



*Saint Patrick Parish
Family Faith Formation*

Upcoming Events

October Tic-Tac-Toe & Scripture Reading Log

Saint of the Month

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Advent Calendar

November Family Prayer



Upcoming Events

- November 18 - Reconciliation Retreat #2 - 9-11:30 am
- November 19 - Confirmation 2 - 4-5:45pm (All students who are on retreat are not expected to attend. I would ask that all Sponsors would attend their scheduled class though.)
- December 2 - Youth Group from 7-8:30pm in the St. Therese Youth Room
- December 3 - Confirmation 2 - 4-5:45pm
- December 3 - Confirmation 2 Parents Class - 4-5:45pm
- December 3 - **First Sunday of Advent**
- December 10, 11, & 12 - Faith Life Weekend
- December 10 - Confirmation 1 - 4-5:45pm
- December 10 - Cluster Reconciliation Service at St. Matthew's in Windham at 2 pm
- December 16 - Youth Group Christmas Party - 7-8:30pm in the St. Therese Youth Room



Tic Tac Toe Homework: November

Choose 3 activities in a row to complete before December's class. Be sure each of your children brings a completed form with them and hands it into their teacher.

Child Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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| <p>Families: Commit to filling out and returning your Acts of Mercy cards every week. How many Acts of Mercy can you complete this month!</p> | <p>Families: Together, as a family, pray The Holy Rosary once a week. Pray for Peace in our world.</p> | <p>Kids: Attend a musical performance or just have a family sing along/dance party at home to honor Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music. (November 22)</p> |
| <p>Kids: Find an age appropriate science experiment or activity to celebrate the feast day of Saint Albert the Great, the patron saint of scientists. (November 15th)</p> | <p><i>Parents:</i> Log into Formed and under listen, take the time to listen to the talk called <i>7 Secrets of Confession</i> given by Vinny Flynn.</p> | <p>Families: Together, as a family, pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet 5 Times this month. Pray for an outpouring of Christ's Mercy upon the whole world.</p> |
| <p>Families: Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! My prayer is that you are surrounded by love and family on Thanksgiving. Know that you are all in my constant prayer.. :)</p> | <p>Kids: Look for a program to buy Christmas gifts for a needy child (in your community or across the world) in honor of the feast day of Saint Margaret of Scotland, who gave gifts and food to the poor and needy. (November 16th)</p> | <p>Families: Make a Thankful Turkey Project. Use the printable at https://www.reallifeathome.com/3d-turkey-cutout/ and have kids write one thing they are thankful for on each of the turkey's feathers.</p> |

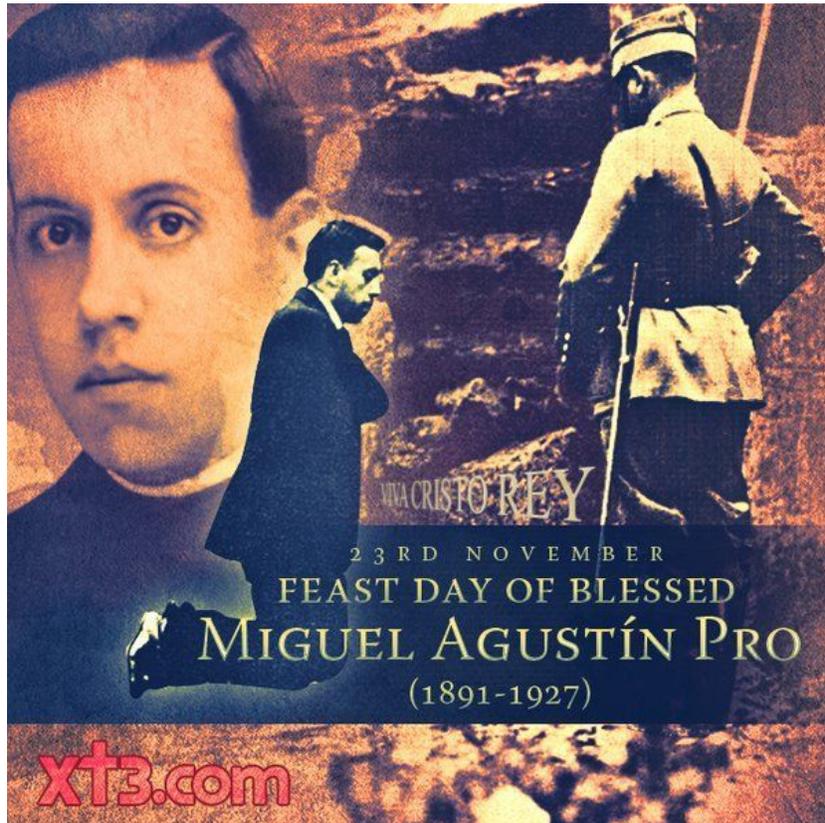
Bible Reading Log: Please log five 20 minute blocks of reading time

Date: _____ Minutes Read: _____ Parent Initials: _____

Blessed Miguel Pro

Feast Day: November 23

On November 23, 1927, Father Miguel Pro, a fun-loving young Jesuit, faced the firing squad. He refused a blindfold and asked only for time to pray. He had offered his life for the faith of Mexican people. Now God was accepting his sacrifice.

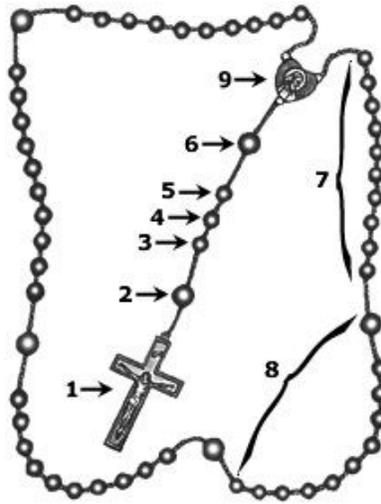


Miguel Pro had been born January 13, 1891, in Guadalupe, Mexico, one of eleven children of a mining engineer. He joined the Jesuits in 1911, a year after a persecution had begun in Mexico. The Jesuit novices were sent to study in other countries, and Miguel was ordained in Belgium in 1925. Father Pro returned to Mexico City in 1926, and within a month, the government banned public worship. Disguised as a mechanic, an office worker, or a beggar, Father Pro rode on his bicycle, distributing Communion and providing clothing for those who were poor. His quick thinking and pranks helped him in many narrow escapes.

On November 13, 1927, an assassination attempt was made on a Mexican general. A bomb was thrown from a car that had once belonged to one of Father Pro's brothers. Police arrested Father Pro and his two younger brothers. When the man behind the plot heard that Father Pro had been arrested, he confessed. But to teach Catholics a lesson, with no witnesses and no trial, Father Pro and his two brothers were condemned to death by officials. One of the officers who had captured Father Pro led him out of jail to be executed. He begged Father to forgive him. Miguel put his arm around him and said, "You have not only my forgiveness but my thanks." He also softly told the firing squad, "May God forgive you all." Then with arms spread as if on a cross, Father Pro shouted, "Long live Christ the King!" before a bullet silenced him. Although the real criminal and one of Miguel's brothers were also shot, the other brother was pardoned at the last moment. Despite the government's ban on a public funeral, thousands came to Father Pro's wake. Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.

How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



In Gratitude

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

From [The Catholic Prayer Book](#), compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

From [Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families](#), by Mary Cronk Farrell

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.

From [Songs of Our Hearts. Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics](#), edited by Cecilia A. Moor, Ph.D., C. Vanessa White, D.Min., and Paul M. Marshall, S.M.

