



SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 9-10, 2024

Thirty-Second 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 Parroquia

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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A Message From Father Carlos / Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos

My dear family of St. Faustina,

The liturgy of this thirty-second week of Ordinary Time highlights the generosity of two widows: the widow of Zarephath who helps the prophet Elijah and the widow of the temple in Jerusalem whom Jesus gives as an example of sincere self-giving.

In the first reading, Elijah is helped by the generosity of a poor widow who knows how to trust in the word of the prophet, and this earned salvation for her and her son. She obeyed the word of the prophet Elijah and in her humility and generosity, she gave everything. She received her reward through Elijah's miracle and the power of God was manifested.

In the Gospel, Christ teaches us that what God appreciates is simplicity, generosity and humility. He praises the human quality, the good intention and the meaning of an offering of a humble and needy widow. She has shared what she needed to live. In the words of Jesus: "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the piggy bank than all the others. For the others have put in what was left over, but this one, in her poverty, has put in all she had to live on". With this Jesus unmasks the hypocrisy of the teachers of the law.

In the text of the Gospel we see how at the entrance of the temple no one seems to notice the widow who throws in the few coins she has, however, Jesus focuses his gaze on her, he teaches us a new way of looking at people: he takes into account the small action and it moves him inside. How can we learn this way of "new look" from Jesus? Let us learn from these widows, to follow God's voice, to give what we are and what we have, not what we have left over. Courage!

This week, specifically on November 14, I will celebrate my first year of coming to this beautiful community of St. Faustina. There have been many challenges and many more to come. I thank God for all the blessings He has showered upon me through you. I ask for your constant prayer for this humble servant. Courage! Courage! Courage! Courage!

Saint Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,
Father Carlos



Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

La liturgia de esta semana trigésima segunda del Tiempo Ordinario resalta la generosidad de dos mujeres viudas: la viuda de Sarepta que socorre al profeta Elías y la viuda del templo de Jerusalén a la que Jesús pone como ejemplo de entrega sincera.

En la primera lectura, Elías es socorrido por la generosidad de una viuda pobre que sabe confiar en la palabra del profeta, y esto le valió la salvación para ella y para su hijo. Obedeció la palabra del profeta Elías y en su humildad y generosidad, lo dio todo. Ella recibió su recompensa a través del milagro de Elías y el poder de Dios fue manifestado.

En el Evangelio, Cristo nos enseña que lo que Dios aprecia es la sencillez, la generosidad y la humildad. Él alaba la calidad humana, la buena intención y el significado de una ofrenda de una humilde y necesitada viuda. Ella ha compartido de lo que necesitaba para vivir. En palabras de Jesús: "Yo les aseguro que esa pobre viuda ha echado en la alcancía más que todos. Porque los demás han echado de lo que les sobraba; pero ésta, en su pobreza ha echado todo lo que tenía para vivir". Con esto Jesús, desenmascara la hipocresía de los maestros de la ley.

En el texto del Evangelio vemos cómo a la entrada del templo no parece que nadie se fijara en la viuda que echa las pocas monedas que tiene, sin embargo, Jesús centra su mirada en ella, nos enseña un nuevo modo de mirar a las personas: toma en cuenta la pequeña acción y le conmueve en su interior. ¿Cómo podemos aprender este modo de "mirar nuevo" de Jesús? **Aprendamos de estas viudas, a seguir la voz de Dios, a dar lo que somos y lo que tenemos, no de lo que nos sobra. ¡Ánimo!**

Esta semana, específicamente el 14 de noviembre, celebraré mi primer año de haber llegado a esta hermosa comunidad de Santa Faustina. Han sido muchos los retos y muchos más por venir. Doy gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones que ha derramado sobre mí a través de ustedes. Pido su oración constante por este humilde servidor. **¡Ánimo! ¡Ánimo! ¡Ánimo!**

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,
Padre Carlos

Bienvenidos a
la Iglesia
Católica de
Santa Faustina

Welcome to
St. Faustina
Catholic
Church!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 9, 2024

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + Nicolás Mottó

9:30 a.m. + Kathleen Murphy

11:30 a.m. + Cecilia Fanelli

5:00 p.m. + Dulce Maria Brito

Monday, November 11, 2024

St. Martin of Tours

8:00 a.m. + Lucille Marsh

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

St. Josaphat

8:00 a.m. + Alberto B. Vogl

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:00 a.m. SI, Birthday Blessings for Albert Novak

Thursday, November 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Fidel Cruz

Friday, November 15, 2024

St. Albert the Great

8:00 a.m. + Kenneth M. Stack

Saturday, November 16, 2024

*St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude;
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. + Yolanda Maiellano

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + Flordeliza Monton

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

11:30 a.m. + Mary Ellen Doherty

5:00 p.m. + Soledad Arias



Readings for the Week Lecturas de la semana

Monday / Luness: Ti 1:1-9; Ps (Sal) 24:1-6;
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday / Martes: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14;
Ps (Sal) 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday / Miércoles: Ti 3:1-7;
Ps (Sal) 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday / Jueves: Phlm 7-20;
Ps (Sal) 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday / Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9;
Ps (Sal) 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday / Sabado: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps (Sal) 112:1-6;
Lk 18:1-8

**Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia
del sábado y Misas dominicales:** Dn 12:1-3;
Ps (Sal) 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

First Reading / Primera Lectura:

Daniel 12:1-3 — “This is one of the few Old Testament references to the resurrection of the dead as well as the final judgment and the afterlife.” / «Esta es una de las pocas referencias del Antiguo Testamento a la resurrección de los muertos, así como al juicio final y a la vida después de la muerte».

Psalm / Salmo: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11(1) — “You are my inheritance, O Lord!” / “Tú eres mi herencia, Señor.”

Second Reading / Segunda Lectura:

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 — “This passage views Jesus’ sacrifice as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.”

Gospel / Evangelio: Mark / Marco 13:24-32 — “One should pay attention to the signs all around so as not to be caught off guard when the day/hour arrives.” Additionally, “...the reference to the fig tree could be understood as a warning not to be barren like the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14, 20) when the day/hour comes.”

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

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

Saturday, November 9	Bake Sale Weekend
Sunday, November 10	Bake Sale Weekend Simbang Gabi Practice, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Church
Monday, November 11	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Estudio bíblico en español, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Church
Tuesday, November 12	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Classroom 2 Prayer and Life, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Classroom 1 Ministerio de Manualidades. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Classroom 2 Choir Practices, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church
Wednesday, November 13	Caring Crafters, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Classrooms 1 and 2 Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church Handbell Choir, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Church Young Adults, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2
Thursday, November 14	Spiritual Direction, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 2 Grupo de Parejas Españolas, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Iglesia Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classrooms 2
Friday, November 15	Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., Iglesia
Saturday, November 16	No scheduled events

¿Tiene un evento para el Calendario? Envíelo a office@stfaustian.org.
Have an event for the Calendar? Send it to office@stfaustina.org.

Thank You Veterans!
May God Bless You!

¡Gracias Veteranos!
¡Que Dios os Bendiga!



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



Jason Armstrong
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.
Kay 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
Timothy Leonard
Joseph Loughrey
John Magnotti
Pasquale Maiellano
Jack Marchewka
Robert Marsh
Ruth Marsh
Paul Mayo
Susan Mayo
Tramel McCrea
Mike McGee
Jeremiah Meadows

Frank T. Montiagnino
Megan Naughton
Barb Nelson
Kristey Nelson
Jan Nilsen
Marlene Nordby
Al Novak
Patty Odell
Becky Oosterveen
Anthony Parker
David Parker
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
Freddie Vieau
Donald Villeneuve
Trish Villeneuve
Theresa Wentling
Larry Wilson
Josephine Woulfe
Arabella Zeglovskis

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception — The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has clarified that, contrary to prior practice, that Holy Days of Obligation that fall on Mondays **MUST** be observed. Thus, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, is a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024. We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m. (English), 6:00 p.m. (English), and 7:30 p.m. (en Español).

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción — El Dicasterio para la Doctrina de la Fe ha aclarado que, contrariamente a la práctica anterior, los Días Santos de Obligación que caen en lunes **DEBEN** observarse. Por lo tanto, la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción el lunes, 9 de diciembre, es un Día Santo de Obligación en 2024. Tendremos misas a las 8:00 a.m. (en inglés), 6:00 p.m. (en inglés), y 7:30 p.m. (en español).



STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Offertory / Ofertorio	\$10,742.81
Poor Box / Caja pobre	\$176.00
Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa	\$130.00
Religious Education / Educación religiosa	\$410.00
Votive Candles / Velas votivas	\$126.00
Gift Shop / Tienda de regalos	\$208.00
Baptism Donations / Donaciones para Bautizos	\$195.00
All Souls / Todas las almas	\$248.00
Total	\$12,235.81
Construction / Construcción	\$5,152.00
Fund Raising Food Sales / Venta de alimentos	\$146.00
Total	\$5,298.00

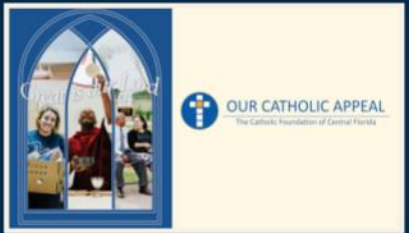
**Financial Stewardship
Administración Financiera
November 2-3
3-4 de Noviembre**

**Mass Attendance
Asistencia a Misa
1,546**

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 Iglesia católica de Santa Faustina Meta	\$106,239.78
Raised to Date / Recaudado hasta la fecha	\$65,184.00
Over/Under Goal / Gol superior/inferior	((\$41,055.78)
Total Donors at Parish / Total de donantes en la parroquia	763
Donors Making Gifts This Campaign / Donantes de esta campaña	202
Percentage of Donor Participation (out of all) / Porcentaje de participación de los donantes (sobre el total)	26.5%



2024-2025

Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministerios

Save The Date!
¡Reserve la fecha!

First Annual
St. Faustina Christmas Ball
Saturday, December 7
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Vista Del Lago Clubhouse

Primer Baile de Navidad
Baile de Navidad de Santa Faustina
Sábado, 7 de diciembre
5:00 p.m. a 10:00 p.m.
Casa Club Vista Del Lago

\$50 per Person
Includes Catered Meal and Dancing
Tickets on Sale This Monday, November 11
At the Church Office
Adults Only

50 \$ por persona
Incluye Comida y Baile
Entradas a la venta este lunes, 11 de
noviembre
En la Oficina de la Iglesia
Solo Adultos



TEMA:

**QUE PREOCUPACIONES
TENEMOS LOS PADRES
DE FAMILIA SOBRE LA
EDUCACION SEXUAL
DE NUESTROS HIJOS
ADOLESCENTES?**



**POR EL PADRE:
DOWGLAS GUEVARA**

Fecha: noviembre 14/2024

Hora: 7:00 pm

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Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministerios

Give Blood and Save Lives! Done sangre y salve vidas

Parish Blood Drive Set for Sunday,

November 24 — It's
the season of giving,

so why not give blood at our parish Blood Drive, On Sunday, November 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance. Your blood donation will help keep three other people alive.

Besides the ability to help someone, you will receive a Wellness Check from the highly trained OneBlood staff members on board and a gift from OneBlood. While 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can reserve your space by making an appointment at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1421828>. As always, thank you for considering making a donation and THANK YOU to all those who have participated in this important outreach ministry.

Campaña de donación de sangre parroquial programada para el domingo 24 de

noviembre — es la temporada de donaciones, así que ¿por qué no donar sangre en la Campaña de donación de sangre de nuestra parroquia? El domingo 24 de noviembre, de 7:30 a. m. a 1:30 p. m., el Big Red Bus estará estacionado justo afuera de nuestra entrada principal. Su donación de sangre ayudará a mantener con vida a otras tres personas. Además de la posibilidad de ayudar a alguien, recibirá un chequeo de bienestar por parte del personal altamente capacitado de OneBlood a bordo y un obsequio de OneBlood. Si bien el 90 % de nuestros donantes son personas sin cita previa, puede reservar su lugar haciendo una cita en: <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1421828>. Como siempre, gracias por considerar hacer una donación y GRACIAS a todos los que han participado en este importante ministerio de extensión.



Food For All Ministry Thanksgiving Drive — Our St. Faustina Food For All Ministry wants to help the families in our Four Corners Community celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving. The Hands of Hope food pantry, which we support with our weekly donations, is collecting the following foods:

Cranberry sauce, canned gravy, cornbread, canned corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, cake mix and other desserts, white rice, and canned yams. Hands of Hope is purchasing over 300 turkeys for our community and looking for donations for this effort. If you want to donate, please send your check to Hands of Hope America, Inc., and bring it to the office.

If your family is one of the many families who need help this Thanksgiving, please call Hands of Hope at 352-604-0547 or 301-693-6094 to speak to a case manager.

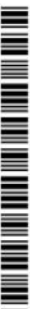
Hands of Hope America will host a Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Distribution event on November 20th from 11 AM to 2 PM at RE/MAX Heritage Bardell Real Estate at 9110 US-192, Clermont, FL 34714. To participate in the DRIVE-THRU distribution, you must first register with a case manager by calling one of the numbers mentioned above. They will give you more details.

Campaña de Acción de Gracias del Ministerio de Alimentos para Todos

— Nuestra St. Faustina Food For All Ministry quiere ayudar a las familias de nuestra comunidad de Four Corners a celebrar un Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias. La despensa de alimentos Hands of Hope, que apoyamos con nuestras donaciones semanales, está recolectando los siguientes alimentos: Salsa de arándanos, salsa enlatada, pan de maíz, maíz enlatado, relleno, puré de papas, macarrones con queso, mezcla para pastel y otros postres, arroz blanco y camotes enlatados. Hands of Hope está comprando más de 300 pavos para nuestra comunidad y está buscando donaciones para este esfuerzo. Si usted quiere donar, por favor envíe su cheque a Hands of Hope America, Inc. y tráigalo a la oficina.

Si su familia es una de las muchas familias que necesitan ayuda este Día de Acción de Gracias, por favor llame a Hands of Hope al 352-604-0547 o 301-693-6094 para hablar con un administrador de casos.

Hands of Hope America organizará un evento de Distribución de Acción de Gracias DRIVE THRU el 20 de noviembre de 11 AM a 2 PM en RE/MAX Heritage Bardell Real Estate en 9110 US-192, Clermont, FL 34714. Para participar en la distribución de DRIVE-THRU, primero debe registrarse con un administrador de casos llamando a uno de los números mencionados anteriormente. Ellos le darán más detalles.



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Do you Desire Spiritual Direction? — Are you interested in receiving Spiritual Direction and deepening and strengthening your faith? Do you want to develop your prayer life? Do you wish to improve your discernment of God's presence and work in

your life? Then, Spiritual Direction would benefit and enrich your life. If you would like more information about Spiritual Direction and what it entails, please contact Dolly Matthews at dollym2255@gmail.com or 630-292-2457 so she can discuss Spiritual Direction with you. Please note that fees may apply.

Important Announcement from the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center

South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center

—The South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center appreciates the generous contributions that continue to come from the parishioners of St. Faustina. Their facility is very crowded right now, and they are preparing to receive the gifts they will house for the Christmas Angel Tree and other contributions. At this time, please limit your contributions to diapers and wipes, as these are always in demand. As always, thank you for your support of this great organization! To learn more about the center and its work, visit <https://slpfcc.com/>.



Pray a Decade of the Rosary Each Day — This ministry gathers parishioners who would like to commit to praying one decade of the Rosary every day, regardless of their location. Whether at home, at work, at recess, in the car, on a trip, walking the dog..., or anywhere, it only takes three to four minutes of your time. Pamphlets about the program are available at the front desk.

To learn more about praying a Decade a Day, contact Rosemary Satterlee at resres517@yahoo.com or 315-527-5381.

"When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better."

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Rezar una decena del Rosario cada día -Este ministerio reúne a los feligreses que quieran comprometerse a rezar una decena del Rosario cada día, independientemente del lugar donde se encuentren. Ya sea en casa, en el trabajo, en el recreo, en el coche, de viaje, paseando al perro..., o donde sea, sólo le llevará tres o cuatro minutos de su tiempo. En la recepción encontrará folletos sobre el programa.

Si desea más información sobre cómo rezar una Década al Día, póngase en contacto con Rosemary Satterlee en resres517@yahoo.com o en el 315-527-5381.

«Cuando las personas aman y rezan el Rosario, descubren que les hace mejores».

St. Faustina Bereavement & Grandparents Ministries invite you to an
**Advent Retreat & Pilgrimage to the
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center**

Thursday, December 12, 2024



Space is limited! Register at the church office today!

\$40 includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, retreat speaker & Holy Mass
Cash or check (payable to St. Faustina Catholic Church, memo: San Pedro Retreat)

Schedule

Meet at 7:30 am to depart by bus from St. Faustina by 8:00 am
9:00 am Coffee & breakfast at San Pedro
9:30 am Retreat Speaker, Sr. Catherine
Lunch
1:00 pm Holy Mass
2:00 pm Depart from San Pedro
4:00 pm estimated return to St. Faustina

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San Pedro Spiritual Development Center
95 Bishop Grady Ln.
Winter Park, FL 32792
407-671-6322
www.sanpedrocenter.org

Faith Formation / Formación en la fe

St. Nicholas Tavelić *By Marylu Mariniello*

Nikola Tavelić was born in 1340 in Šibenik in the Kingdom of Croatia to a wealthy and noble family. Nikola was a pious child with a fervent desire to serve, dedicating his life to Christ. He was given a solid education and progressed rapidly in his studies. When he finished school, he rejected a worldly life and entered the Franciscan Order instead.

Years later, Nikola went to preach in Bosnia with sixty other friars from various Franciscan provinces who responded to a request of Pope Nicholas IV to work as missionaries in Bosnia, fighting the heresies within the Bosnian Church. He served in Bosnia for twelve years and reported to the Pope that they converted around fifty thousand people.

Then, he met three other friars, Deodato Aribert from Ruticinio, Italy, Peter from Narbonne, France, and Stephen from Cuneo, Italy, who all volunteered to go to the Holy Land missions in 1383.



The four friars lived at the Monastery of Mount Zion, where they spent many years learning Arabic and serving at the holy sites connected to Christ's life, which had been entrusted to the care of the Order of Friars Minor. These locations drew pilgrims from Christian Europe, whom they also served.

They noticed that there were few Muslim conversions. Nikola and his colleagues decided to preach the Christian faith to the Muslim people. They went to the routine gatherings before the Qadi of Jerusalem, started to preach, and were arrested on November 11 for blasphemy. When they were told to stop the preaching, they declined and were beaten. After refusing their conversion methods again, the group was sentenced to death by the Mamluk Sultanate. They were executed near the Jaffa Gate on November 14, 1391, with their remains completely burned.

The four missionaries had two approaches. The first was to live quietly and honor Christ, which they did for many years. Then, they moved to the second approach of preaching openly, which led to their deaths.

Friar Gerard Chalvet, O.F.M., who was the guardian of the Jerusalem friary, witnessed their executions. He and Friar Martin of Šibenik sent a detailed report to the Pope. Soon, the four friars were celebrated as martyrs by Franciscans all over Europe, especially in Šibenik.

In 1880, the Bishop of the Diocese of Šibenik, Antun Josip Fosco, started the procedure for the formal beatification of Nikola Tavelić and his Companions.

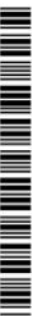
Pope Leo XIII recognized his ancient *cultus* for the Šibenik Diocese and for the entire Franciscan Order in 1898, doing this again two years later for the Holy Land. The four friars were beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1889.

The story of the friars grew between the World Wars. The *cultus* of the other three martyrs was recognized by Pope Paul VI in 1966, with a separate feast day of November 17. Pope Paul VI canonized the four friars in front of twenty thousand Croats in Vatican City on June 21, 1970. Now their conjoined feast day is now November 14.

There is a Croatian National Shrine of St. Nicholas Tavelić at the Franciscan monastery and St. Francis church in Šibenik, Croatia. His feast day in Croatian is known as *Taveličevo* - "Tavelić's day."

Most of the churches dedicated to St. Nicholas Tavelić are located in Croatia, but there are some in Argentina, Montreal, Winnipeg, Melbourne, Sydney, and Tomislavgrad in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

St. Nicholas Tavelić is the first canonized Croatian saint.

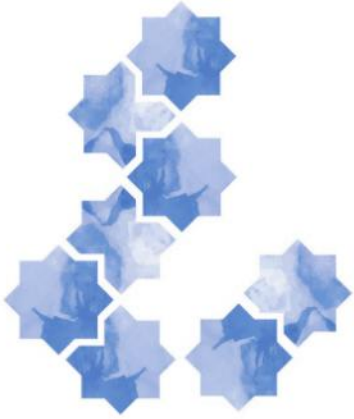


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