

# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 11-12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

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 1:00 p.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 8:30 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 | ccaban@stfaustina.org      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|
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| Receptionist                | Carmen Pagan        | Ext. 106 | cpagan@stfaustina.org      |

# A Message From Father Carlos / Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos

Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

Este fin de semana celebramos Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor. Las lecturas nos presentan dos versiones distintas de la Ascensión de Jesús. La primera se encuentra al inicio del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, la segunda al final del evangelio de Marcos. El texto evangélico pone de relieve la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia, escuchamos el mandato de Cristo de evangelizar. Él mandó a sus seguidores a hacer discípulos del mundo entero. Por medio de la predicación, el ministerio sacramental y la instrucción, y el testimonio de los discípulos, la Iglesia ha continuado la obra de Cristo desde entonces. Con la Ascensión del Señor a los cielos comienza la misión de la Iglesia.

Jesús vuelve al Padre después de completar su misión, pero permanece con nosotros en los sacramentos de la nueva alianza, en la Palabra de Dios, en el ejercicio de la caridad de nosotros sus discípulos. La Eucaristía, presencia real y alimento espiritual, siempre nos envía a proclamar la Buena Noticia de Salvación. Hermanos y hermanas, tenemos una misión y debemos cumplirla con fidelidad. Pidamos al Espíritu de Cristo que nos de fe y fortaleza para ayudar a edificar la Iglesia y con esta súplica busquemos expandir el reino de Dios en medio de nosotros.

Esta semana, 41 niños y adultos de nuestra parroquia hacen su primera comunión. Todos nos alegramos con ellos y oramos por ellos para que esta cercanía con Jesús en la Eucaristía traiga muchas y abundantes bendiciones sobre sus vidas y sobre sus hogares. ¡Felicidades en su primera comunión! También aprovecho para felicitar a todas las madres de nuestra Parroquia. Que sepan que nuestra oración por todas ellas no es solo este fin de semana más bien siempre. ¡Felicidades! ¡Animo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros. Padre Carlos

> Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina



My dear St. Faustina's family,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The readings present us with two different versions of the Ascension of Jesus. We find the first at the beginning of the book of the Acts of the Apostles and the second at the end of the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel text highlights the mission of the Church to evangelize, and we hear Christ's command to evangelize. He commanded his followers to make disciples of the whole world. Through preaching, sacramental ministry and instruction, and disciples' witness, the Church has continued Christ's work ever since. With the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, the mission of the Church begins.

Jesus returns to the Father after completing his mission, but he remains with us in the sacraments of the new covenant, in the Word of God's exercise of charity by us, his disciples. The Eucharist, real presence, and spiritual nourishment always send us to proclaim the Good News of Salvation. Brothers and sisters, we have a mission and must fulfill it faithfully. Let us ask the Spirit of Christ to give us faith and strength to help build up the Church, and with this prayer, let us seek to expand the kingdom of God in our midst.

This week, 41 children and adults from our parish are making their first communion. We all rejoice with them and pray for them that this closeness with Jesus in the Eucharist will bring many abundant blessings to their lives and homes. Congratulations on their first communion! I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the mothers of our parish. May they know that our prayer for all of them is not only this weekend but always. Congratulations! Cheer up!

Saint Faustina...Pray for us. Father Carlos

Welcome to St. Faustina Catholic Church!

# Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

Living and Deceased Mothers of 4:00 p.m.

St. Faustina Parish

#### Sunday, May 12, 2024 The Ascension of the Lord

All Masses this Sunday are offered for the Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Faustina Parish.

Todas las Misas de este domingo se ofrecen por las Madres Vivas y Difuntas de la Parroquia de Santa Faustina.

#### Monday, May 13, 2024 Our Lady of Fatima

+ Irene Fisher 8:00 a.m.

by: Eileen and Joe Broderick

### **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

St. Matthias

8:00 a.m. + Ken Schanen

by: Lynda Schanen

## Wednesday, May 15, 2024

St. Isidore

8:00 a.m. + Ermilando Monton

by: Gloria Monton

#### **Thursday, May 16, 2024**

8:00 a.m. SI Mary Kerrigan

by: Julia Costello

#### Friday, May 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Gregory Bosner

by: Joe, Laura, and Keighley

## Saturday, May 18, 2024

St. John I

8:00 a.m. + Memorial Mass Association

4:00 p.m. + Emmanuel Crogman

by: Judi Crogman

#### Sunday, May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. + Viola Dolce

by: Sue Scandura

9:30 a.m. ++ Fannie and + Isidro Francisco Garcia

by Jack Marchewka

+ Mary Ellen Doherty 11:30 a.m.

by Thomas Doherty

5:00 p.m. + Henry Ruiz

by: Familia

# **Prayer Requests**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful." James 5:16



Zachary Birkholz

Michael Daniel Boglino Angela & Exevior Bojda

Tina Audino

David Bache

David Bartkus

Anita Boyd Brenda Brubaker Jack Marchewka

Larry Brunke Sr. Mike McGee Kay Bucci

Jeannie Burns Barb Nelson Helen Capozzi Kristey Nelson Jean Conn Jan Nilsen

Carlos Corrales Judith Crogman

Mary Ann Cunningham

Daniel Cuttita Patrick J Cyr Tina Cyr Roger Darnell Sandy Darnell Ed David Patricia Dick David Egan Hadley Epps Jim Exnicios Cecilia Fanelli Joseph Foster

Christine Gallagher Carmine Gallo

Mary Garl Elsa Gomez Carol Gosart Julie Haley Nancy Harrigan

Lilian Hawkinson Ron Henefer Jessica Hiles

Roger Jones Robert Kasper Gabriela Lantigua-**Pazmino** Timothy Leonard Joseph Loughrey John Magnotti

Frank T. Montiagnino

Becky Oosterveen Felisa Parker-Gibson Michael Patrick Linda Patrick Lorgia Pazmino Pablo Pazmino Sue Plante Gene Plante Lenise Shope Paulette Sparlik Steven Syrkin

Julie Sabon vanDyke

Marge Tagler

Mark Thomas

David Venditti Donald Villeneuve Trish Villeneuve Larry Wilson

Arabella Zeglovskis

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# Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of May 5, 2024

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$9,954.50 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$4,614 Mass Attendance / Asistencia a Misa: 1,289

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

# 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

| Saturday, May 11  | Pocket Rosary Decades Sale, after Mass   |
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| Sunday, May 12    | First Communion, 1:00 p.m., Church Pocket Rosary Decades Sale, after all Masses.   |
| Monday, May 13    | Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom<br>Our Lady of Fatima, noon to 1:00 p.m., Church<br>Emmaus, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., classroom  |
| Tuesday, May 14   | Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom<br>Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Church<br>Cantor Practice, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church   |
| Wednesday, May 15 | Grandparents Meeting, 11:00 a.m. classroom<br>Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., church<br>Handbell Choir Practice, 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., church<br>Young Adults Ministry, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., classroom |
| Thursday, May 16  | Baptism Class, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., classroom   |
| Friday, May 17    | Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia  |
| Saturday, May 18  | Confirmation Class, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00p.m.  |
| Sunday, May 19    | No scheduled events  |

#### **OUR MSSION**

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 administracian responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.





The Clergy and Staff of St. Faustina Catholic Church Wish All Mothers in the Parish A Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!

El Clero y el Personal de Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina Desea a todas las Madres de la Parroquia ¡Un Feliz y Bendecido Día de la Madre!

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## PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



St. Faustina Grandparents Ministry to Meet This Wednesday — St. Faustina's Chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association will meet in the classroom this Wednesday, May 15, at 10:45 a.m. If you are a grandparent and want to share your experiences and pray for all grandchildren, please come and see what we offer you. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month and tackles various topics. We will discuss "Talking with Teens and Adults about Faith" at the meeting. All are welcome. For more information, please get in touch with Jerilyn Polson at <a href="mailto:nonnagerarda86@gmail.com">nonnagerarda86@gmail.com</a>. For more information, visit the ministry's website at <a href="https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/">https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/</a>.

Anniversary Blood Drive — Where did the time go? Our parish's bi-monthly Blood Drive, set for Sunday, May 26, from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., will celebrate five years of this important ministry. The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance. Since the drive began in June of 2019, you have contributed 556 pints of blood while saving over 1,668 lives, as each donation can help up



to three patients in need. You will receive a Wellness Check and a gift from the highly-trained OneBlood staff member on board.

While 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can reserve your space by making an appointment at: <a href="https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/1421843">https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/1421843</a> As always, "thank you" for your willingness to help others through your donation.

COLECTA DE SANGRE ANIVERSARIO - ¿Dónde se ha ido el tiempo? La colecta de sangre bimensual de nuestra parroquia, programada para el domingo 26 de mayo, de 7:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., celebrará cinco años de este importante ministerio. El Gran Autobús Rojo estará estacionado justo afuera de nuestra entrada principal. Desde que comenzó la campaña en junio de 2019, ha contribuido con 556 pintas de sangre mientras salva más de 1,668 vidas, ya que cada donación puede ayudar hasta a tres pacientes necesitados. Recibirás un Chequeo de Bienestar y un regalo del miembro del personal altamente capacitado de OneBlood a bordo.

Aunque el 90% de nuestros donantes acuden sin cita previa, puede reservar su plaza concertando una cita en: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/1421843.

Como siempre, «gracias» por su voluntad de ayudar a los demás a través de su donación.



Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council Annual Baby Bottle Drive Kicks Off This Weekend — The Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council Baby Bottle Drive will start at this weekend's Masses. Baby bottles will be available for parishioners to fill with change or monetary donations. This annual fundraising event by the Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council supports South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center. You must return the Baby Bottles on or before Father's Day weekend Masses on June 15 and 16, 2024. Thank you for supporting this vital program!

La Colecta Anual de Biberones del Consejo de Caballeros de Colón de Santa Faustina comienza este fin de semana — La Colecta de Biberones del Consejo de

Caballeros de Colón de Santa Faustina comenzará en las misas de este fin de semana. Los biberones estarán disponibles para que los feligreses los llenen con cambio o donaciones monetarias. Este evento anual de recaudación de fondos por los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo de Santa Faustina apoya South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center. Usted debe devolver los Baby Bottles en o antes de las misas del fin de semana del Día del Padre el 15 y 16 de junio de 2024. ¡Gracias por apoyar este programa vital!

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**LOOK FOR THE FOOD WAGON!!** "Thank You" for your continued support of our *Food for All Ministry*. With our snowbirds and tourists gone for the season, everyone must consider donating to the pantry. To participate, bring non-perishable food items and place them in the wagon at the church entrance. Your donations will go directly to Hands of Hope America, *which supports our local Four Corners families* in their time of need. Shopping bags, other than plastic, are also needed.

To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to the website at: https://www.handsofhopeamerica.org/.

¡BUSQUEN EL CARRO DE COMIDA! «Gracias» por su continuo apoyo a nuestro Ministerio de Alimentos para Todos. Con nuestros «snowbirds» y turistas fuera por la temporada, todos deben considerar donar a la despensa. Para participar, traiga alimentos no perecederos y colóquelos en el vagón en la entrada de la iglesia. Sus donaciones irán directamente a Hands of Hope America, que apoya a nuestras familias locales de Four Corners en sus momentos de necesidad. También se necesitan bolsas de la compra que no sean de plástico.

Para obtener más información sobre la misión de Hands of Hope American, Inc, visite el sitio web en: <a href="https://www.handsofhopeamerica.org/">https://www.handsofhopeamerica.org/</a>.

Your Knights of Columbus Invite You to Learn About Proposed Amendment
Four to the Florida Constitution — The St. Faustina Knights of Columbus
Council invites all interested parishioners to read the Florida Conference of
Catholic Bishops' statement regarding proposed Amendment Four to the Florida
Constitution, "Limiting Government Interference with Abortion." The statement is available at:
<a href="https://bit.ly/3wkftUV">https://bit.ly/3wkftUV</a>.

Sus Caballeros de Colón lo invitan a informarse sobre la Propuesta de Enmienda Cuatro a la Constitución de Florida — El Consejo de Caballeros de Colón de St. Faustina invita a todos los feligreses interesados a leer la declaración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Florida sobre la propuesta Enmienda Cuatro a la Constitución de Florida, «Limitando la Interferencia del Gobierno con el Aborto». La declaración está disponible en: <a href="https://bit.ly/3wdg2zX">https://bit.ly/3wdg2zX</a>.

Save The Date For These Events From the St. Faustina Fundraising Committee — Your St. Faustina Catholic Church Fundraising Committee has several exciting events planned for the entire parish in the months ahead. We hope you save the dates and join us for each event! All proceeds from the events benefit the St. Faustina Building Construction Fund. Why not plan to have fun while raising funds to pay off our building?

Reserve la fecha para estos eventos del Comité de Recaudación de Fondos de Santa Faustina — El Comité de Recaudación de Fondos de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina tiene planeados varios eventos emocionantes para toda la parroquia en los próximos meses. Esperamos que reserve las fechas y nos acompañe en cada evento. Todos los ingresos de los eventos benefician al Fondo de Construccion del Edificio de Santa Faustina. ¿Por qué no planea divertirse mientras recauda fondos para pagar nuestro edificio?

June 8-9, 15-16 / 8-9, 15-16 de junio: St. Joseph Keychain Sale / Venta de llaveros de San José

August 10 / 10 de agosto: Summer Dance / Baile de verano

October 6 / 6 de octubre: St. Faustina Feast Day Celebration / Fiesta de Santa Faustina

**November 15 / 15 de noviembre:** Family Movie Night / Noche de cine en familia **December 7 / 7 de diciembre:** Parish Christmas Party / Fiesta parroquial de Navidad

## **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

By Marylu Mariniello

Pierre was born a slave on June 27, 1766 in Saint-Domingue, now the country of Haiti. His mother was Ursule. They lived on the Artibonite plantation owned by the Bérard family, located on the Artibonite River near Saint-Marc. His father was unknown, but he had a sister named Rosalie, grandmother, Zenobe Julien and great grandmother, Tonette. All were slaves and Catholic.

He was educated by the Bérard family's tutors and was trained as a house slave. When the Bérard husband and wife returned to France, they took Pierre with them, and their son Jean Bérard took over the plantation. They all returned from France, but



tensions rose, leading to a rebellion from the slaves in 1797. Now the family relocated to New York City and took five slaves with them, including Pierre and Rosalie. Here, Pierre apprenticed with a leading hairdresser and started to make money, which he was able to keep. Jean Bérard returned to the island, dying there. His wife was looked after by Pierre until she remarried. When she was dying in 1807, she made her husband promise to free Pierre from slavery, which he did.

Pierre needed a last name, so he took the name "Toussaint" in honor of the hero of the Haitian Revolution. He was very popular as a hairdresser among New York society's elite, earning a good living. Pierre was highly regarded for refraining from gossip, saying, "The man is a hairdresser. He is no news journal." He saved his money and was able to secure freedom for his sister Rosalie. They both lived in what was then called the Nicolas house. Pierre had connections among the French emigrant community and met people who knew the Bérards in Paris. He began corresponding with them, which lasted for many years, particularly with Aurora Bérard, his Godmother. The Bérards lost their fortune in the French Revolution. Aurora's father died in prison, and her mother died soon afterward. Her other siblings had married in France.

On August 5, 1811, Pierre married Juliette Noel, a slave twenty years younger than he. He bought her freedom. They lived at the Nicolas house for four years and adopted Euphemia, Rosalie's daughter, Rosalie had died of tuberculosis. Juliette and Pierre provided for Euphemia's education and music classes. They began to donate to the poor of New York City, taking baked goods to the children, donating money to the Orphan Asylum, helping the young people to learn a trade and get their first jobs through their connections in the city. Pierre and Juliette also organized a credit bureau, an employment agency, and a refuge for priests and needy travelers.

Pierre helped new immigrants from Haiti, arranging sales to raise money for the people to start their new lives in New York. He also nursed quarantined cholera patients during an epidemic in the city. He attended daily Mass for sixty-six years at St. Peter's in New York, the oldest Catholic church in New York City. He purchased a house on Franklin Street, where the they gave a home to the orphans and fostered numerous boys, giving them all an education. Now a wealthy businessman, Pierre helped finance the construction of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral on Mulberry Street and donated to various philanthropic causes. He is credited as the founder of Catholic Charities in New York and was a benefactor of the first New York City Catholic school for black children at St. Vincent de Paul on Canal Street. He supported anyone in need, regardless of their race. Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton founded an orphanage in 1817. Pierre gave much of his own money to support it despite the fact that they only provided for white children.

He and Juliette also subsidized the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first community of black Religious and their orphanage.

Euphemia died of tuberculosis, and Juliette died on May 14, 1851. Pierre died two years later on June 30, 1853, at the age of eighty seven. He was buried alongside his wife and Euphemia in the cemetery of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral.

The John Boyle O'Reilly Committee for Interracial Justice, an Irish American group devoted to social justice and equality, began researching and publicizing Pierre Toussaint's life story in the mid-fifties. In 1989, Cardinal John O'Connor began the official process, giving Pierre the title of Servant of God. The Cardinal sent documentation to the Vatican for this process. At this time, Pierre's body was moved to the main Cathedral. Pierre Toussaint is the first and only layman to be buried in the crypt below the main altar of the current St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, which is reserved for bishops of the Archdiocese of New York. Also, Pierre wrote to many friends in Haiti and France. His collection of correspondence filled fifteen bound volumes. These were part of the documentation submitted by the Archdiocese of New York to support his canonization.

In 1996, Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.