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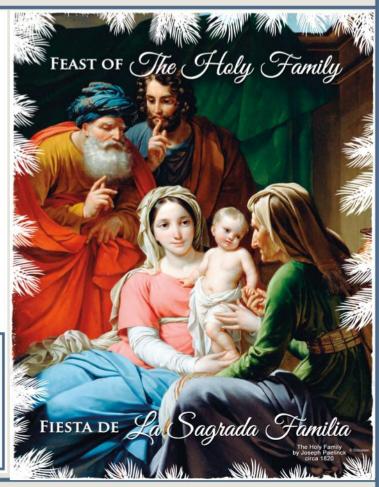
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Jesus, I Trust in You

<u>Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas</u> *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,

"Glory to God in heaven, and peace to men of goodwill on earth." Christmas is here, the time when together we sing with joy once again the Hymn of Glory! We gather with family and friends to celebrate the fulfillment of a promise made to Abraham and his descendants - the gift of new life and salvation - which was fulfilled with the coming of Jesus Christ, the long-awaited Messiah. We have been shown kindness and love to every man and woman. A child, the son of Mary, shows us the loving face of God. He has come to live among us, the light and the life, becoming a wayfarer in human history, like us.

The joy of Christmas is not just one among others. It is not to be confused with any wellbeing, satisfaction, or enjoyment. It is a GREAT joy, unmistakable, that comes from the **GOOD NEWS** of **JESUS**. Attention brothers and sisters, if the Gospel does not tell us anything, if we do not know the joy that can only come to us from God, if we reduce these feasts to enjoy each one's well-being or to feed a selfish religious joy, we will celebrate anything but Christmas.

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the model for all Christian families. The Holy Family placed God at the center of their family, putting him before everything else. Pope John Paul II said in his December 30, 2001 Angelus message: *"The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place of his birth and growth, thus sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society*."In a world where this vital and essential nucleus of humanity is being bombarded, let us ask for the blessing of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on each of our families.

Brothers and sisters. The only reason to celebrate Christmas is this: the Savior of all of the world, Jesus, has been born to us. The only one in whom we can place our ultimate hope. Without this hope, there is no Christmas. We will awaken our best feelings; we will enjoy home and friendship, and we will give ourselves moments of happiness. All this is good. Very good. But without Jesus, it is not Christmas. Peace and joy to one and all in this time of joy! May the Holy Family enliven our homes, always placing Jesus at the center. Cheer up!

St. John Mary Vianney... Pray for us.

Father Carlos



Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

"Gloria a Dios en el cielo, v en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad". ¡Ha llegado la Navidad, el tiempo en que juntos cantamos con gozo nuevamente el Himno del Gloria! Nos reunimos con familiares y amigos para celebrar el cumplimiento de una promesa hecha a Abraham y a su descendencia – el regalo de la nueva vida y de la salvación – la cual se cumplió con la llegada de Jesucristo, el Mesías esperado. Se nos ha mostrado la bondad y el amor a cada hombre y mujer. Un niño, el hijo de María, nos muestra el rostro amoroso de Dios. Él ha venido a vivir entre nosotros, la luz y la vida, haciéndose caminante en la historia humana, como nosotros.

La alegría de Navidad no es una más entre otras. No hay que confundirla con cualquier bienestar, satisfacción o disfrute. Es una alegría GRANDE, inconfundible, que viene de la **BUENA NOTICIA** de **JESÚS**. Atención hermanos y hermanas, si el evangelio no nos dice nada; si no conocemos la alegría que sólo nos puede llegar de Dios; si reducimos estas fiestas a disfrutar cada uno de su bienestar o a alimentar un gozo religioso egoísta, celebraremos cualquier cosa menos la Navidad.

Este fin de semana celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, modelo de todas las familias cristianas. La Sagrada Familia puso a Dios en el centro de su familia, anteponiéndolo a todo. Dice el Papa Juan Pablo II, en el mensaje del Ángelus, del 30 de diciembre de 2001: *"El Redentor del mundo eligió la familia como lugar de su nacimiento y crecimiento, santificando así esta institución fundamental de toda sociedad"*. En un mundo donde este núcleo vital y esencial de la humanidad está siendo tan bombardeado pidamos la bendición de Jesús, Maria y José a cada una de nuestras familias.

Hermanos y hermanas. La única razón para celebrarla la Navidad es ésta, que nos ha nacido el Salvador, de todos, del mundo, Jesús. El único en el que podemos poner nuestra última esperanza. esta Sin esperanza, no hay Navidad. Despertaremos nuestros mejores sentimientos, disfrutaremos del hogar y la amistad, nos regalaremos momentos de felicidad. Todo eso es bueno. Muy bueno. Pero sin Jesús, no es Navidad. ¡Paz y dicha a todos y a cada uno en este tiempo de alegría! Que la Sagrada Familia anime nuestros hogares poniendo siempre al centro a Jesús. ¡Animo!

San Juan María Vianney... Ruega por nosotros.

Padre Carlos



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28, 2024The Holy Innocents8:00 a.m.Memorial Mass Association

For the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 4:00 p.m. Tarnowski Family

Sunday, December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 a.m.+ Stephen Reyes9:30 a.m.+ Thomas Van Nosdall11:30 a.m.Parishioners of St. Faustina5:00 p.m.+ Francisca Iglesia-Vargas

Monday, December 30, 2024 8:00 a.m. SI Billy White

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 8:00 a.m. For the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

4:00 p.m. + Loretta and + John Murphy

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 8:00 a.m. + Ismael and + Leonilda Soto 10:00 a.m. + Olga Lay

Thursday, January 2, 2025St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nanzianzen8:00 a.m.+Late Sebastiao and +Francisco Fernandes

Friday, January 3, 2025The Most Holy Name of Jesus8:00 a.m.+ Jeanette Wisner

Saturday, January 4, 2025 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00 p.m. + Luciano Cortes

Sunday, January 5, 2025 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 a.m. + Mr. and Mrs. William Chartrand
11:30 a.m. SI Randall W. Walcott
5:00 p.m. SI for Healing Father Carlos J. Caban



Readings for the Week Lecturas de la semana

Monday / Lunes: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps (Sal) 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday / Martes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps (Sal) 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday / Miércoles: Num 6:22-27; Ps (Sal) 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal (Gál)4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday / Jueves: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps (Sal) 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday / **Viernes:** 1 John 2:29–36; Ps (Sal) 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Saturday / Sabado: 1 John 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn1:35-42

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia del sábado y Misas dominicales: Is (Isa) 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph (Ef) 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

First Reading / Primara Lectura: Isaiah 60:1-6 — "All the nations and kings will walk by Israel's light and...the nations will stream to Jerusalem." / «Todas las naciones y reyes caminarán a la luz de Israel y... las naciones afluirán a Jerusalén».

Psalm / Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 — "Lord, every nation or earth will adore you." / Señor, toda nación o tierra te adorará".

Second Reading / Segunda Lectura: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 — "Paul explains that... (the) new reality abolishes previous division of race, ethnicity, and religion." / "Pablo explica que...(la) nueva realidad suprime la anterior división de raza, etnia y religion".

Gospel / Evangelio: Matthew / Mateo 10:17-30 — the "...Magi point to the universal significance of the child's birth. This is a birth that will lead a community where all nations find a home." / los «...Magos señalan el significado universal del nacimiento del niño. Es un nacimiento que conducirá a una comunidad en la que todas las naciones encuentran un hogar.»

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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, December 28	No scheduled events No Faith Formation Classes
Sunday, December 29	No scheduled events No Faith Formation Classes
Monday, December 30	St. Faustina Parish Offices Open, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Estudio bíblico en español, 7:00 p.m. to
Tuesday, December 31	St. Faustina Parish Offices Open, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, 4:00 p.m., Church
Wednesday, January 1	St. Faustina Offices Closed Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God, 8:00 a.m., Church Misa de la Solemnidad de María Santa Madre de Dios, 10:00 a.m., Iglesia
Wednesday, January 1 Thursday, January 2	St. Faustina Offices Closed Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God, 8:00 a.m., Church
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Thursday, January 2	St. Faustina Offices Closed Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God, 8:00 a.m., Church Misa de la Solemnidad de María Santa Madre de Dios, 10:00 a.m., Iglesia Rosa Mystica, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Church



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1, 2025 A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses <u>Tuesday, December 31</u> 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 8:00 a.m. (English) 10:00 a.m. (en Español)

STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Due to an early publishing deadline, we are unable to bring you the financial information from the December 21-22 collection and the December 28-29 collection. A report of both collections will be published in the January 11-12 bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

Debido a una fecha límite de publicación temprana, no podemos ofrecerles la información financiera de la colecta del 21 y 22 de diciembre y de la colecta del 28 y 29 de diciembre. El informe de ambas colectas se publicará en el boletín del 11 y 12 de enero. Gracias por su comprensión.

Ministries and Events / Eventos y Ministries

Caring Crafters Hold Blessing Ceremony— The Caring Crafters Ministry makes prayer shawls for the bereavement ministry and blankets for the sick/homebound ministry, which they give to parishioners in their time of need. They pray as they make these items, hoping that the recipient will be comforted and know they are not alone and someone cares.

This year, on December 11, they held a blessing ceremony in the church, and Father Carlos blessed 31 prayer shawls, 49 pocket prayer shawls, and eight blankets. These items all have a medal of St. Faustina tied with a ribbon attached to them, and they give them to the recipient along with a handmade prayer card.

Members of all three ministries, bereavement, sick/homebound, and caring crafters, attended the ceremony and thanked Father Carlos for a very meaningful and beautiful blessing.



St. Faustina Catholic Church Memorial Mass Association

Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina Asociación Misa Conmemorativa

The Memorial Mass Association allows us to remember your loved ones every Saturday at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Enrolling your loved one's name in the Mass is \$25.00 for the year.

La Asociación de la Misa Conmemorativa nos permite recordar a sus seres queridos todos los sábados en la Misa de las 8:00 a.m. Inscribir el nombre de su ser querido en la Misa cuesta \$25.00 por el año.

To enroll your deceased loved one in the Mass, stop by the Main Office during business hours - Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 4:00pm or onn Fridays, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Carmen or Duane will be happy to help you! For more information, call the office at 352-515-9297 or email office@stfaustina.org.

Para inscribir a su ser querido fallecido en la misa, pase por la oficina principal durante las horas de oficina - de lunes a jueves de 8:30am a 4:00pm o los viernes de 8:00am a 1:00pm, Carmen o Duane estarán encantados de ayudarle. Para más información, llame a la oficina al 352-515-9297 o escriba a <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>.



"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." "Así hizo expiación por los muertos para que fueran absueltos de sus pecados. "

2 Maccabees 12:46

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We Challenge You to Pray a Decade of the Rosary Each Day in the New Year — Join the Decade A Day Ministry and be part of a group that prays one decade a day of the rosary every day at your convenience. Your intentions are your own, and our intentions are remembered in several churches around the country. Mary has asked

that we pray the rosary in each of her appearances. We know you have five minutes daily to do something powerful and positive in your life, so why not join us? For more information, email Rosemary Satterlee: <u>resres517@yahoo.com</u>, or call her at 315-527-5381.

Te Desafío a Rezar una Década del Rosario Cada Día en el Año Nuevo — Únete al Ministerio Década Al Día y sé parte de un grupo que reza una década al día del rosario cada día a tu conveniencia. Tus intenciones son tuyas, y nuestras intenciones se recuerdan en varias iglesias de todo el país. María nos ha pedido que recemos el rosario en cada una de sus apariciones. Sabemos que tienes cinco minutos diarios para hacer algo poderoso y positivo en tu vida, así que ¿por qué no te unes a nosotros? Para más información, envía un correo electrónico a Rosemary Satterlee: <u>resres517@yahoo.com</u>, o llámala al 315-527-5381.

Please Update Your Address

— It will soon be time for us to send out your annual giving statement. To ensure a timely delivery, please ensure that the Church Office has your new information if you have moved, or otherwise changed



your physical or email address. We appreciate your help!

Por favor, actualice su dirección — Pronto será el momento para nosotros para enviar su declaración anual de dar. Para asegurar una entrega oportuna, por favor asegúrese de que la Oficina de la Iglesia tiene su nueva información si se ha mudado, o cambiado su dirección física o de correo electrónico. Le agradecemos su ayuda.

Caring Crafters Spreading Kindness, Joy, and Hope This Christmas Season! — Many people are in need at



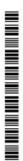
this time of year, and last week, the Caring Crafters donated festive Christmas stockings and fabric bags for men, women, and children filled with daily essentials such as toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, socks, lotions, etc. to help brighten their day. Also included in the donation were handmade hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, blankets to keep them warm during these colder months that are upon us, and some toys for the children. A total of 247 items were included in the packages, not counting the essential items.

We also donated to the Well of Hope over 100 handmade items that were not sold at our fair in October to help them raise money to purchase food to feed those in need.

Our group has accomplished so much, and we would like to thank all our members who worked very hard this past year to make this all possible. They are so generous with their time and talents and are a really fun group. We have been able to service our church, our ministries, and three outside organizations with the items they requested. We can't wait to see what the next year will bring and pray that we can expand our group and our services. We will keep you informed of our projects and progress.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported us and prayed for our success this past year, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and joy, good health, and peace in the New Year.

For more information on the St. Faustina Caring Crafters ministry, visit <u>https://stfaustina.org/</u><u>ministry/caring-crafters/</u>.



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St. Faustina Grandparents and Bereavement and Consolation Ministry Members Visit San Pedro **Retreat Center** — On December 12, 2024, 31 pilgrims from St. Faustina set out on a bus journey not unlike that of the Three Wise Men, seeking the true meaning of Advent and Christmas amidst the noise and haste of this world. They traveled to the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center and Diocesan Cemetery in Winter Park for a day-long experience, a trip organized by the St. Faustina Bereavement and Grandparent Ministries that is open to all. Beginning with the Rosary, they prayed together along the way; the Holy Spirit guided them in fellowship throughout the day. The gracious hosts served a delicious breakfast in St. Anthony Hall, followed by a multimedia interactive presentation by Sr. Catherine Noecker about Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Eucharist. She inspired her listeners to heed Our Lady's call by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy while leaving them with a deep sense of peace and trust in God. Lunch followed (a generous dinner-style hot meal), then a bit of free time before Mass. Holy Mass was celebrated in Mary, Mother of God Chapel by a resident Franciscan priest against a backdrop of trees and sky, accompanied by heavenly music. Then the pilgrims strolled the gardens and cemetery and visited the extensive gift shop before boarding the bus for home. Asked about the retreat, participants remarked on the opportunity to meet and share with brothers and sisters in Christ, Sr. Catherine's inspiring talk, celebrating the Holy Eucharist in such a beautiful setting, and just time away from their routine to be fully present with God. They thank Fr. Carlos and the anonymous donor who helped make the retreat possible. Everyone wants to know when they can do it again!





Faith Formation / Formación en la fe

St. Anastasia by Marylu Mariniello

Anastasia of Sirmium is a Christian saint and martyr who suffered for her faith during the time of Diocletian's Christian persecutions. Sirmium is now known as Serbia.

Her father was a noble pagan named Praetextatus. Her mother was Fausta, also a saint known as St. Fausta of Sirmium. Anastasia was baptized as an infant and secretly raised as a Christian. After her mother died, her father gave her to the pagan Publius for marriage, but she preserved her virginity.

Anastasia visited the prisons and cared for the Christians, feeding and tending to their wounds. She also ransomed the captives. When her servant told all of this to Publius, he locked her up and beat her. She soon began secretly writing to her adviser Chrysogonus, who had gone to Aquileia. He told her to be brave, patient and accept God's will. Chrysogonus also became a saint.

Her husband died in Persia where he was posted for his country. This lead Anastasia to distribute her property to the poor and suffering. Then she left



her home to follow Chrysogonus in Aquileia. He was personally questioned by Diocletian, but he never renounced his faith so he was beheaded and thrown into the sea.

After his death, Chrysogonus appeared to Zoilus, a clergyman who found his relics. Chrysogonus predicted the martyrdoms of Saints Agape, Chione and Irene. He wanted Zoilus to send Anastasia to be with the three sisters as support. Nine days later, she visited the women right before they were tortured After their martyrdom, Anastasia buried them.

Now Anastasia spent her time traveling to various cities caring for Christian prisoners. She healed their wounds and relieved their pain, which gave her the title of "Deliverer from Potions." This was because she knew how to work with different poisons and medicines. She was arrested in Illyricum because she was a Christian and taken to the prefect of the district. He tried to persuade her to deny her faith, threatening her with torture but Anastasia would not be swayed. Then Anastasia was given to the pagan priest Ulpian in Rome, who presented her with the choice between riches or suffering, luxuries or torture.

He gave her three days to reconsider. He was bewitched by her beauty and decided he would defile her. When he tried to touch her, he was struck blind and his head experienced extreme pain. He died on the way to his pagan temple.

Anastasia was set free and once again began caring for imprisoned Christians. Her new helper was Theodota, a pious young widow, but Theodota was captured and martyred which led Anastasia to be imprisoned again. Anastasia was ordered to be killed by starvation. After sixty days, she was not harmed. It is said that the spirit of St. Theodota visited her and fed her during this time.

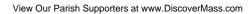
The judge decided that the prisoners, including Anastasia and Eutychianus, would be drowned. They all entered a boat with holes in the base, but St. Theodota once again appeared and steered the boat to shore. Once they landed, Anastasia and Eutychianus baptized one hundred twenty men.

Eventually, Anastasia was taken to the island of Palmaria, where she was staked to the ground with her arms and legs stretched out and burned alive in the year 304. Her relics were taken to Constantinople where a church was dedicated to her.

Many stories about St. Anastasia's life and tragedies are believed to be legendary, but it is certain that there was a martyr named Anastasia who died for her faith in Sirmium. She is one of the seven women, besides the Virgin Mary, commemorated in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

St. Anastasia is the patron saint of martyrs, weavers and those suffering from poison. Her feast day is celebrated on December 25.

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