

Roberto Joseph Long a.k.a. Bobby Joe Long is scheduled to be executed by the State of Florida on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for the murder of Michelle Simms. Catholic faithful and members of the community plan to gather at the following times and locations to pray for the victim and aggressor, and their families, for our society, which continues to impose violence in return for violence, and for an end to the use of the death penalty.

Archdiocese of Miami

- St. Martha Catholic Church
9401 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores
May 23 following 11:45 a.m. Mass
Contact: Deacon Edgardo Farias at (305) 764-5019 or efarias@theadom.org

Diocese of St. Augustine

- Emmanuel Mennonite Church
1236 NW 18th Avenue, Gainesville
May 23 at 4:30 p.m.
Catholic Gators and GCADP carpool to attend the prayer service at Florida State Prison near Starke
Contact: Miriam Elliott at (352) 278-4342
- Across the highway from the Florida State Prison Execution Building, Starke
May 23 at 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Miriam Elliott at (352) 278-4342
- In front of the new Duval County Unified Courthouse
501 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville
May 23 at 4:30 p.m.
Contacts: Jackie Gunning at (904) 449-3328 or jmgunning@bellsouth.net
Sister Maureen Kelley at (904) 704-0313 or mkelleyop@att.net
- In front of the Flagler County Courthouse
1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Bunnell
May 23 at 5:00 p.m.
Contact: John Bangert at (301)318-6832 or astrodude9000@gmail.com.
- In front of the St. Augustine Beach City Hall
Corner of A1A and 16th Street, St. Augustine Beach
May 23 at 5:15 p.m.
Contact: Nancy O'Byrne at (904) 422-3618 or obyrenen@bellsouth.net

Additional Contact: Kathleen Bagg, Office of Communications, Diocese of St. Augustine, (904) 262-3200

Diocese of St. Petersburg

- St. Vincent de Paul Parish
4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday
May 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Followed by evening prayer and benediction
- Spirit FM 90.5 WBVM Tampa will be praying on air
May 23 at 5:50 p.m.
Spirit FM is also available on the internet (www.spiritfm905.com)

Contact: Sabrina Burton Schultz, (727) 344-1611, sab@dosp.org

Diocese of Orlando

- St. Patrick Catholic Church
6803 Old Highway 441 South, Mount Dora
May 22 at 11:00 a.m.
- St. Margaret Mary Church
526 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park
May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Resurrection Catholic Church
1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden
May 17 at 8:00 a.m.
Prayer vigil and Adoration under the theme “Culture of Death”
- Catholic Charities of Central Florida
1819 North Semoran Boulevard, Orlando
May 17 at 12:00 p.m.
- Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
5300 Old Howell Branch Road, Winter Park
May 23 at 12:00 p.m.
- Church of Our Saviour
5301 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach
May 23 at 5:30 p.m.

The Respect Life Ministry at Our Savior’s Parish will also have a shuttle to the State Prison at Starke, Florida, to pray outside of the prison during the execution. The shuttle will leave Our Savior at noon, making a stop at 1643 US-1 Ormond Beach and scheduled to return to Our Savior between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. Please contact Mr. Gene Rasmussen at 407-967-0992 if you would like to participate.

- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
201 University Blvd, Daytona Beach
May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes will also provide free bus transportation to the State Prison at Starke, Florida, to pray outside of the prison during the execution. The bus will make two pick-up stops in Daytona and Palm Coast as well. Please call Father Phil (386) 255-0433 if you would like to participate.

Contact: Office of Advocacy and Justice, Diocese of Orlando at advocacyjustice@cflcc.org or 407-658-1818 x 1086

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

- Good Shepherd Catholic Church
4665 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee
May 22 at 9:45 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass)
Contact: Suzanne Printy at printysg@gmail.com
- St. Mary Catholic Church
110 St. Mary Avenue, Fort Walton Beach
May 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
1008 Fortune Avenue, Panama City
May 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel
19 N. Palafox Street, Pensacola
May 23 at 11:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
550 Adams Street, Crestview
May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Governor's Mansion, Tallahassee
May 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Interfaith prayer vigil organized by Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty
Contact: Mary Anne Hoffman at (850) 570-4883
- Capitol Rotunda, Tallahassee
May 24 at noon
Service of Remembrance coordinated by Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty
Contact: Mary Anne Hoffman at (850) 570-4883

Diocese of Palm Beach

Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola Chapel
9999 N Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens
May 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Prayer service organized by Catholic Charities' Respect Life Ministry with Pax Christi
Immediately following the prayer service, the group will proceed to the corner of Military Trail
and Holly Road, where they will silently pray for 15 minutes for Mr. Long, the victim, and the
families.

Contact: Deanna Herbst at dherbst@ccdpb.org.

Diocese of Venice

- St. Katharine Drexel Church (chapel)
1922 SW 20th Avenue, Cape Coral
May 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Contact: RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com
- San Pedro Church (chapel)
14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port
May 23 at 5:45 p.m.
- St. Raphael Church (chapel)
2514 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres
May 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart Church (outdoor Last Supper Table)
211 West Charlotte Avenue, Punta Gorda
May 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Joseph Church
3100 26th Street W, Bradenton
May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. John XXIII
13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers
May 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Catherine Church
820 Hickory Street, Sebring
May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Jeanne Berdeaux at (941) 441-1101 or berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org