

Words from Fabio

St. Paul's Route

I apologize in advance, as I do not like to write about myself. As you know, a few days ago I was absent from the parish to go on a pilgrimage - a pilgrimage that I desired with all my heart. However, because of the festival celebration, I had said no when they invited me. Five days before the pilgrimage, I received a call from the organizers asking me to accompany them due to an emergency that had arisen. After informing me of the details, I told them to let me think about it. It only took me a second to say yes, but I still had to coordinate the Masses. I placed everything in the hands of Saint Paul, who helped me.

Saint Paul told me: "Fabio, for the little you did in the parish during the 14 years, I want you to visit some places where I preached the Gospel."

I remember that on the first day we were in Corinth, and we celebrated Holy Mass under the shade of a tree, using an almost rectangular stone 60 inches high (more or less) as an Altar; it was as if God had placed it there for us. During the consecration, several little birds arrived and hid among the branches of the tree, giving us a beautiful musical concert. Finishing the consecration they left; it was as if God had sent them to us.

In some places we celebrated in temples that remain guarded by the city police, as happened in Istanbul. But the last day of the pilgrimage in Ephesus was the most important for me, since we went to the mountain where the Virgin Mary lived with Jesus' beloved disciple: Mount Koressos (or Mount Coressus), currently known in Turkish as Bülbül Dağı". After celebrating the Eucharist, we went to the little house that today serves as a chapel. While the guide Leonardo was giving important information, I decided to go in to pray.

I approached the security guard, told him who I was, and asked him to allow me to kiss the altar because of what it meant to me. He said yes, and when I did so, I felt something so special that perhaps I had never felt before. You know, I've been kissing the altar for almost 22 years, but in that kiss I felt something very different from the previous times. When I kissed the altar, it was something that I don't know how to describe, but it was phenomenal. Afterward, I asked the security guard if he would allow me to pray in a corner of the chapel, and he said yes, but only for five minutes.

I sat down, closed my eyes, started thanking the Little Virgin for... I placed into her hands... and I asked her for... I placed emphasis on the assignments, on the priest who is coming, on you, and on my new assignment. I asked her to take me by hand to where She and her Son wanted. Meanwhile, time passed, and from one moment to the next, I felt somebody touch my shoulder and part of my back. I opened my eyes, thinking that it was the security guard, but there was no one around me. I felt fear, but at the same time an incredible peace in my whole being; all my fears had disappeared.

I left the temple, and on the way back, while on the bus I saw a message that said: "Fabio, please, please call as soon as possible." I called and was told: "Fabio, you are no longer going to that parish; now you have a new assignment. Congratulations."

Palabras de Fabio

La Ruta de San Pablo

De ante mano les pido disculpas, ya que no me gusta escribir sobre mi. Como ustedes saben, hace días me ausente de la parroquia para ir a una peregrinación - peregrinación que deseaba con todo el corazón. Pero debido a la celebración del festival, había dicho que no cuando me invitaron. Cinco días antes de la peregrinación, recibí una llamada de los organizadores, donde me pedían que los acompañara, todo debido a una emergencia que se les había presentado. Después de hacerme saber los pormenores, les dije que me permitieran pensarlo, y eso me tomo un segundo para decir que si, pero que debía coordinar lo de las misas y puse todos en las manos de San Pablo, quien me ayudó.

San Pablo me dijo: "Fabio, por lo poco que hiciste en la parroquia durante los 14 años, quiero que visites algunos sitios donde predique el Evangelio."

Recuerdo que el primer día estábamos en Corinto, y celebramos la Santa Misa bajo la sombra de un árbol, utilizando como Altar una piedra casi rectangular de 60 pulgadas de alto (más o menos); fue como si Dios la hubiera puesto para nosotros. Durante la consagración, llegaron varios pajaritos que se camuflaban entre las ramas del árbol, y nos dieron un hermoso concierto de música. Terminando la consagración se fueron; era como si Dios nos los hubiera mandado.

En algunos lugares celebramos en templos que permanecen custodiados por la policía de la ciudad, tal como ocurrió en Estambul. Pero el último día de la peregrinación en Éfeso fue el más importante para mí, ya que, fuimos a la montaña donde vivió la Virgen María junto al discípulo amado de Jesús: " Monte Koressos (o Monte Coressus), conocido actualmente en turco como Bülbül Dağ". Después de celebrar la Eucaristía, nos dirigimos a la casita que al día de hoy presta el servicio de capilla. Mientras el guía Leonardo daba información importante, yo decidí entrar para hacer oración.

Me acerqué al vigilante, le dije quien era, y le pedí que me permitiera darle un beso al altar por todo lo que significa para mí. Me dijo que si, y al hacerlo, sentí algo tan especial, que quizás nunca antes había sentido. Saben, que llevo casi 22 años dándole besos al altar, pero en ese beso sentí algo muy diferente a las anteriores veces. En que he besado el altar, es algo que no se como describir, pero fue fenomenal. Después le dije que si me permitía hacer oración en un costado de la capilla, y me dijo que si, pero que por sólo cinco minutos.

Me senté, cerré los ojos, empecé a decirle a la Virgencita gracias por... puse en sus manos a... y le pedí por... Hice énfasis en las asignaciones, en el padre que viene, en ustedes, y mi nueva asignación. Le pedí que me llevara de su mano a donde Ella y su Hijo lo desearan. Mientras tanto, el tiempo pasaba, y de un momento a otro, sentí que me tocaron el hombro y parte de la espalda. Abrí los ojos pensando que era el vigilante, pero no había nadie a mi alrededor. Sentí susto, pero a la vez una paz impresionante en todo mi ser; todos mis temores habían desaparecido.

Salí del templo, y de regreso en el bus vi un mensaje que decía: "Fabio, favor, favor llamar lo mas pronto posible." Llame y me dijo: "Fabio, ya no vas para esa parroquia; ahora tienes una nueva asignación. Felicitaciones."

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Paul has an opening for a part-time **administrative assistant**. The administrative assistant serves as the first line of contact for the office and provides general administrative support for staff. This role requires a dynamic, detail-oriented individual with a positive attitude. Responsibilities include creating and publishing the weekly parish bulletin, preparing sacramental certificates, recording sacramental events, maintaining the parish schedule of facilities and activities including weddings and funerals, scheduling Mass intentions, and entering and maintaining parishioner information in the parish database. Additional duties will be assigned as the individual gains experience with the parish operations. Qualified candidates have a high school degree (or GED) and two to three years of related work experience, including general secretarial experience. Must have strong computer skills and experience with Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint); excellent phone skills; strong verbal and written communication skills; and an ability to multi-task. Experience in a church setting is a plus. Fluency in Spanish with an excellent command of the English language is required. Please forward resume and cover letter to Vicky Donato Lazzarini, parish business manager, at vdonato@stpaulcleveland.com.

Join in the Celebration for
Father Fabio

Saturday, June 20, 2026
Following 5:00 PM Mass

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Únese a la Celebración para
Padre Fabio

sábado, 20 de junio de 2026
Después de la Misa a las 5:00 PM

Más detalles próximadaments

All women of the parish are invited to join Vivian's Circle for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 26th at 1 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Bring your own bagged lunch. Beverages and desserts are provided.

This month's presentation is by our beloved Msgr. Jaime Barona. He is excited to share his knowledge with us regarding our Catholic Faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to share friendship and spirituality with other Catholic ladies. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Rudin at 404-576-5011, Mel Vaillant at 706-304-0565, or Jacqueline Watkins at 941-524-9436.





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WHEN: June 1-5 from 6pm-8pm

COST: \$0

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