



# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

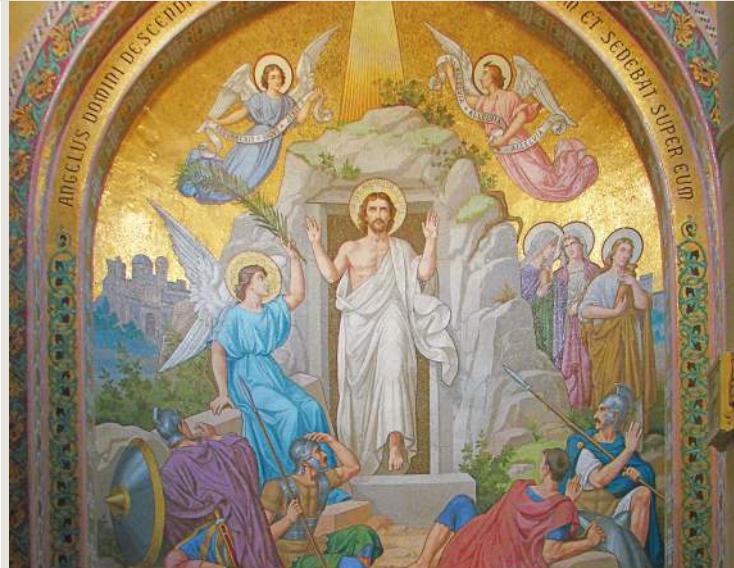
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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



5th Sunday of Easter

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. a 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

Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

En la palabra de Dios de este Quinto domingo de Pascua vemos como Pablo proclama el Señorío de Jesús, Se nos recuerda como el "Amarnos los unos a los otros" son manifestación de nuestra Fe en Jesucristo y que Él es la vid de la cual nosotros las ramas tenemos que mantenernos siempre unidos para verdaderamente tener Vida. La primera lectura, presenta las dificultades con que se encontró Pablo cuando intentó incorporarse a la comunidad cristiana de Jerusalén. La razón principal de estas dificultades se hallaba en que los miembros de la comunidad dudaban de su conversión. Las primeras comunidades cristianas sintieron la tentación de encerrarse en sí mismas y a poner obstáculos a la incorporación de los que no pensaban igual.



Este peligro es constante en la Iglesia. A menudo confundimos la Iglesia con una sociedad meramente humana, en la que sólo cuentan las afinidades humanas. Para pertenecer a la Iglesia no es preciso pertenecer a un pueblo, a una civilización, a una clase social, o a un partido político determinado. Como dice al final de la lectura, la única realidad capaz de vivificar, multiplicar y construir la Iglesia, es el Espíritu Santo, que supera todas las diferencias humanas.

Por otro lado, es bueno ver cómo Juan, nos insiste en la necesidad de las obras para seguir el mandamiento del Señor: "*amaos unos a otros como yo os he amado*". Debemos saber que una fe sin obras es una fe muerta, como nos dice el apóstol Santiago. Claro que es Dios el que nos salva, no nuestras obras, porque la salvación excede nuestras solas fuerzas. Pero debemos tener siempre en cuenta que "*creer*" en Cristo supone querer cumplir sus mandamientos.

Por el evangelio de hoy nos damos cuenta de que, de Jesús, brota la savia que mantiene unidos a los sarmientos en vistas a una misma función: "*dar fruto*". "*Yo soy la vid, vosotros los sarmientos; el que permanece en mí y yo en él, ese da fruto abundante.*" Todos los que creemos en Cristo y queremos ser sus discípulos somos sarmientos del mismo Cristo. La pregunta es: si todos somos sarmientos de la misma Vid, ¿por qué entre nosotros hay tantas divisiones? Si todos somos miembros del mismo cuerpo, ¿por qué unos miembros del cuerpo luchan contra otros, en perjuicio del mismo cuerpo?

"Al sarmiento que no da fruto en mí, él lo arranca, y al que da fruto lo poda para que dé más fruto." Todos necesitamos ser podados por Dios, el mejor labrador, porque es el que mejor nos conoce y el que más nos quiere. Pero hay que colaborar en la poda. El principal fruto, son las obras que manan de nuestro amor cristiano al prójimo con el que convivimos y a cualquier prójimo que pueda necesitar nuestra ayuda. Nadie nace tan perfecto que no necesite poda alguna a lo largo de su vida. Todos somos imperfectos mientras vivimos en este mundo, por eso necesitamos estar continuamente podándonos y dejando que Dios nos pade. Mientras más unidos a la Vid mejor. ¡Animo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.  
Padre Carlos

My dear family of St. Faustina,

In the Word of God for this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we see how Paul proclaims the Lordship of Jesus. He reminds us that "Love one another" is a manifestation of our Faith in Jesus Christ and that He is the Vine from which we, the branches, must always keep ourselves united to truly have Life. The first reading presents the difficulties Paul encountered when he tried to join the Christian community in Jerusalem. The main reason for these difficulties was that the community members doubted his conversion. The first Christian communities faced the temptation to close in on themselves and to put obstacles in the way of incorporating those who did not think the same way.

This danger is constant in the Church. We often confuse the Church with a merely human society where only human affinities count. To belong to the Church, one does not need to belong to a particular people, civilization, social class, or political party. St. Paul says at the end of the reading that the only reality capable of vivifying, multiplying, and building the Church is the Holy Spirit, who overcomes all human differences.

On the other hand, it is good to see how John insists on the necessity of works to follow the Lord's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." As the apostle James tells us, a faith without works is a dead faith. Of course, it is God who saves us, not our works, because salvation is beyond our strength alone. But we must always remember that "believing" in Christ means wanting to keep his commandments.

From today's Gospel, we realize that Jesus is the sap that keeps the branches united, "to bear fruit." "I am the vine; you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears abundant fruit." All of us who believe in Christ and want to be his disciples are branches of Christ himself. The question is: if we are all branches of the same Vine, why are there so many divisions among us? If we are all members of the same body, why do some members of the body fight against others to the detriment of the same body?

"The branch that bears no fruit in me he plucks up, and the branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it may bear more fruit." We all need to be pruned by God, the best tiller because he is the one who knows us best and loves us most. But we must collaborate in the pruning. The primary fruit is the works that flow from our Christian love for the neighbor with whom we live and for any neighbor who may need our help. No one is born so perfect that they do not require any pruning. We are all imperfect as long as we live in this world, so we must continually prune ourselves and let God prune us. The more we unite with the Vine, the better. Courage!

St. Faustina, Pray for us.

Father Carlos

# Mass Intentions

## 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. All St. Faustina Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. + Roger Datuin  
by: Clermont Prayer Group  
5:00 p.m. + Roberto Adames  
by: Luis Brito

## Monday, April 29, 2024

### *St. Catherine of Siena*

- 8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango

## Tuesday, April 30, 2024

### *St. Pius V*

- 8:00 a.m. + Paul Casey  
by: Mary Casey

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

### *St. Joseph the Worker*

- 8:00 a.m. SI Nonie Mae Riley  
by: Dee Riley

## Thursday, May 2, 2024

### *St. Athanasius*

- 8:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes Paul E. Casey  
by: Mary Casey

## Friday, May 3, 2024

### *SS. Philip and James*

- 8:00 a.m. + Francisco Arango  
by: Adrey Goez

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. + Memorial Mass Association  
4:00 p.m. + John Friedrich  
by: Wife Pat

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 7:30 a.m. + Rodolfo Medina  
by: Family  
9:30 a.m. + Joan Lilly  
11:30 a.m. All St. Faustina Parishioners  
5:00 p.m. + Difuntos de familia Reyes & Morel  
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 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 MISIÓN** - 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.

## ***Financial Stewardship***

**Weekly Collection Weekend of April 21, 2024**

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,548.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$4,051.00**

**Mass Attendance / Asistencia a Misa: 1,572**

**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>Monday, April 29</b>	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., church Cantor Practice, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., church
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., church Handbell Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., church Young Adults Ministry, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., classroom
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	Rosa Mystica, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., church
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	Cursillo, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la iglesia
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	Pocket Rosary Decade Sale, after Mass
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	Pocket Rosary Decade Sale, after all Masses

**PLAN AHEAD, SPACE IS LIMITED** – Are you planning a parish meeting or event and need to reserve one of our rooms or the church? Click on the following link, fill out the form (in English or Spanish), and hit the submit button. Kelly Mucci, Director of Liturgy and Music, will review your request and email you to confirm your reservation or explain why it cannot be honored. Everyone who would like to reserve space at our church **MUST** complete the form using the following link: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/>.

**Reserve Your Space NOW!**

**PLANEA CON ANTICIPACION, EL ESPACIO ES LIMITADO** - ¿Estás planeando una reunión o evento parroquial y necesitas reservar una de nuestras salas o la iglesia? Haga clic en el siguiente enlace, llene el formulario (en inglés o español) y presione el botón de enviar. Kelly Mucci, Director de Liturgia y Música, revisará su solicitud y le enviará un correo electrónico para confirmar su reserva o explicar por qué no puede ser honrado. Todas las personas que deseen reservar un espacio en nuestra iglesia DEBEN llenar el formulario utilizando el siguiente enlace: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/>.

**Reciba todas las noticias!** Hay dos formas de recibir el boletín en formato digital. La primera es visitar <https://stfaustina.org/news-weekly-bulletin/#bulletin>; en esta página, puede ver nuestro archivo de boletines, incluido el boletín más reciente. Para recibir el boletín en su correo electrónico, visite <https://discovermass.com/church/st-faustina-catholic-church-clermont-fl/#bulletins> y haga clic en "Sign Up Today". El programa le pedirá que introduzca su dirección de correo electrónico y, poco después, debería empezar a recibir el boletín cada semana.



# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Give the Gift of the Blessed Mother** —The St. Faustina Fundraising Committee will sell pocket Rosary decades after all Masses next weekend, May 4 and 5, and on Mother's Day weekend, 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** —La Comisión de Recaudación de Fondos 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 decadas 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.



**Weekend Mass Praise and Tribute** — If you would like to donate flowers as a Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute, please contact the parish office at [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org). Donating flowers is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions!

**Misa de Fin de Semana Alabanza y Homenaje** — Si desea donar flores como Alabanza y Tributo de la Misa de Fin de Semana, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial en [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org). ¡La donación de flores es una manera impresionante de honrar a los seres queridos y ocasiones!



**Help Clothe Others** —**The clothing shed** is a partnership between our parish and the St. Pauly Textile, Inc., and provides clothes for families in need. Donations of used, clean, and functional clothing items such as: shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, stuffed animals...and of course...clothes. If you would like to learn more about St. Pauly Textile, Inc., please go to their website at: <https://www.stpaulytextile.com/>.

Ayude a Vestir a Otros—El cobertizo de ropa es una asociación entre nuestra parroquia y la Textil St. Pauly, Inc. y provee ropa para familias necesitadas. Donaciones de ropa usada, limpia y funcional como: zapatos, cinturones, carteras, frazadas, sabanas, cortinas, fundas de almohadas, animales de peluche...y por supuesto...ropa. Si desea más información sobre <https://www.stpaulytextile.com/>.

**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.

# **PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Ministry Opportunities at St. Faustina** — Did you know that our parish has over 30 ministries in which you can become involved? From Bible Study to crafting to participating in various Liturgical opportunities during our Masses to private prayer, our parish offers something for everyone.

If you are interested in our Liturgical Ministry offerings, click on <https://stfaustina.org/worship-and-liturgy/>. If you are interested in our general ministries, click on <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/>. If you don't see something there that interests you and have an idea for a ministry for the parish to consider, please email us at [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).

So, as we look forward to what the Lord has in store for us as individuals, families, and a parish, please prayerfully consider enhancing your faith by joining us as we praise God in all His Glory through one of our ministries.



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**Oportunidades de Ministerio en Santa Faustina**— ¿Sabía usted que nuestra parroquia tiene más de 30 ministerios en los que puede participar? Desde el estudio de la Biblia a la artesanía a participar en diversas oportunidades litúrgicas durante nuestras misas a la oración privada, nuestra parroquia ofrece algo para todos. Si usted está interesado en nuestras ofertas de Ministerio Litúrgico, haga clic en: <https://stfaustina.org/worship-and-liturgy/>.

Si usted está interesado en nuestros ministerios generales, haga clic en: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/>. Si no ve algo allí que le interese y tiene una idea para un ministerio de la parroquia a considerar, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a: [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).

Así que, mientras esperamos lo que el Señor tiene reservado para nosotros como individuos, como familias y como parroquia, por favor considere en oración mejorar su vida de fe uniéndose a nosotros mientras alabamos a Dios en toda Su Gloria a través de uno de nuestros ministerios.

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**Help South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center Help Families**—St. Faustina Parish has supported the **South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center** since our inception. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes four and five), wipes, and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers, and other small items are also accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon. To learn more about the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center, please go to their website at <https://slpfcc.com/>.



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**Ayude a South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center a ayudar a las familias**—La Parroquia de Santa Faustina ha apoyado al Centro de Embarazo y Cuidado Familiar de South Lake desde nuestros comienzos. Sus regalos de pañales (especialmente Sizes cuatro y cinco), toallitas y artículos sanitarios son muy apreciados. También se acepta ropa de bebé ligeramente usada, cochecitos y otros artículos pequeños. Para participar, por favor deposite su donación en el vagón rojo. Para obtener más información sobre el Centro de Embarazo y Atención Familiar de South Lake, visite su sitio web en <https://slpfcc.com/>.

# Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

By Marylu Marinello

Franz Huber was born on May 20, 1907 in St. Radegund, Upper Austria. His mother Rosalia Huber was unmarried. His father was Franz Bachmeier, killed during World War I. Later on Rosalia married Heinrich Jägerstätter in 1917, who adopted Franz and gave him his last name.



Franz had a general education in his village's one-room schoolhouse, with his step-grandfather also helping with his studies. He was an avid reader but was also a bit of a rebel in his formative years. Franz was the first person in his village to own a motorcycle, but was down to earth and a humble Catholic who kept to himself. He married Franziska Schwaninger in 1936. They went to Rome for their honeymoon where they made a pilgrimage and had a blessing from Pope Pius XI. Upon their return, Franz began farming for his living and became the sexton at church. There he attended daily Mass and received Communion. When he assisted at funerals, he always refused monetary offerings, keeping his work as spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Soon much of Austria was beginning to follow the wave of Nazism, but Franz became more devout in his Catholic faith and placed his complete trust in God. He now had three daughters and worked to take care of his family, but he started thinking more about obedience to the legitimate authority of God. He reflected on mortal versus eternal life and Jesus' suffering and passion. He was not a part of a resistance movement but in 1938 he was the only local to vote against the "Anschluss" (annexation of Austria by Germany) because he couldn't accept this. Even so, he was drafted into the military in 1940, sworn in on June 17. The mayor of the town intervened, allowing Franz to return to his family and the farm. He was in active service again from October 1940 to April 1941, with the mayor's efforts allowing Franz to come home.

At this time Franz was convinced that participation in the war was a serious sin and decided that he would refuse to fight. He wrote, "It is very sad to hear again and again from Catholics that this war waged by Germany is perhaps not so unjust because it will wipe out Bolshevism.... But now a question: what are they fighting in this Country - Bolshevism or the Russian People? When our Catholic missionaries went to a pagan country to make them Christians, did they advance with machine guns and bombs in order to convert and improve them? If adversaries wage war on another nation, they have usually invaded the country not to improve people or even perhaps to give them something, but usually to get something for themselves.... If we were merely fighting Bolshevism, these other things - minerals, oil wells, or good farmland - would not be a factor."

Many Austrian people knelt when Hitler came to Vienna. Catholic Churches were forced to fly the swastika flag and were also subjected to other abusive laws.

Franz was called up again for military service in February of 1943. He went to the induction center on March 1 and announced his refusal to fight, offering to carry out non-violent services, which was denied. He was held in custody at Linz in March and April. Then, he was transferred to Berlin-Tegel in May and was put on trial on July 6, 1943. He was condemned to death for sedition but was inspiring with his tranquility. When Franz was offered the New Testament, he replied: "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord, and any reading would only interrupt my communication with my God."

Right before his death, Franz was given a document to sign to support the Nazi party, which would have vindicated him, but he refused. He wrote, "If I must write... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering.... People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God." He did this on August 9 before being executed by guillotine.

Franz would never bow his head to Hitler, but he bowed his head to God. In June of 2007, Pope Benedict XVI declared Franz a martyr. Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins beatified Franz Jägerstätter at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on October 26, 2007. His feast day is May 21, the date of his baptism.

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