

# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 19-20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth 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.

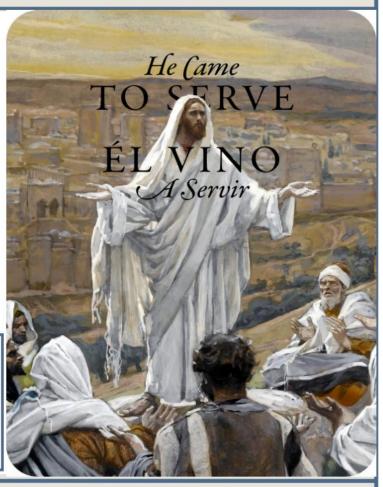
> First Friday Adoration / Adoración del Primer Viernes 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

**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

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

Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

En nuestro mundo acelerado, donde el interés personal a menudo ocupa el centro del escenario, la palabra de Dios de este fin de semana nos invita a pausar y reflexionar sobre la profunda llamada a "servir". Este es un aspecto fundamental del discipulado cristiano que cada uno de nosotros está llamado a encarnar en nuestra vida diaria. Jesús ejemplificó lo que significa servir. Él vino "no para ser servido, sino para servir", demostrando que la verdadera grandeza radica en la humildad y el desinterés. Al considerar nuestros roles dentro de la comunidad, preguntémonos: ¿Cómo podemos cambiar nuestra mentalidad de buscar beneficios personales a servir a los demás?

Cada uno de nosotros tiene talentos y dones únicos que pueden contribuir al bienestar de nuestra comunidad. Ya sea en nuestros hogares, lugares de trabajo o círculos sociales más amplios, se nos desafía a mirar más allá de nuestras propias necesidades y considerar cómo podemos ayudar a quienes nos rodean. El servicio no siempre requiere gestos grandiosos; a menudo, se encuentra en los pequeños actos cotidianos de amabilidad: ofrecer una escucha atenta, prestar una mano amiga o simplemente estar presente para alguien que lo necesita.

Al abrazar esta llamada, descubrimos nuestro propósito y profundizamos nuestra conexión con los demás. Así como Jesús vivió su misión con dedicación y amor, nosotros también podemos esforzarnos por reflejar ese mismo espíritu en nuestras interacciones. Seamos inspirados por su ejemplo de autosacrificio, recordando que nuestras vidas se enriquecen cuando nos entregamos al servicio de los demás.

A medida que avanzamos, comprometámonos a examinar nuestras acciones diarias y a preguntarnos: "¿Qué puedo hacer por mi comunidad?" Pidamos a Dios que podamos cultivar una cultura de servicio, reconociendo que al entregarnos a los demás, no solo seguimos el camino de Cristo, sino que también encontramos verdadera satisfacción y alegría en el proceso. Juntos, construyamos la comunidad de Santa Faustina arraigada en el amor, el apoyo y la disposición para servir. ¡Ánimo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,

Padre Carlos

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina



Dear St. Faustina Family,

In our fast-paced world, where self-interest often takes center stage, the word of God this weekend invites us to pause and reflect on the profound call to "serve." This is a foundational aspect of Christian discipleship that we are called to embody in our daily lives. Jesus exemplified what it means to serve. He came "not to be served, but to serve," demonstrating that true greatness lies in humility and selflessness. As we consider our roles within the community, let us ask ourselves: How can we shift our mindset from seeking personal gain to serving others?

Each of us has unique talents and gifts that can contribute to the well-being of our community. Whether in our homes, workplaces, or broader social circles, God challenges us to look beyond our needs and consider how we can uplift those around us. Service doesn't always require grand gestures; often, it's found in small, everyday acts of kindness—offering a listening ear, lending a helping hand, or simply being present for someone in need.

By embracing this call, we discover our purpose and deepen our connection to one another. Just as Jesus lived out his mission with dedication and love, we, too, can strive to reflect that same spirit in our interactions. His example of self-sacrifice inspires us, remembering that we enrich our lives when we pour ourselves into the service of others.

As we move forward, let's commit to examining our daily actions and asking, "What can I do for my community?" May we cultivate a culture of service, recognizing that in giving ourselves to others, we follow Christ's path and find true fulfillment and joy in the process. Together, let us build a St. Faustina community rooted in love, support, and a willingness to serve. Animo!

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Crist,

Fr. Carlos

Welcome to St. Faustina Catholic Church!

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

St. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companion

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. + Jesus and + Mercedes Corrales

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + Mary Garl

9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 a.m. + Irene Fisher

5:00 p.m. + Felicita Hernañdez

Monday, October 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Jeff Bowns

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

St. John Paul II

8:00 a.m. + Ivette and + Marcel Bouchard

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

St. John of Capistrano

8:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Casey Family

Thursday, October 24, 2024

St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 a.m. SI Billy Rafferty

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Estelina Ficien

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association *For the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

4:00 p.m. Wedding Anniversary Jerry and Lydia

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + Dennis McManus 9:30 a.m. + Andrew Castro

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina

5:00 p.m. + José Moreno



# Readings for the Week Lecturas de la semana

**Monday / Lunes:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps (Sal) 100:2-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday / Martes:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps (Sal) 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday / Miércoles: Eph 3:2-12;

Is (Isa) 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday / Jueves: Eph 3:14-21;

Ps (Sal) 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday / Viernes: Eph 4:1-6; Ps (Sal) 24:1-6;

Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday / Sabado**: Eph 4:7-16; | Ps (Sal) 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia del sábado y Misas dominicales: Jer 31:7-9;

Ps 126:1-2; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

# Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

First Reading / Primara Lectura: Jeramiah / Jeremías 31:7-9 — " ...God's salvation is open to everyone, including the vulnerable." / "...la salvación de Dios está abierta a todos, incluidos los vulnerables".

**Psalm / Salmo 126:1-6** — "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." / "El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de alegría".

Second Reading / Segunda Lectura:

Hebrews / Hebreos 5:1-6 — "...all humanity (should) find comfort in Jesus' understanding of our weakness." / "...toda la humanidad (debería) encontrar consuelo en la comprensión de Jesús de nuestra debilidad".

Gospel / Evangelio: Matthew /

Mateo 10:46-52 — "Today's readings invite us to rejoice in God's salvific action in our lives." "At the same time, we can imitate Bartimaeus and ask the Lord to heal of us any 'blindness." / "Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a alegrarnos de la acción salvífica de Dios en nuestras vidas». «Al mismo tiempo, podemos imitar a Bartimeo y pedir al Señor que cure de nosotros cualquier "ceguera".

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## 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

David Bache David Bartkus Katie y Bebe sin nacer Dolores Beltrani Zachary Birkholz Michael Daniel Boglino Angela & Exevior Bojda Anita Boyd Brenda Brubaker Larry Brunke Sr. Kav Bucci Jeannie Burns Mary O. Callaghan Helen Capozzi Jean Conn Carlos Corrales Baby Jimmy Costello Judith Crogman Mary Ann Cunningham Daniel Cuttita Patrick J Cyr Tina Cyr Frances Cavone, Sr. George Dana

Roger Darnell Sandy Darnell Ed David Bill Dean Patricia Dick David Egan Hadley Epps Jim Flanagan Joseph Foster Christine Gallagher Carmine Gallo Mary Garl Elsa Gomez Dcn. Raphael Gonzalez Julie Haley Nancy Harrigan Lilian Hawkinson Ron Henefer Jessica Hiles Jeff Hollingsworth Roberta Hyland Robert Kasper Phillip Kilinski Robert Kolenc

Joseph Krajc Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino Timothy Leonard Joseph Loughrey John Magnotti Pasquale Maiellano Jack Marchewka Paul Mayo Susan Mayo Mike McGee Jeremiah Meadows Frank T. Montiagnino Megan Naughton Barb Nelson Kristey Nelson Jan Nilsen Marlene Nordby Al Novak Patty Odell Becky Oosterveen Felisa Parker-Gibson Lee Patrick Linda Patrick Michael Patrick

Lorgia Pazmino Pablo Pazmino Sue Plante Gene Plante Denise Pruneski John Pruneski Michelle Rigney Antonia Sanchez Adeline Serignese Lenise Shope Adam Sparacio Paulette Sparlik Steven Syrkin Marge Tagler Mark Thomas Catherine Tyner Julie Sabon VanDyke David Venditti Donald Villeneuve Trish Villeneuve Theresa Wentling Larry Wilson Josephine Woulfe Arabella Zeglovskis

To add or remove names from the Prayer list, email <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>. Para añadir o eliminar nombres de la Lista de Oración, envíe un correo electrónico <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>.



# 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
For the Religious Education Class Schedule, see page Nine.
Para consultar el horario de las clases de Educación Religiosa, véase la página Nueve.

Saturday, October 19 Fully Engaged, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

Sunday, October 20 No scheduled events

Monday, October 21 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., Aula 1

**Tuesday, October 22** 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

Wednesday, October 23 Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church

Handbell Choir, 7:10 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Churchj 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

**Thursday, October 24** Divine Will, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1

Friday, October 25 Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia

Saturday, October 26 Fully Engaged, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classroom

Sunday, October 27 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 Espiritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a traves de una administracion responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.



# STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Offertory / Ofertorio	\$11,106.39	
Poor Box / Caja pobre	\$122.00	
Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa	\$60.00	
Religious Education / Educación religiosa	\$370.00	
Votive Candles / Velas votivas	\$80.00	
Gift Shop / Tienda de regalos	\$507.00	
Hospitality / Hospitalidad	\$ 25.00	
Total	\$12,270.39	
Construction / Construcción	\$2,950.00	
Fund Raising (Feast Day Food Sales / Venta de alimentos el Día de la Fiesta		
Fund Raising (Bake Sale) / Recaudación de fondos (venta de pasteles)		
Total	\$3,618.00	

Financial Stewardship Administración Financiera October 12-13 12-13 de Octubre

Mass Attendance Asistencia a misa 1,701

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 St. Faustina Catholic Church Goal \$106,239.78 Iglesia católica de Santa Faustina Meta Raised to Date / Recaudado hasta la fecha \$62,909.00 OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL Over/Under Goal / Gol superior/inferior ((\$43,330.78 Total Donors at Parish / Total de donantes en 763 la parroquia **Donors Making Gifts This Campaign** / 193 2024-2025 Donantes de esta campaña Percentage of Donor Participation (out of all) / Porcentaje de participación de los donantes 25.2% (sobre el total)

## PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Faustina All Souls Day Mass — The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry cordially invites you to join us for our All Souls Day Bilingual Mass on Monday,



November 4, at 7:00 pm. During the Mass, we will honor your loved one and other members of our parish community who have entered Eternal Life during the past year. Kindly send the name of your loved one to Wanda Pelletier at <a href="wpelletier5@gmail.com">wpelletier5@gmail.com</a> no later than Tuesday, October 29. Thank you.

Santa Faustina Misa del Día de los Difuntos — El Ministerio de Duelo y Consolación de Santa Faustina le invita cordialmente a unirse a nosotros para nuestra Misa Bilingüe del Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos el lunes 4 de noviembre a las 7:00 pm. Durante la Misa, honraremos a su ser querido y a otros miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial que han entrado a la Vida Eterna durante el año pasado. Por favor, envíe el nombre de su ser querido a Wanda Pelletier en wpelletier5@gmail.com a más tardar el martes, 29 de octubre. Muchas gracias.



All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat — Join us on Sunday, October 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot to celebrate our annual All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat. Our young parishioners, 18

and under, are invited to attend. If you would like to participate by running a trunk, please get in touch with Maylu Mariniello at <a href="mailto:mmariniello@stfaustina.org">mmariniello@stfaustina.org</a>. Come and have some fun before All Hallow's Eve!

#### Truco o trato en Noche de Todos los Santos

— Unase a nosotros el domingo, 27 de octubre, de 1:00 p.m. a 1:30 p.m. en el estacionamiento para celebrar nuestro anual All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat. Nuestros jóvenes feligreses, de 18 años o menos, están invitados a asistir. Si desea participar llevando un baúl, por favor póngase en contacto con Maylu Mariniello en <a href="mariniello@stfaustina.org">mmariniello@stfaustina.org</a>. ¡Ven y diviértete antes de la víspera de Todos los Santos!

**St. Faustina Divine Will Group to Meet This Thursday** — The Divine Will Group will meet at 9:00 a.m. this 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/4fN0Yed">https://bit.ly/4fN0Yed</a>.

El Grupo Voluntad Divina de Santa Faustina se reunirá este Jueves — El Grupo Voluntad Divina se reunirá este 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 equivocaríamos 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:







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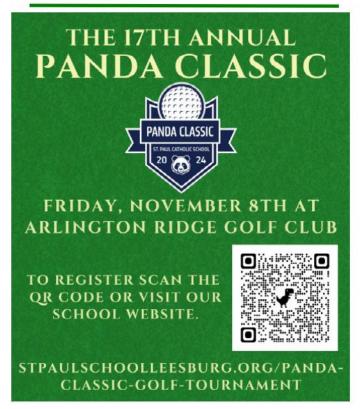
Save Lives on November 24—Give Blood! Salve Salve Vidas el 24 de Noviembre: ¡Done Sangre! 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Save your Marriage — If your marriage has become troubled and stressed,

unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped thousands of others. For more information, upcoming dates and registration call 352-274-4614. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. Not counseling or group therapy. And please see our website at <a href="https://www.retrouvaille.org">www.retrouvaille.org</a>.

Salve su matrimonio — Si su matrimonio se ha vuelto problemático y estresado, poco cariñoso o indiferente; si se ha vuelto frío y distante; incluso si está divorciado o separado, o está pensando en ello, Retrouvaille puede ayudarle, como ha ayudado a miles de personas. Para más información, próximas fechas e inscripciones, llame al 352-274-4614. Todas las llamadas y nombres se mantienen en la más estricta confidencialidad. No es asesoramiento ni terapia de grupo. Y consulte nuestro sitio web en www.Retrouvaille.org.



#### Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed —

"For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for

me" (Matthew 25:36, 40). St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens to become self-sufficient. For more information, contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager, at 407-614-2355 and see their website, <a href="https://www.spcpmorlando.org">www.spcpmorlando.org</a>.

Se necesitan voluntarios para el ministerio de prisiones — «Porque estuve en la cárcel y me visitasteis... Os aseguro que cuanto hicisteis a uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, a mí me lo hicisteis» (Mateo 25:36, 40). El Ministerio de Prisiones de San Pedro Claver es un programa de tutoría de Obras Especiales de San Vicente de Paúl del Consejo de Orlando que anima a los presos y a los ciudadanos recién liberados a ser autosuficientes. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Carlos Benítez, Gerente del Programa, al 407-614-2355 y consulte su sitio web, www.spcpmorlando.org.

# LOOK FOR THE FOOD WAGON!!

L 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: <a href="https://www.handsofhopeamerica.org/">https://www.handsofhopeamerica.org/</a>.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT AMENDMENT 4

#### FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

#### What is Amendment 4?

Amendment 4 is a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would essentially establish an unlimited right to abortion throughout pregnancy even when the heartbeat of the preborn child is detected, when the preborn child can experience pain, and when the child is capable of living outside the womb. Amendment 4 will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot and require approval from 60% of the electorate to pass.

#### What would Amendment 4 do?

#### PUT WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOW SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

#### CREATE A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKEN MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT
"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could
determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the
mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion
clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve
late-term abortions.

#### ELIMINATE PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental notification in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.

# Would abortion be illegal in Florida if Amendment 4 does not pass?

If Amendment 4 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Florida until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. Current laws that protect the safety of women would remain in effect.

# Doesn't Amendment 4 simply restore Florida back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Amendment 4 goes dangerously beyond what was permitted in the *Roe v. Wade* ruling. It would eliminate important health and safety measures that protect women, remove parental consent for any minor seeking an abortion, and allow for abortion through the third trimester of pregnancy.

#### Aren't late term abortions very rare?

Because they are currently not permitted by Florida law, they are extremely rare. There are exceptions in the law that allow late-term abortions to preserve the life of the mother or to avert serious risk of substantial, irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. If Amendment 4 passes, its broad loopholes would allow non-physicians to cite minor, treatable conditions to justify abortions, and there would be many more late-term abortions in Florida.

# Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Amendment 4 fails?

There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage or for ectopic pregnancies. Amendment 4 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives in an emergency. Women can always receive necessary and timely lifesaving medical treatment, including in Catholic hospitals. No law restricts this care in Florida.

#### How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

The Catholic Church is committed to helping women in need during and after pregnancies. For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born.

#### What is the Church doing to defeat Amendment 4?

Each diocese in Florida is working together, through the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Amendment 4 to women, their children and their families. The Church supports the Florida Voters Against Extremism coalition to educate voters on how Amendment 4 is harmful for Floridians.

#### What can I do to help defeat Amendment 4?

- 1. VOTE NO on Amendment 4
- EDUCATE YOURSELF and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Amendment 4
- 3. PRAY & Fast

#### Where can I learn more?

For more information and to read the text of the proposed amendment, visit flaccb.org/abortion-amendment or scan:



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May 24, 2024

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# St. John of Capistrano By Marylu Mariniello

Giovani da Capestrano was born on June 24, 1386, in the Kingdom of Naples. His father was a German Knight from the French court of Louis I of Anjou.

As a young man, he studied law at the University of Perugia. King Ladislaus of Naples appointed John as the Governor of Perugia in 1412. In 1416, war was declared between Perugia and the House of Malatesta. John went to negotiate peace but was betrayed and arrested. Now in prison, he became interested in theology. Upon his release, he started studying to become a Franciscan. He entered the Order of Friars Minor in Perugia on October 4, 1416. There he started to practice asceticism under the tutelage of Bernadine of Siena, who would become a saint too. John was ordained in 1425, along with his fellow student James of the Marches, also a future saint.



He went to northern and central Europe to preach in Germany, Bohemia, Moravia, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and the Kingdom of Poland. He drew

large crowds with his sermons. He also wrote tracts against heresies of every kind while he still was actively engaged in assisting Bernardine in the reform of the Franciscan Order. John and Bernadine emphasized the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, which caused them to be labeled as heretics. In 1429, they were called to Rome to answer the charges of heresy. John spoke for both of them and they were acquitted by the Commission of Cardinals who judged the accusations.

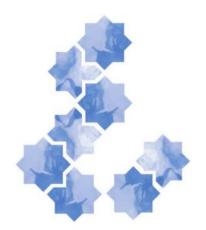
Popes Eugene IV and Nicholas V then sent John to Milan and Burgundy as a legate to oppose the Antipope Feliz V. Afterwards; he went to Austria in 1451 as an Apostolic Nuncio. With all of his tasks, he visited every part of the continent. John also kept working for the reform of the Order of Friars Minor. His writings, speeches, and sermons stressed the theories of papal supremacy. John, Bernardine, his colleague James of the Marches, and Albert Berdini of Sarteano, an associate of Bernadine, are considered the four great pillars of the Observant reform among the Friars Minor.

Father John preached against Judaism because the religion did not accept Christ as the Messiah. He was at times called impractical, but he was never uncharitable or inhuman. Even his severest critics found nothing to blame in John's behavior toward the Jewish people.

The Ottoman Empire threatened Christian Europe in 1453. The next year, Pope Callixtus III sent John to preach to a crusade against the invaders in Frankfort. He tried to get people in Bavaria and Austria to volunteer, but they were not interested, so he went to Hungary. In July of 1456, Father John raised a large, but poorly trained force made up of peasants and local countryside landlords, with whom he advanced towards Belgrade, held by Turkish forces. The troops were poorly equipped but were highly motivated. John and John Hunyadi were the commanders but directed the armies separately. They were able to gather forty to fifty thousand troops altogether. John Hunyadi broke the naval blockade on the Danube and brought reinforcements and supplies to the city. The peasant soldiers then started a spontaneous action, attacking the Ottoman positions, evolving into a full-scale battle.

Father John tried to order his men back inside the walls but was surrounded by about two thousand peasants, so he began leading them toward the Ottoman rear across the Sava river. At the same time, John Hunyadi started a charge at the Ottoman encampment. All of this pushed the Ottomans to withdraw. At the age of seventy, Father was now called "the Soldier Priest." He survived but was overcome by the bubonic plague due to the unsanitary conditions of war. He died on October 23, 1456at the nearby town of llok.

Pope Alexander VIII canonized Father John on October 16, 1690. St. John of Capistrano is the patron of jurists and military chaplains. Two missions are named for him in California and Texas. His feast day is October 23.



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