering the Church to rob and to having shot Father when he tried to stop them. Most people did not believe the confessions and considered the accused men innocent, thinking that it was a cover-up of military involvement in the murder. US authorities pressured the Guatemalan appellate court to overturn the convictions. Authorities did not prosecute anyone else for Father's murder.

On December 1, 2016, Pope Francis approved Father Rother's beatification, confirming that Father was killed "*in odium fidei*" ("in hatred of the faith"). The Church beatified Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017. He is the first American-born priest and martyr to be beatified by the Church. A Memorial plaque to Father Rother in Santiago Atitlán states, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

In 2019, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City broke ground on the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, a new church and ministry complex in Oklahoma City. The Diocese held a dedication Mass on February 17, 2023, to mark the official opening of the shrine. Father is now buried in the chapel located inside. The shrine has a museum, sanctuary, gift shop, and visitor center. It was built in the Spanish Colonial style, mirroring the parish church where Father Rother served and where he was martyred in Guatemala. The shrine was fully funded by Catholic donors and is the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma. The shrine is the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma.



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