



Patron Saint of the Week: Bl. Miguel Pro, Class 7C

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.

Dear Bl. Miguel Pro, you used your gifts of humor and cheerfulness to draw others to Christ. You proclaimed your belief in Him, even when it cost you your life. Help us also to use the gifts God has given to us for the good of others. Dear Lord Jesus, many people are being persecuted for believing in You. We pray that everyone is free to live his or her faith. Amen

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55) **Next week: Matt Talbot, 8C**

Please keep Benjamin Van Donsel, Class 2B, in your prayers. He was rushed to Children's Hospital Sunday afternoon and has been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. They hope he will be able to come home soon!

There will be a **First Communion Meeting for Parents** on **Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Church.** Childcare will be provided, but must be reserved in advance.

Friday is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter! As illustrated by the gospel readings for Thursday (Mk 8:27-33) and Friday, (Matt 16:13-19), Peter was a man of great faith but also made promises he couldn't keep! Archbishop Carlson addressed this in his column in the [St. Louis Review: Before the Cross.](http://www.archstl.org/in-celebrating-peter-we-learn-from-his-strengths-and-weaknesses-3633) <http://www.archstl.org/in-celebrating-peter-we-learn-from-his-strengths-and-weaknesses-3633>

"In celebrating Peter, we learn from his strengths and weaknesses." We will also sometimes fail to live up to our promises or to do what is right. The most important thing, however is our attitude and our willingness to turn to God for forgiveness each time we sin. So, let us look to Peter as an example of faith, and feel free to continue to share our beliefs with our students.



Catechist Notes

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February Virtue **CHEERFULLNESS**

Looking on the bright side

Many thanks to Youth Minister Jackie Steckel and the St. Patrick Youth Group for an awesome Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat this past weekend!

REMEMBER: March 17 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. No postcards will go out this year... We are using "sign-up Genius" There are Confirmation service hours available for 8th graders. Please note these links!. And share especially with Confirmation students.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-carryout>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-dine>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafae2da5fc1-prep>

Only 5 regular classes left!!!!

Feb	20	Reg Class	7C		Bl. Miguel Pro
	27	Reg Class	8C		Matt Talbot
Mar	6		Ash Wed Mass 5 and 7pm		
		Reg	2B	Penance Service Grades 2-8	
Mar	13	Class	8		St. Teresa of Avila
	20	Reg Class	4B		St. Camillus de Lellis
Apr	3	Reg Class	7B		St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
	10	Reg Class			St. Andre Besette
		Reg		HOLY WEEK: Journey to Jerusalem	
	17	Class			
	24	Reg Class	6B		St. Catherine of Siena
		Reg	5B	Practice for First Communion	
May	1	Class			St Francis De Sales

Note that March 6th is Ash Wednesday Mass for class and that the following week is only 1/2 class for Confessions. Also, we will be off March 27 for Spring Break. See the following page for info for April 17, Holy Week. I am going to attempt to put together a family newsletter for next week, so anything you would like to share about your classes would be greatly appreciated.

(Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. Students are expected to attend Mass with their families at regular class times of 5:00 and 6:45pm as their PSR assignment for the week. There will be no reserved seats and Mass will begin promptly at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. The school building will be closed)

Please sign up!!!



FORMING DISCIPLES; LEADING ALL TO CHRIST



April 17 will be The Holy Week/Triduum Family Event **“Journey to Jerusalem”**:. Teachers of each grade level will present a center explaining or experiencing that day. The children will progress through the centers accompanied by older grade buddies and /or parents. There are resources in the office. We will be again asking parents to escort children. 7th and 1st will go as buddies. 8th grades will be disciples to help lead along the journey. There are resources in the office...let me know what you need. We will supply most of the other items needed. Sign up for which center you would like to host!

Center	Activity	Grade A	Grade B	Location	Items Needed
Palm Sunday	Jesus and disciples will process through school, aid classes				Leftover palms, costumes
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet	wash feet or sign cross			Outside gym lobby /cafeteria	Bowl and Pitcher of water, towels, chairs
Holy Thursday Last Supper	Institution of Eucharist			Cafeteria	Bread & grapes, candles, chalice, paten/ciborium, grape juice/sm. Cups on trays, matzah in baskets.
Prayer in Garden	Bracelet and prayer			Hallway connection	Bracelets, picture, reflection
Good Friday	Stations,			concession	stations, music.
Good Friday	Veneration of cross			Gym	Large Cross, red fabric, crown of thorns,
Easter Vigil Easter	explanation of symbols, empty tomb			Lobby,	Oils, Paschal candle, Holy water, Alleluia tent, rock, folded burial cloth, candles, grocery bags

