



# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 5-6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Español**

*Wednesday Holy Hour / Miércoles Hora Santa*

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

*First Friday Adoration /  
Adoración del Primer Viernes*

**8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

*Confessions / Confesiones*

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

Con gran alegría y entusiasmo, celebramos en este fin de semana la fiesta de nuestra santa patrona, Santa Faustina Kowalska. En esta ocasión, quiero felicitar a cada uno de ustedes y recordar la importancia de su vida y su mensaje. Santa Faustina, apóstol de la Divina Misericordia, dedicó su vida a la oración y a la difusión del amor incondicional de Dios hacia la humanidad. Su entrega y devoción nos enseñan que, a través de la fe y la confianza en Jesucristo, podemos encontrar la paz y la esperanza que tanto necesitamos en nuestras vidas.

En sus visiones, Santa Faustina recibió la misión de recordar al mundo la misericordia divina, invitándonos a ser testigos de este amor en nuestro día a día. Su ejemplo de humildad, caridad y compasión nos inspira a seguir sus pasos, buscando siempre ser instrumentos de la paz y la reconciliación en nuestra comunidad. Que Bendición para nosotros de pertenecer a una comunidad parroquial que lleve su nombre.

Hoy, le animo a imitar su fervor y dedicación. Reflexionemos profundamente sobre cómo podemos vivir su legado en nuestras propias vidas, extendiendo la mano a quienes nos rodean, ofreciendo una palabra de aliento y siendo agentes de amor y esperanza. Que la intercesión de Santa Faustina nos guíe y fortalezca en nuestro camino de fe. Sigamos juntos construyendo una comunidad fuerte y viva, donde la misericordia y la solidaridad florezcan. ¡Ánimo!

Quiero aprovechar la ocasión a todos los que con esfuerzo y dedicación se esforzaron para que todas las actividades de nuestra fiesta se llevaran a cabo en un ambiente de Amor y mucha Fe. Les motivo cada vez más a integrarse a los grupos, a participar activamente de la vida de la Iglesia. Hagamos honor a nuestra Santa... ¡Ánimo! ¡Ánimo! ¡Ánimo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,  
Padre Carlos



My dear family of St. Faustina,

This weekend, we celebrated the feast of our patron saint, St. Faustina Kowalska, with great joy and enthusiasm. On this occasion, I would like to congratulate each of you and recall her life's importance and message. St. Faustina, an apostle of Divine Mercy, dedicated her life to prayer and spreading God's unconditional love for humanity. Her dedication and devotion teach us that, through faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we can find the peace and hope we desperately need.

In her visions, St. Faustina was given the mission to remind the world of God's mercy, inviting us to be witnesses of this love in our daily lives. Her example of humility, charity, and compassion inspires us to follow in her footsteps, and we always seek to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in our community. What a blessing for us to belong to a parish community that bears her name.

Today, I encourage you to imitate her fervor and dedication. Let us reflect deeply on how we can live her legacy in our own lives, reaching out to those around us, offering a word of encouragement, and being agents of love and hope. May St. Faustina's intercession guide and strengthen us in our journey of faith. Let us continue together to build a strong and lively community where mercy and solidarity flourish. Courage!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who, with effort and dedication, worked so that all the activities of our feast could be carried out in an atmosphere of Love and much Faith. I motivate you more and more to join the groups and participate actively in the life of the Church. Let's honor our Saint... Courage! Courage! Courage! Courage!

Saint Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,  
Father Carlos

Bienvenidos a la  
Iglesia Católica de  
Santa Faustina

Welcome to  
St. Faustina Catholic  
Church!

# Mass Intentions Intenciones de Misa

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

**St. Faustina Kowalska; St. Francis Xavier Seelos;  
Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association  
**For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. + Marian Jeanette Jones Tyree

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. + John Rand  
9:30 a.m. + Rose Jislaine Charles  
11:30 a.m. + Kevin Madsen  
5:00 p.m. + Aquiel Jesus Diloné

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:00 a.m. + Irene Fisher

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Donors of  
Our Chairs

**Wednesday, October 9 2024**

**St. Denis; St. John Leonardi**

8:00 a.m. + Juan R. Fuentes

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

8:00 a.m. SI Bridget and Huey Costello

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

**St. John XXIII**

8:00 a.m. + Rose Elena Ramos

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

**For the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time** 4:00 p.m. + Vita Destfano

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**Twenty-Eighth-Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina  
9:30 a.m. SI Mary and Dennis Griffin, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
11:30 a.m. + Mary Ellen Doherty  
5:00 p.m. + Emilio & + Amelia P. Mendoza

# Readings for the Week / Lecturas de la semana

**Monday / Lunes:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps (Sal) 111:1-2, 7-10;  
Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday / Martes:** Gal 1:13-24;  
Ps (Sal) 139:1-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday / Miércoles:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;  
Ps(Sal) 117:1-2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday / Jueves:** Gal 3:1-5;  
Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday / Viernes:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps (Sal) 111:1-6;  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday / Sabado:** Gal 3:22-29;  
Ps (Sal) 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia del  
sábado y Misas dominicales:** Wisdom (Sab) 7:7-11;  
Ps (Sal) 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

# Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

**First Reading / Primara Lectura:**

**Wisdom / Sabiduría 7:7-11**— “The wisdom that  
comes from the Spirit is...a gift. To accept it, we must  
pray.” / “La sabiduría que viene del Espíritu es... un  
don. Para aceptarla, debemos rezar”.

**Psalm / Salmo 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)** — “Fill us  
with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!” /  
“Llénanos de tu amor, Señor, y cantaremos de alegría”.

**Second Reading / Segunda Lectura:**

**Hebrews / Hebreos 4:12-13** — “God’s word  
penetrates...to the core of our heart, to our innermost  
thoughts...” / “La palabra de Dios penetra... hasta el  
fondo de nuestro corazón, hasta nuestros pensamientos  
más íntimos...”

**Gospel / Evangelio: Matthew / Mateo 10:17-30** —

“Jesus reminds his disciples that salvation too is a gift.  
Entry to God’s kingdom can be sought, but is  
ultimately unearned. Instead, it’s freely given by  
God.” / “Jesús recuerda a sus discípulos que la  
salvación también es un don. La entrada en el reino de  
Dios puede buscarse, pero en última instancia no se  
gana. En cambio, Dios la da gratuitamente”.

©Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word,  
20024.

# Parish Prayer List / Lista de Oraciones de la Parroquia

In Our Thoughts and Prayers / En Nuestros Pensamientos y Oraciones

"The fervent prayer of a righteous  
person is very powerful."

James 5:16

"La oración ferviente de una  
persona justa es muy poderosa".

Santiago 5:16



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|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| David Bache            | Sandy Darnell             | Timothy Leonard           | Pablo Pazmino       |
| David Bartkus          | Ed David                  | Joseph Loughrey           | Sue Plante          |
| Katie y Bebe sin nacer | Bill Dean                 | John Magnotti             | Gene Plante         |
| Dolores Beltrani       | Patricia Dick             | <b>Pasquale Maiellano</b> | Denise Pruneski     |
| Zachary Birkholz       | David Egan                | Jack Marchewka            | John Pruneski       |
| Michael Daniel Boglino | Hadley Epps               | Paul Mayo                 | Michelle Rigney     |
| Angela & Exevior Bojda | Jim Flanagan              | Susan Mayo                | Antonia Sanchez     |
| Anita Boyd             | Joseph Foster             | Mike McGee                | Adeline Serignese   |
| Brenda Brubaker        | Christine Gallagher       | Jeremiah Meadows          | Lenise Shope        |
| Larry Brunke Sr.       | Carmine Gallo             | Frank T. Montiagnino      | Adam Sparacio       |
| Kay Bucci              | Mary Garl                 | Megan Naughton            | Paulette Sparlik    |
| Jeannie Burns          | Elsa Gomez                | Barb Nelson               | Steven Syrkin       |
| Mary O. Callaghan      | Dcn. Raphael Gonzalez     | Kristey Nelson            | Marge Tagler        |
| Helen Capozzi          | Julie Haley               | Jan Nilsen                | Mark Thomas         |
| Jean Conn              | Nancy Harrigan            | Marlene Nordby            | Catherine Tyner     |
| Carlos Corrales        | Lilian Hawkinson          | Al Novak                  | Julie Sabon VanDyke |
| Baby Jimmy Costello    | Ron Henefer               | Patty Odell               | David Venditti      |
| Judith Crogman         | Jessica Hiles             | Becky Oosterveen          | Donald Villeneuve   |
| Mary Ann Cunningham    | Jeff Hollingsworth        | Anthony Parker            | Trish Villeneuve    |
| Daniel Cuttita         | Roberta Hyland            | David Parker              | Theresa Wentling    |
| Patrick J Cyr          | Robert Kasper             | Felisa Parker-Gibson      | Larry Wilson        |
| Tina Cyr               | Phillip Kilinski          | Lee Patrick               | Josephine Woulfe    |
| Frances Cavone, Sr.    | Robert Kolenc             | Linda Patrick             | Arabella Zeglovskis |
| George Dana            | Joseph Krajc              | Michael Patrick           |                     |
| Roger Darnell          | Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino | Lorgia Pazmino            |                     |

 <p><b>PRAY TO PROTECT THEM BOTH</b></p> <p><b>Vote No on Amendment 4</b></p> <p><b>FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS</b> WWW.FLACCB.ORG</p> <p><small>Paid political advertisement paid for by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, 201 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301 independently of any committee.</small></p>	<p>"Paid political advertisement paid for by Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, 201 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301 independently of any committee."</p> <p>"Anuncio político pagado por la Conferencia de</p>	 <p><b>OREN PARA PROTEGERLOS A AMBOS</b></p> <p><b>Voten No en la Enmienda 4</b></p> <p><b>CONFERENCIA DE OBISPOS CATÓLICOS DE FLORIDA</b> WWW.FLACCB.ORG</p> <p><small>Anuncio político pagado por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de la Florida, 201 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301 independientemente de cualquier comité.</small></p>
<p>Amendment 4 Legalizes Abortion on Demand From Conception Up To Birth Does Anyone Want That? Vote No on 4!</p> <p>La Enmienda 4 legaliza el aborto bajo demanda desde la concepcion hasta el nacimiento. Alguien quiere eso? Vota no en 4!</p>		

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

<b>Saturday, October 5</b>	Hospitality Weekend St. Faustina Weekend Grief Support, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Classroom 1
<b>Sunday, October 6</b>	Hospitality Weekend St. Faustina Weekend (See page seven for more information) Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Church Parking Lot
<b>Monday, October 7</b>	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Estudio bíblico en español, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Iglesia
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Classroom 2 Prayer and Life, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Classroom 1 Ministerio de Manualidades, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Aula 2 Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	Caring Crafters, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Classrooms 1 and 2 Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church Handbell Choir, 7:10 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Church Fully Engaged, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 1 Young Adults, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2
<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	Divine Will, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Classroom 1 Reunión de parejas, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Iglesia y Aula 1 Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Classrooms 1 and 2
<b>Friday, October 11</b>	Divine Will, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Classroom 1 Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia
<b>Saturday, October 12</b>	Bake Sale Weekend 2000 Hail Mary Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Church Fully Engaged, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1
<b>Sunday, October 13</b>	Bake Sale Weekend No scheduled events

## 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 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.



# STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Offertory / Ofertorio	\$10,725.65
Poor Box / Caja pobre	\$179.00
Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa	\$70.00
Religious Education / Educación religiosa	\$1,975.00
Votive Candles / Velas votivas	\$79.00
Gift Shop / Tienda de regalos	\$176.00
Funeral Donation	\$400.00
Baptism Donations / Donaciones para Bautizos	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,754.65</b>
Construction / Construcción	\$4,241.83
Fund Raising Food Sales / Venta de alimentos	\$180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,421.83</b>


**Financial Stewardship Administración Financiera**  
**September 28-29**  
**28 y 29 de septiembre**


**Mass Attendance Asistencia a misa**  
**1,564**

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Faustina Parish!  
 ¡Gracias por su continua generosidad con la parroquia de Santa Faustina!

## Our Catholic Appeal Update Nuestro llamamiento católico

<b>St. Faustina Catholic Church Goal          Iglesia católica de Santa Faustina Meta</b>	<b>\$106,239.78</b>
<b>Raised to Date / Recaudado hasta la fecha</b>	<b>\$62,659.00</b>
<b>Over/Under Goal / Gol superior/inferior</b>	<b>(\$43,580.78)</b>
<b>Total Donors at Parish / Total de donantes en la parroquia</b>	<b>763</b>
<b>Donors Making Gifts This Campaign / Donantes de esta campaña</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Percentage of Donor Participation (out of all) / Porcentaje de participación de los donantes (sobre el total)</b>	<b>24.9%</b>





**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

**2024-2025**

**Blessing of the Animals This Sunday** — Do you have a pet? If so, bring them to be blessed by Deacon Chris at 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, October 6, in the Church parking lot. All pets are welcome, but please make sure any alligators, caimans, cassowaries, pythons, etc., are well-fed beforehand and kept on a leash. Thank you!

**Bendición de los Animales Este Domingo** —¿Tiene una mascota? Si es así, tráigala para ser bendecida por el Diácono Chris a la 1:00 p.m. este domingo, 6 de octubre, en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia. Todas las mascotas son bienvenidas, pero por favor asegúrese de que cualquier caimanes, casuarios, pitones, etc, están bien alimentados de antemano y se mantienen en una correa. Muchas gracias.



**St. Maria Faustina Kowalska Celebration**  
**Celebración de Santa María Faustina Kowalska**

**October / Octubre 5-6, 2024**

**St. Faustina Catholic Church**



**Welcome!**

**¡Bienvenidos!**

**Witamy!**

**Saturday/Sabado, October / Octubre 5**

**Solemn Procession**  
**Procesión solemne**  
**3:45 p.m.**

**Mass/Misa**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Food/Comida and**  
**Games / Juegos**  
**5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

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**Sunday/Domingo, October / Octubre 6**

**Misas / Masses /**  
**7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.**  
**(en Español)**

**Blessing of Pets**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Procesión solemne / Solemn Procession**  
**1:45 p.m.**

**Comida / Food Games / Juegos**  
**St. Faustina Caring Crafters Sale**  
**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



## GRUPO DIVINA VOLUNTAD

*Jueves, Octubre 10 @ 9AM  
Viernes, Octubre 11 @ 6:30PM*

*UBICADO EN EL SALON #1  
SANTA FAUSTINA/CLERMONT, FL  
(SE SERVIRAN REFRESCOS)*



*“Venga a nosotros tu  
Reyno y hágase tu  
Voluntad en la  
Tierra como es en  
el Cielo.”*



**¡TODOS BIENVENIDOS!**

O simplemente llámenos 863-353-1673

[www.stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will](http://www.stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will)



## DIVINE WILL GROUP

*Thursday, October 10th @ 9AM  
Friday, October 11th @ 6:30PM*

*LOCATED IN CLASSROOM #1  
SAINT FAUSTINA'S - CLERMONT  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED*



*“Thy Kingdom Come,  
thy Will be Done,  
on Earth as it is  
in Heaven.”*



*All Welcome!*

For more information: 863-353-1673

[www.stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will](http://www.stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will)

**St. Faustina Divine Will Group to Meet on October 24** — The Divine Will Group will meet on Thursday, October 24 in Classroom 1.

We are now living during the culmination of God’s plan for Redemption: the time of Sanctification. For this, our loving Father is providing special gifts and graces through His Will and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. As Pope Benedict said, “We would be mistaken to think that Fatima’s prophetic mission is complete.”

Is your soul thirsting for holiness and desire to pray for His Kingdom to come and His Will be done?

To learn more about the mystical gift of living In the Divine Will and Pilgrim Virgin Ministry, call David and Gloria Russell at 863-353-1673. Visit our parish ministry webpage at: <https://bit.ly/4fN0Yed>.



**El Grupo Voluntad Divina de Santa Faustina se reunirá el 24 de octubre** — El Grupo Voluntad Divina se reunirá el jueves 24 de octubre en el Aula 1.

Estamos viviendo la culminación del plan de Dios para la Redención: el tiempo de la Santificación. Para ello, nuestro Padre amoroso está proporcionando dones y gracias especiales a través de Su Voluntad y del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Fátima. Como dijo el Papa Benedicto: «Nos equivocáramos si pensáramos que la misión profética de Fátima ha concluido».

¿Tiene tu alma sed de santidad y deseo de orar para que venga Su Reino y se haga Su Voluntad?

Para saber más sobre el don místico de vivir En la Divina Voluntad y el Ministerio de la Virgen Peregrina, llame a David y Gloria Russell al 863-353-1673. Visite la página web de nuestro ministerio parroquial en: <https://bit.ly/4fN0Yed>.





## PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### St. Faustina Spiritual Enrichment to Prayer Life

Presents its Annual Retreat  
Praying 2,000 Hail Mary's of the Rosary

Languages: English, Spanish, and Italian

“Send Forth Your Spirit and Renew Me Oh Lord”

Next Saturday, October 12

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Refreshments will be served.)

For More Information, contact Dr. Eulalia Sentino at  
347-339-7558



### Devotional to Commemorate Our Lady of Fatima

— Please join us this Monday, October 14, at noon in the Church for a prayer service commemorating the appearance of our Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherds at Fatima, Portugal. After the service, join us for a fellowship lunch in Classrooms 1 and 2.

Devocional en Conmemoración de Nuestra Señora de Fátima - Por favor, únase a nosotros este lunes, 14 de octubre, al mediodía en la Iglesia para un servicio de oración en conmemoración de la aparición de nuestra Santísima Virgen María a los tres pastores en Fátima, Portugal. Después del servicio, únase a nosotros para un almuerzo de confraternidad en las Aulas 1 y 2.

### Santa Faustina Enriquecimiento Espiritual a la Vida de Oración

Presenta su Retiro Anual  
Rezar 2.000 Avemarías del Rosario

Idiomas: Inglés, Español e Italiano

“Envía Tu Espíritu y Renuévame Oh Señor”

Próxima Sabado, 12 de octubre

De 8:00 a 17:30 horas

Seguido de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento  
(Se servirán refrescos).

Para más información, póngase en contacto con la  
Dra. Eulalia Sentino al 347-339-7558

### Thank You, St. Faustina Parishioners!!!

In Matthew 7:7, Jesus says: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Once again, you responded to the “ask” of our parish Blood Drive Ministry by donating 21 pints to the Septembe28 drive...and, AGAIN, surpassed our OneBlood assigned goal. Since starting this important outreach ministry on June 19, 2019, we have donated 627 of “liquid goal,” thus saving 1,881 lives as each donation can save up to three lives.



### Catholic Grandparents Association of St. Faustina Will Mark Its First Anniversary

— The Catholic Grandparents Association of St. Faustina marks its First Anniversary this month when they gather for their monthly meeting on Wednesday,

October 16, at 11:00 am. No need to walk your faith journey alone; come and meet some friends! Each meeting focuses on prayer and a discussion topic helpful for this season of life. All grandparents and elders are welcome to join. You can find more information the parish website at <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/> as well as on the international website for the organization at [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).



### ¡¡¡Gracias, Feligreses de Santa Faustina!!!

— En Mateo 7:7, Jesús dice: «Pidan y se les dará; busquen y encontrarán; llamen y se les abrirá la puerta.» Una vez más, ustedes respondieron a la «petición» del Ministerio de Donación de Sangre de nuestra parroquia donando 21 pintas para la donación del 28 de septiembre... y, OTRA VEZ, sobrepasaron nuestra meta asignada de OneBlood. Desde que comenzó este importante ministerio de alcance el 19 de junio de 2019, hemos donado 627 de la «meta líquida», salvando así 1,881 vidas, ya que cada donación puede salvar hasta tres vidas.

# Venerable Augustus Tolton

## By Marylu Mariniello

John Augustus Tolton was an African American who served as the first black Catholic priest in the United States, ordained in Rome in 1886.

Augustine Chisley was born illegitimately and into slavery on April 1, 1854, to Martha Jane in Ralls County, Missouri. He was baptized as “a slave child” owned by Stephen Elliott on May 29, 1854, at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Rensselaer. His master’s daughter, Savilla Elliott, was his godmother, who taught her parents’ slaves Catholic religion classes, which were minimal, including memorizing the Ten Commandments. His mother was the daughter of Augustus Chisley and Matilda Hurd and the slave of John Henry Manning in Meade County, KY. After his death in 1835, the Chisley children were forcibly separated from their parents, being divided between his different heirs. Martha Jane was given to Ann Manning Elliott as part of a wedding dowry. Per Joyce Duriga, “In 1859 -- five years after Augustus was born -- their respective owners gave Martha Jane and a man named Peter Paul permission to marry. Peter Paul Hagar was a fellow slave who worked on the neighboring Hagar plantation in the distillery.”

According to the family’s descendants, Stephen Elliott freed all of his slaves at the outbreak of the American Civil War and allowed them to move North, but the estate papers had a different story where he died in debt, and his wife ordered all their property appraised, including the slaves. Peter Paul escaped first and enlisted on in the Third Arkansas Infantry Regiment of Colored Troops at Hannibal, MI. He wanted to fight in the Union Army but died of dysentery on January 12, 1864. Then Martha Jane, Augustine, and younger son Charley ran away. Ann Elliot hired slave catchers to track down the Chisley family under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. They were wanted dead or alive. At the time, Union Army Regiments assigned to Missouri and other border States were under strict orders not to interfere with slavery if the masters took an oath of loyalty to the Union, but the Union soldiers routinely ignored these orders, defying them outright and risking court-martial. Martha and her children were then protected from a potential arrest by the local Union Army garrison, who gave her a rowboat, which she rowed one mile across the Mississippi into the free state of Illinois. There, they found work on a tobacco farm.

Augustine was placed in a class with younger children but was bullied by the older students. Then he tried to attend St. Boniface downtown, but racism ended this.

After Charley died at the age of ten, Augustine met Peter McGirr, an Irish Catholic priest who helped Augustine attend St. Lawrence Catholic school during the winter months when the tobacco factory was closed. The parishioners objected to a black child attending their school, but Father was firm in his decision. Augustine received his First Communion and Confirmation there, using the new surname Tolton. Many runaway slaves routinely chose new last names to protect themselves from possible recapture. Augustine graduated in 1872.

In 1874, two priests asked Augustine, who was now twenty years old, to start a tuition free school for black children in Quincy. The school grew in popularity prompting the Sisters of Notre Dame to send a nun and a postulant from Milwaukee to help teach at the school.

Augustine received opposition from African-American Baptist and Methodist ministers because seven students were baptized into the Catholic Church during the first year, so by 1880 the school was forced to close. Augustine later wrote, “I was a poor slave boy, but the priests of the Church did not disdain me ... It was through one of them that I stand before you this day ... it was through the direction of a Sister of Notre Dame, Sister Herlinda, that I learned to interpret the Ten Commandments, and then I saw for the first time the glimmering light of truth and the majesty of the Church.”

While he was teaching, Augustine was admitted to St. Francis Solanus College, now Quincy University, which he attended from 1878 to 1880. At first, white students threatened to leave the college if Augustine stayed, but the Franciscan Order replied that the Church would not discriminate based on skin color and the white students could leave if they wanted. In 1880, Augustine graduated as the valedictorian of his class.

Irish-American and German-American Diocesan priests tutored Augustine in Ecclesiastical Latin, Koine Greek, German, ancient and modern history, philosophy, and geography. Even though Augustine was well-educated, multilingual and supported by the local priests and Bishop Peter Joseph Baltes, he was rejected by every North American major seminary he applied to as well as Mill Hill Missionaries in London, so the bishop arranged for Augustine to attend the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, where he was ordained in 1886, saying his first Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica on Easter Sunday. He wanted to serve as a missionary in Africa but was sent back to America to work with other fellow African Americans. He now spoke Italian as well as Ecclesiastical Latin, German, and Greek.

Father offered his first American Mass at St. Mary’s Hospital in Hoboken, NJ, on July 7, 1886, and then said a Solemn High Mass at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in New York City on July 11, 1886. Now assigned to the Diocese of Alton, where he ministered at his home parish in Quincy, Father said his first Mass at St. Boniface on July 18, 1886, but had opposition from the German-American dean of the parish and local African-American Protestant ministers. Then he went to the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he spearheaded the development and construction of St. Monica’s Church as an African-American “national parish” on Chicago’s South Side. With the assistance of philanthropist Katharine Drexel, later becoming St. Katherine Drexel, St. Monica was completed in 1893 at 36th and Dearborn Streets. He was now known as “Good Father Gus,” often playing the concertina and singing folk songs in German during parish dances. St. Monica’s grew from thirty parishioners to six hundred with the new church building. Father’s success at ministering to black Catholics earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. He was known for his “eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice, and his talent for playing the accordion.” He also opened doors for other black men to attend seminaries in the US and Europe said Mass at Congress, and participated in an international celebration of the centenary of the first Catholic Diocese in the United States.

Father Gus died unexpectedly at the age of forty-three of heat stroke on July 9 during the 1897 Chicago heatwave. His cause for beatification was opened by Cardinal Francis George in 2010. Father Augustus Tolton was declared venerable by Pope Francis in June 2019.

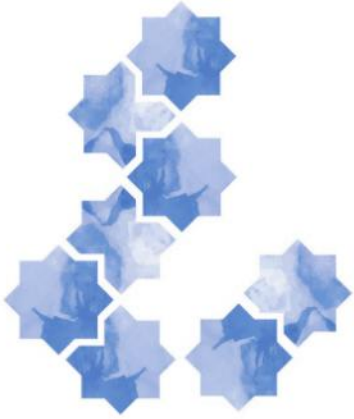


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