



SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 30-December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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*

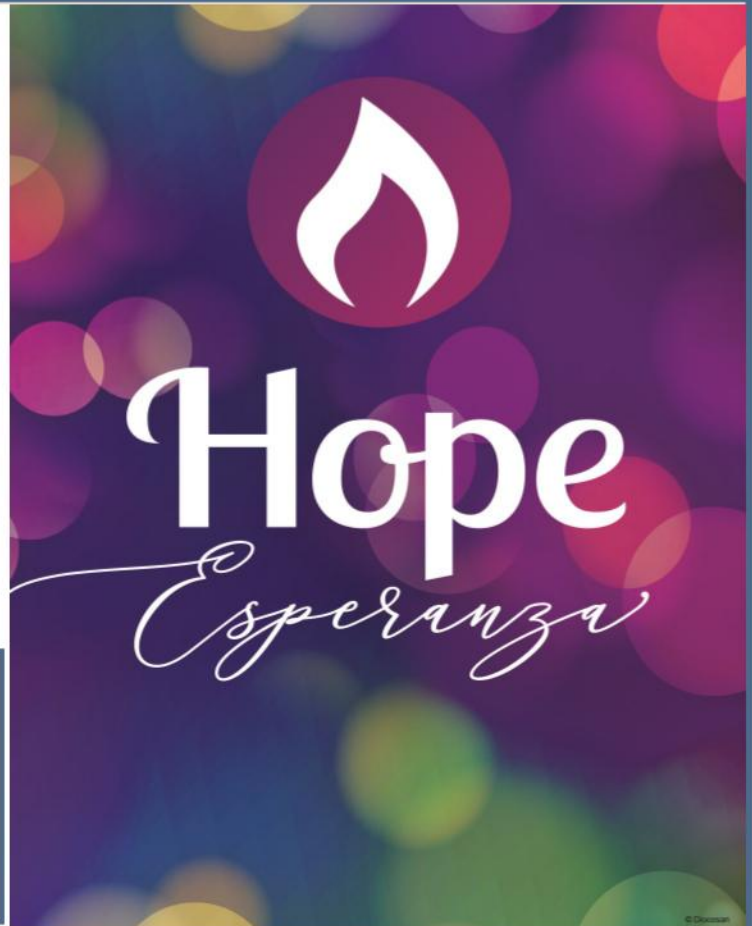
8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

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

My dear family of St. Faustina,

During the four weeks of Advent, the Church prepares us for Christmas and, more importantly, Christ's imminent return. We are called to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming by turning away from sin. In the life of our Church, the Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This is a time filled with hope and joyful expectation because we know that the Lord is near. We must seize the opportunity to deepen our loving relationship with Christ.

Advent, derived from the Latin *Advenio*, means "to come". At the heart of Advent are the two comings of Christ. His Coming in the flesh more than 2,000 years ago, and His Second Coming, which we know neither the day nor the hour. The Season of Advent invites us to prepare the way of the Lord. May this season be a time of reflection and worship, and may we nourish and renew our spirit in expectation of the Gift that will come with glory! We await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ! And may it be a time of blessings in our parish. Cheer up!

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,

Father Carlos



Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

Durante las cuatro semanas de Adviento la Iglesia nos prepara, no sólo para la Navidad, sino para lo más importante, el inminente regreso de Cristo. Estamos llamados a preparar nuestros corazones para la venida de Cristo, alejándonos del pecado. En la vida de nuestra Iglesia el Año Litúrgico comienza el Primer Domingo de Adviento. Este es un tiempo lleno de esperanza y de alegre espera, porque sabemos que el Señor está cerca. Tenemos que aprovechar la oportunidad para profundizar nuestra relación de amor con Cristo.

La palabra Adviento, derivada de la palabra latina *Advenio*, significa "venir". El centro del Adviento lo constituyen las dos Venidas de Cristo. Su Venida en la carne hace más de 2,000 años, y Su Segunda Venida, que no sabemos ni el día ni la hora. La Temporada de Adviento nos invita a preparar el camino del Señor. ¡Que esta temporada sea para nosotros un tiempo de reflexión y adoración, alimentemos y renovemos nuestro espíritu en espera del Regalo que vendrá con gloria! ¡Esperamos la venida de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo! Y que sea un tiempo de bendiciones en nuestra Parroquia. ¡Ánimo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,
Padre Carlos

Welcome to
St. Faustina Catholic Church!

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de
Santa Faustina

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30, 2024

St. Andrew

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. + Nonie Polley

Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. + Ester Gleason

9:30 a.m. + Dcn. Harold Goodhue

11:30 a.m. + Lynn Kraft

5:00 p.m. + Jaquelin Peralta

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:00 a.m. SI Thanksgiving for Health

Francisco Bulfang

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

St. Francis Xavier

8:00 a.m. + Mary Casey

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

St. John Damascene

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Casey Family

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Irene Fisher

Friday, December 6, 2024

St. Nicholas

8:00 a.m. + Petronila and Felipe Bulfango

Saturday, December 7, 2024

St. Ambrose

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. + Chris Boguszewski

9:30 a.m. + Joseph Gualtieri

11:30 a.m. + Carlos Hernandez

5:00 p.m. + Maria Elsa Peralta Melo



Readings for the Week Lecturas de la semana

Monday / Lunes: Is (Isa) 2:1-5;

Ps (Sal) 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday / Martes: Is (Isa) 11:1-10;

Ps (Sal) 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday / Miércoles: Is (Isa) 25:6-10a;

Ps (Sal) 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday / Jueves: Is (Isa) 26:1-6;

Ps (Sal) 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday / Viernes: Is (Isa) 29:17-24;

Ps (Sal) 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday / Sabado: Is (Isa) 30:19-21, 23-26;

Ps (Sal) 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia

del sábado y Misas dominicales: Bar 5:1-9;

Ps (Sal) 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

First Reading / Primara Lectura:

Baruch 5:1-9 — Written during the Babylonian Exile, Baruch prophesies that "...that Israel will return to Jerusalem." And all of the things "...described in the reading—splendor, justice, peace, eternal glory—...come from a benevolent God." / Escrito durante el exilio babilónico, Baruc profetiza que "...que Israel volverá a Jerusalén». Y todas las cosas «...descritas en la lectura -plendor, justicia, paz, gloria eterna-...proviene de un Dios benevolente".

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:

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 — "...his (Paul's) words celebrate his...partnership (with the community of Philippians) giving witness to the Gospel, and asks only that it increases."

Gospel / Evangelio: Luke 3:1-6 — "John and his message are signs of hope for the people that God will accomplish his promise of salvation." / "Juan y su mensaje son signos de esperanza para el pueblo de que Dios cumplirá su promesa de salvación".

©Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word, 2025.

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 30	No scheduled events
Sunday, December 1	No scheduled events
Monday, December 2	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Estudio de la Biblia en español, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Aula 1
Tuesday, December 3	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Classroom 2 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 Emmaus, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2
Wednesday, December 4	Caring Crafters Lead Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Classroom 1 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, December 5	Rosa Mystica, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Church
Friday, December 6	Fully Engaged, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Classroom 1 Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia
Saturday, December 7	Hospitality Weekend Christmas Pageant Practice, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Church
Sunday, December 8	Hospitality Weekend Christmas Pageant, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Church

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.



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
Bill Dean
Patricia Dick
David Egan
Hadley Epps
Jim Flanagan
Joseph Foster
Christine Gallagher
Carmine Gallo
Mary Garl
Elsa Gomez
Dcn. Raphael Gonzalez
David Guerino
Julie Haley
Nancy Harrigan
Lilian Hawkinson
Ron Henefer
Jessica Hiles
Jeff Hollingsworth
Roberta Hyland
Robert Kasper
Jim Kenny
Phillip Kilinski
Robert Kolenc
Joseph Krajc
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
Ann O'Neil
Mark O'Neil
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
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.



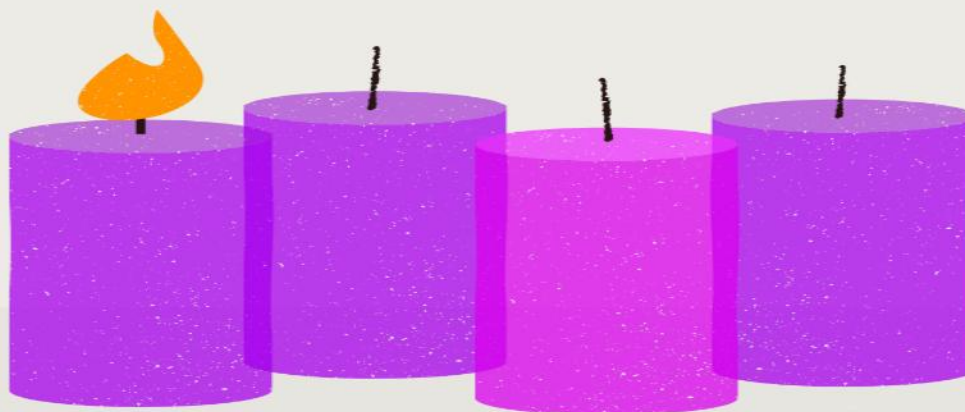
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STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Due to an early publishing deadline, we are unable to publish the stewardship report from November 23-24. We apologize for the inconvenience. A complete Stewardship Report for November 17 to December 1, will be in the December 8 bulletin.

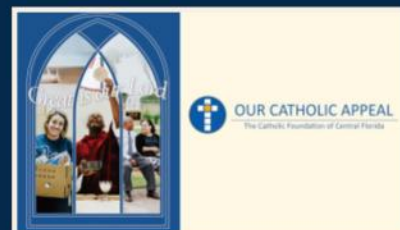
Debido a un plazo de publicación prematuro, no podremos publicar el informe sobre la administración de los días 23 y 24 de noviembre. Rogamos disculpen las molestias. Un informe completo de mayordomía del 17 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre estará en el boletín del 8 de diciembre.



The First Sunday of Advent
primer domingo de adviento

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	\$65,409.00
Over/Under Goal / Gol superior/inferior	((40,830.78))
Total Donors at Parish / Total de donantes en la parroquia	763
Donors Making Gifts This Campaign / Donantes de esta campaña	207
Percentage of Donor Participation (out of all) / Porcentaje de participación de los donantes (sobre el total)	27.1%

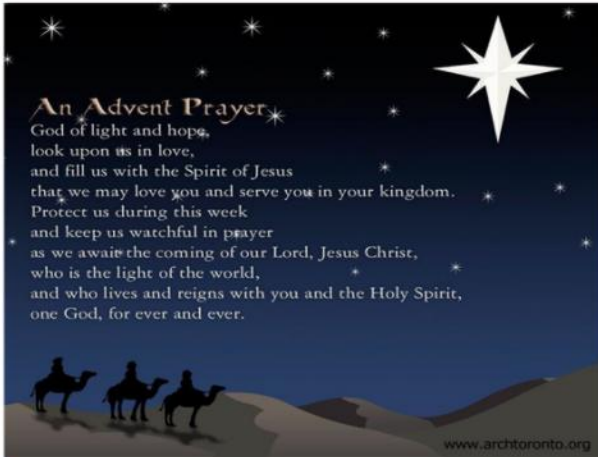


2024-2025



**Regular Mass Schedule /
Horario de Misas Regular**
Sunday, November 30 - Monday, December 23

Daily Mass / Misa Diaria
Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil), 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. en Español



**Children's Christmas Pageant
Espectáculo infantil de Navidad**
December 8, 2:00 p.m.

**Solemnity Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**
December 9, 8:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. en Español

**Advent Penance Service
Servicio de Reconciliación**
December 10, 7:00 p.m.

Simbang Gabi (Christmas Filipino Novena)
December 15, 7:00 p.m.
December 16 - 21, 6:00 p.m.
December 22, 7:00 p.m.
December 23, 6:00 p.m.

Novena de Navidad
16 - 23 de diciembre, 7:30 p.m.

**El 22 de diciembre la Novena se celebrará antes de la
Misa en Español.**

Christmas Bake Sale / Venta de dulces de Navidad
December 21, after all Masses

Celebrate Christmas with us!

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. / Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador.

**Tuesday, December 24
martes, 24 de diciembre**
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor
4:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. (Bilingual/*Bilingüe*)

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024
miércoles, 25 diciembre del 2024**
The Nativity of the Lord
La Natividad del Señor
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. en Español

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024
martes, 31 de diciembre del 2024**
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy
Mother of God
4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025
miércoles, 1 de enero del 2025**
Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of of God
*Solemnidad de María, la Santísima
Madre de Dios*
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. en Español

**January 4 & 5
4 y 5 de enero del 2025**
The Epiphany of the Lord
La Epifanía del Señor
Regular Mass Schedule
Horario de Misas Regular

**January 11 & 12, 2025
11 y 12 de enero del 2025**
The Baptism of the Lord
El Bautismo del Señor
**Regular Mass Schedule
Horario de Misas Regular**

Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministries

Giving Tree for South Lake Pregnancy Center Starts Next Weekend —

The Annual Giving Tree, in support of the South Lake Pregnancy Center, will be placed in the Narthex on Saturday, November



30th. White cards with color-coded ribbons, Blue for Boys and Pink for Girls, will be distributed evenly across the five Masses for the First Week of Advent. Cards will continue to be placed on the tree as we receive them from the Center. The cards contain lists of items provided by the children's mothers – these are simply wish lists – any gift items will be greatly appreciated. Please return unwrapped gift items to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 15. We will deliver the gifts to the Center and distribute them during the children's Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19.

El arbol de donaciones para el Centro de Embarazo de South Lake comienza el proximo fin de semana —

El arbol de donaciones anual, en apoyo del Centro de Embarazo de South Lake, se colocara en el Narthex el sabado 30 de noviembre. Tarjetas blancas con cintas de colores, azul para los niños y rosa para las niñas, se distribuirán uniformemente a través de las cinco misas de la primera semana de Adviento. Las tarjetas se seguirán colocando en el árbol a medida que las recibamos del Centro. Las tarjetas contienen listas de artículos proporcionados por las madres de los niños - estas son simplemente listas de deseos - cualquier artículo de regalo será muy apreciado. Por favor devuelva los regalos sin envolver al Árbol de Regalos a más tardar el domingo 15 de diciembre. Entregaremos los regalos al Centro y los distribuiremos durante la Fiesta Anual de Navidad de los niños el jueves 19 de diciembre.

“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.”

Psalm 139: 13

Join our Filipino Community for Simbang Gabi —The annual Simbang Gabi Novena will begin on Monday, December 16, and run for nine consecutive evenings, ending Monday, December 23. First celebrated in 1669, this 355-year-old tradition has become a cherished custom and celebration in the Filipino Community. Refreshments will follow each Mass.



Mass Dates and Times

Monday, 12/16: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 12/17 to Saturday, 12/21: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12/22: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, 12/23: 6:00 p.m.



La Novena en español comienza el 16 de diciembre —

Nuestra Novena en español comenzará el lunes 16 de noviembre y concluirá el lunes 23 de diciembre. Cada misa se centrará en las tradiciones e himnos de una cultura hispana

diferente. Por favor haga planes para unirse a sus hermanos y hermanas hispanos en Cristo mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador.

Fechas y Horarios de las Misas

Lunes, 12/16 a 12/21 y el 12/23: 7:00 p.m.

Domingo, 12/22: 4:00 p.m.

Spanish Novena Starts on December 16 — Our Spanish Novena will start on Monday, November 16 and conclude on Monday, December 23. Each Mass will focus on a different Hispanic culture's traditions and hymns. Please make plans to join our Hispanic Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Mass Dates and Times

Monday, 12/16 to 12/21 and on 12/23: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12/22: 4:00 p.m.



Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministries

Advent Retreat on December

12—The St. Faustina Bereavement and Grandparents Ministries invites you to join them for an Advent Retreat and Pilgrimage at the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center on Thursday, December 12. The retreat's cost is \$40 (payable in cash or check to "St. Faustina Catholic Church" with "San Pedro Retreat" in the memo line. The fee includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, a retreat speaker, and Mass. If you are interested in attending, please register at the Parish Office before December 12. The day's schedule is:



7:30 a.m.: Meet bus at St. Faustina and depart by 8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.: Coffee and Breakfast at San Pedro

9:30 a.m.: Retreat Speaker (Sr. Catherine)

Lunch

1:00 p.m.: Mass

2:00 p.m.: Depart San Pedro for St. Faustina.

"A voice proclaims: * In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"
Isaiah 40:3

Save the Date for a Choir and Bells Concert

— On Tuesday, December 24, at 9:00 p.m., the St. Faustina Choirs and Bell Choir group will present a selection of Christmas Carols and other seasonal music. We hope that if you plan to attend the 10:00 p.m. Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass, you will come early and enjoy the group's musical offerings.



Reserve la fecha para el Concierto de Coros y Campanas

— El martes 24 de diciembre, a las 9:00 p.m., el grupo de Coros y Campanas de Santa Faustina presentará una selección de villancicos y otra música de temporada. Esperamos que si usted planea asistir a la Misa Bilingüe de Nochebuena de las 10:00 p.m., venga temprano y disfrute de las ofrendas musicales del grupo.

Parish Advent Penance Service

— Our Parish Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Five Priests, three of whom are bilingual in English and Spanish, will be on hand to hear your



confessions. We cordially invite you to attend the service and ready your soul to celebrate the birth of our Savior on December 25.

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

Parroquial — Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento Parroquial será el martes, 10 de diciembre, comenzando a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia. Cinco sacerdotes, tres de los cuales son bilingües en inglés y español, estarán disponibles para escuchar sus confesiones. Le invitamos cordialmente a asistir al servicio y preparar su alma para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador el 25 de diciembre.

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

Pope St. Gregory the Great

The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
will help.
Call 988

La Línea de Ayuda contra el Suicidio y las
Crisis le ayudará.
Llame al 988

Faith Formation / Formación en la fe

Father Alfred Friedrich Delp by Marylu Mariniello

Alfred Friedrich Delp was born on September 15, 1907, in the Grand Duchy of Baden. His mother was Maria Bernauer, a Catholic, and his father was Johann Adam Friedrich Delp, a Protestant.

Alfred was baptized as a Catholic, but was sent to a Protestant elementary school and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in 1921 because of his paternal grandmother's influence. He argued with the Lutheran pastor and requested and received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. There his Catholic pastor recognized the boy's love for learning and intelligence. He arranged for Alfred to study at the *Goetheschule* in Dieburg. Due to his dual Christian upbringing, he became a proponent of better relations between the Churches.

Then Alfred attended the Bund Neu Deutschland Catholic movement and later joined the Jesuits in 1926. He studied philosophy at Pullach and worked for three years as a prefect and sports teacher at Stella Matutina Kolleg in Feldkirch, Austria. There he first experienced the Nazis, who forced all German students to leave Austria. If someone tried to enter Austria, the fine was one thousand marks. He, his Director Father Otto Faller and Professor Alois Grimm were among the first to arrive in the Black Forest where the Jesuits opened Kolleg St. Blasien for about three hundred students forced out of Austria. After this, Alfred completed his theology studies in Valkenburg in The Netherlands, from 1934 to 1936, and then in Frankfurt from 1936 until 1937.

In 1935, Alfred published a book called *Tragic Existence*, which propagated a God-based humanism and reviewed the existentialism of Martin Heidegger. He was ordained a priest in 1937 in Munich. Father now wanted to study for a doctorate in philosophy at the University of Munich but was refused admission for political reasons. From 1939 on, he worked on the editorial staff of the Jesuit journal *Stimmen der Zeit* ("Voices of the Times"), but the Nazis suppressed this in April of 1941. Then Father was assigned as rector of St. Georg Church, part of Heilig-Blut Parish in the Munich neighbourhood Bogenhausen. While he was preaching at both at Heilig-Blut and St. Georg, he also secretly helped Jews who were escaping to Switzerland through the underground.

Father Alfred was an outspoken opponent of the Nazis. The government treated the individual Jesuits harshly and imprisoned priests in concentration camps. They took over church property, known as "Klostersturm," which resulted in the loss of valuable lands and limited the work of the Jesuits in Germany. Then the Jesuit Provincial Augustin Rösch, who was Father's superior in Munich, became active in the underground resistance against Hitler. He introduced Father Alfred to the Kreisau Circle, which was a resistance group. In 1942, Father Alfred regularly met with the clandestine group to develop a new social order after the Third Reich came to an end.

Father Alfred's role was to explain Catholicism to the group and to arrange contacts between Helmuth James Graf von Moltke and Catholic leaders, including Archbishop Konrad von Preysing of Berlin and Bishop Johannes Dietz of Fulda. On July 20, a plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler failed. The Gestapo arrested and interrogated all those who belonged to the Resistance. Father Alfred was arrested on July 28, 1944, in Munich, even though he was not part of the plot. He was sent to Tegel Prison in Berlin, where he secretly said Mass and wrote letters.

On December 8, 1944, Father Alfred had a visit from Franz von Tattenbach SJ, who was sent by Father Rösch to give the final vows to Alfred in the Jesuit Order. This was forbidden, but the attending policemen did not understand what was going on. Father wrote that day, saying "It was too much, what a fulfillment, I prayed for it so much, I gave my life away. My chains are now without any meaning because God found me worthy of the 'Vincula amoris' (chains of love)."

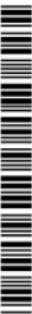
Father was tried at the People's Court, known as the *Volksgerichtshof*, along with Helmuth James Graf von Moltke, Franz Sperr, and Eugen Gerstenmaier on January 9, 1945. Father, von Moltke, and Sperr were sentenced to death by hanging for high treason. The charges against Father of being a part of the July 20 plot were dropped, but his dedication to the Kreisau Circle, his work as a Jesuit priest, and his Christian faith were still used against him. While he was in prison, the Gestapo offered Father his freedom in return for leaving the Jesuits, but he rejected it. The death sentence was carried out on February 2, 1945, at the Plötzensee Prison in Berlin. A special order by Heinrich Himmler stated that the remains of all prisoners executed in connection with July 20 Plot were to be cremated, with their ashes scattered over the sewage fields. Father's ashes were part of this.

In September of 1949, Father Otto Faller, the Superior at Kolleg St. Blasien, unveiled memorial plaques for Father Alfred and Alois Grimm, both former educators killed by the Nazis. Thirty years later, Kolleg St. Blasien named its new theater after Father Alfred. The Alfred Delp Memorial Chapel in Lampertheim was consecrated on February 2, 1965, on the twentieth anniversary of his death. Many schools in Germany are also named after Father Alfred Delp.

His name is included among the almost other nine hundred Catholics in a list of people who suffered a violent death for loyalty to the Christian faith. This was published in 1999 as *Zeugen für Christus. Das deutsche Martyrologium des 20. Jahrhunderts (Witnesses for Christ. The German Martyrology of the 20th century)*, prepared by Monsignor Helmut Moll under the patronage of the German Bishops' Conference. Father Alfred's parish in Munich sent documentation supporting the start of his official beatification process to the Archbishop of Berlin, Cardinal Georg Sterzinsky in January of 1990.

Father's book, *In the Face of Death*, was published in 1956. It contains his meditations, notes, pieces of his diary, and letters, all written during his six months of imprisonment. He is best known for his writings, which were smuggled out of the prison. Because he was imprisoned during the Christmas season, many of his works are about Advent and Christ's birth. He wrote in one of his last letters, "...all of life is Advent".

This is one of his quotes: "It is the time of sowing, not of harvesting. God is sowing; one day He will harvest again. I will try to do one thing. I will try to at least be a healthy and fruitful seed, falling into the soil. And into the Lord God's hand."

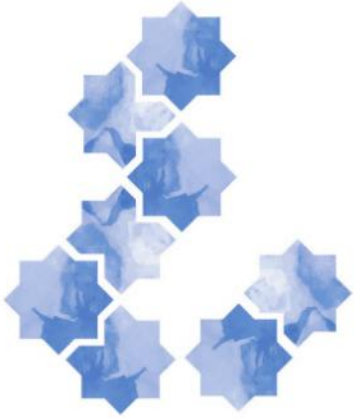


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