



Third Sunday of Advent

1714 U.S. Highway 27, Suite 23
Clermont, FL 34714

December 11, 2022

Weekly Bulletin

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday at 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:00 AM, 5:00 PM *en Espanol*

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00—4:00 PM

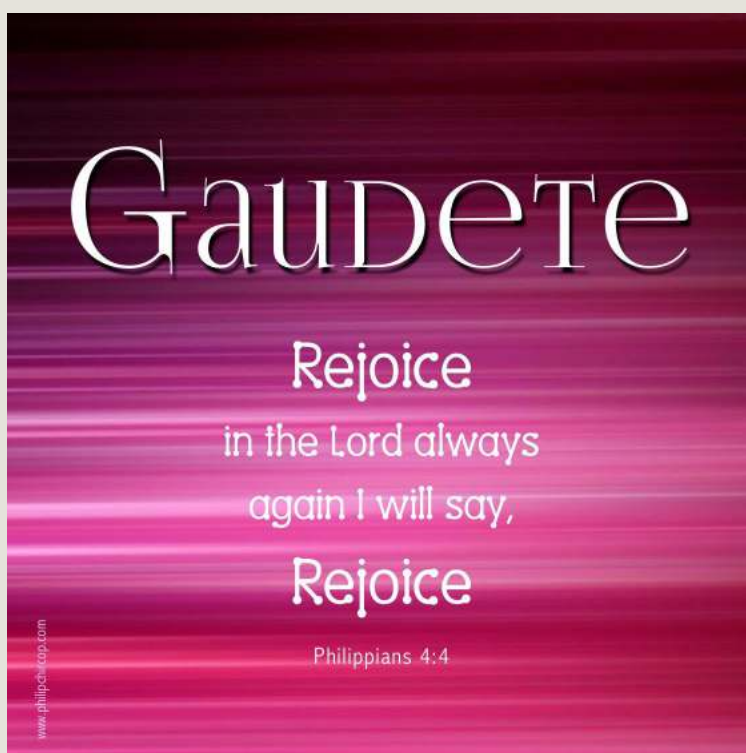
First Friday Exposition

8:30 AM –9:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:45 PM

or by appointment



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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." (Matt 11:2-4)



We rejoice because in Jesus, we are redeemed and included in his kingdom. Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of rejoicing. We can rejoice that we still have time to prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas. In the Gospel, Jesus assures the crowd that he is the one who is to come, the one whose way John the Baptist has been preparing. Jesus restores people's health, proclaims good news to the poor, and blesses those who follow him, just as Isaiah predicted.

Jesus rejoices in the witness of John the Baptist. John is not only a prophet; he is God's messenger, chosen to prepare the way for God's only Son. There is no one greater than John, Jesus explains, and yet *the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he*. If John is the greatest of all, and yet the least in the kingdom is even greater than John, where does that leave us? How can we be great like John? Should we cry out in the desert and prepare to suffer violence?

No, because our redemption is not about what John did; it is about what Jesus does. John baptized with water, but Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire. He gives us his body to eat and sheds his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. He promises to be with us always until the end of the age. In Jesus, we - like John - are blessed and included in the kingdom. This is our reason to rejoice.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Is. 35:10)

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"¿Eres tú el que ha de venir, o debemos buscar a otro?" Jesús les respondió: Id y haced saber a Juan lo que oís y veis: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan, y a los pobres se les anuncia el evangelio. a ellos. Y bienaventurado el que no se escandaliza de mí." (Mateo 11:2-4)

Nos regocijamos porque en Jesús somos redimidos e incluidos en su reino. Hoy es el domingo de Gaudete, el tercer domingo de Adviento, el domingo de regocijo. Podemos alegrarnos de que todavía tenemos tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones y hogares para la Navidad. En el Evangelio, Jesús asegura a la multitud que él es el que ha de venir, aquel cuyo camino ha estado preparando Juan el Bautista. Jesús restaura la salud de las personas, anuncia la buena noticia a los pobres y bendice a los que lo siguen, tal como lo predijo Isaías.

Jesús se regocija en el testimonio de Juan el Bautista. Juan no es solo un profeta; es el mensajero de Dios, elegido para preparar el camino al Hijo único de Dios. No hay nadie mayor que Juan, explica Jesús, y sin embargo *el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos es mayor que él*. Si Juan es el más grande de todos y, sin embargo, el más pequeño en el reino es aún más grande que Juan, ¿dónde nos deja eso? ¿Cómo podemos ser grandes como John? ¿Debemos clamar en el desierto y prepararnos para sufrir violencia?

No, porque nuestra redención no se trata de lo que hizo Juan; se trata de lo que hace Jesús. Juan bautizaba con agua, pero Jesús bautiza con Espíritu Santo y fuego. Él nos da a comer su cuerpo y derrama su sangre para el perdón de nuestros pecados. Él promete estar con nosotros siempre hasta el final de la era. En Jesús, nosotros, como Juan, somos bendecidos e incluidos en el reino. Esta es nuestra razón para regocijarnos.

Los que el SEÑOR ha rescatado volverán y entrarán en Sion cantando, coronados de gozo eterno; se encontrarán con gozo y alegría, la tristeza y el luto huirán. (Isaías 35:10)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of November 27, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,918.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$5,774.00

"Thank You" for your ongoing support / "Muchas Gracias" por su continuo apoyo

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of November 27: 1,474

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10, 2022

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 am SI Loreto Flores Barrios
Requested by: Carmelita Flores

9:30 am SI Jack Innumerable
Requested by: Yolanda Innumerable

11:00 am + Jim Skipper
Requested by: Diana Barber

5:00 pm + Eliana & + Elias Lendof
Requested by: Mom & Dad

Monday, December 12, 2022

8:00 am + Felipe Bulfango
Requested by: Rosalina & Francisco Bulfango

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

8:00 am Casey Family, Living & Deceased
Requested by: Mary Casey

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:00 am + Denise Campeau
Requested by: Family

Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
Requested by: Thomas Doherty

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:00 am SI Father Ramon
Requested by: Frank & Diane

Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:00 am + Betty Keough
Requested by: Donna & George Cuttita

4:00 pm + Yancy Plata
Requested by: Gloria Brito

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am + Bernardino Bolatete
Requested by: Frank & Diane Maglione

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Dora de Kai
Requested by: Gilda Santiago

Prayer Requests

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to **resubmit names** that you would like on our list by emailing: office@stfaustina.org.



Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Florence Tyree, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Becky Oosterveen, Deacon Dennis Gillan, Steve Albrecht, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Angel Pagan, Yolanda Innumerable, Robert Kasper, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell, Mike McGee, Evelisse Bookhout, Russell Perine, Gloria Nestel, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Jo Ellen Foti,

Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Ed Robinson, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, the People of Ukraine and their



OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a Community inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una comunidad inspirada por el Espiritu Santo, y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios, a fomentar el crecimiento espiritual, y atender las necesidades temporales y sociales de todos.

Bake Sale and Food Festival, Children's Christmas Pageant, Invite You to Join Us

INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND BAKE SALE FESTIVAL -- Our St. Faustina Parish will hold an International Food and Bake Sale Festival **Sunday, December 11**, under the tent in our parking lot from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 4 pm to 5 pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit new items for the Sanctuary in our new church.

The regularly scheduled Bake Sale, which will be held on December 10, is the usual Saturday times and will be held in the Ushers' Room.



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS SUNDAY AT 2:00 PM

The Religious Education and Music proudly present:

“The Christmas Story” at 2:00 pm in the Church.

We invite you to come and enjoy the marvelous story of the First Christmas. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and all are welcome!!

There are no religious education classes beginning of the week of December 20. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4.

A Blessed Christmas to everyone from the students in Faith Formation.



The Saint Faustina Giving Tree is an annual event held during Advent in support of the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center and our own Saint Faustina Community.

The Giving Tree will be in the front of the church, adjacent to the piano. Tags with the children's **Wish Lists** will be hung on the Tree for each Mass. *Blue* ribbons are for boys, *Pink* ribbons are for girls, and *Red* ribbons are for our Saint Faustina Community.

Please place your unwrapped gifts, with the tag you took from the tree, under the Giving Tree any time up until December 18th.

Thank you for your support and your generosity. Please contact Connie Stoops at (478) 955-0377 with



Our St. Faustina Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, will be selling Christmas magnets today after all Masses. The magnets are \$5.00



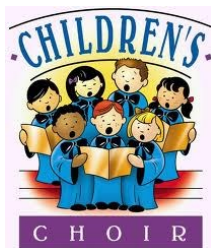
The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry is reaching out to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Our primary goal is to comfort and support those left behind.

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you struggling with the upcoming holidays?

Our Consolation Ministry, Heart Links In Faith, can help you during this difficult time.

Please feel free to call the office at 352-525-9297 (ext. 102) for more information.

Parish Events Coming Up This Week



Come and Join St. Faustina Children's Christmas Choir!

Children ages 8-17 are invited to join this group, which will sing at our 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy.

The final practice will be held on and Tuesday December 13th at 5:00 pm in the Church.

Call Kelly Mucci, Director of Music & Liturgy, at 352-515-9297 (ext. 102) for more details.

St. Faustina Parish Penance Service — There will be an Advent Penance Service on **Tuesday, December 13, at 7 pm.** English and Spanish-speaking priests will be available to hear your Confession.

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Servicio de Penitencia Parroquial de Santa Faustina - Habrá un Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento el martes 13 de diciembre a las 7 pm. Sacerdotes de habla inglesa y española estarán disponibles para escuchar su Confesión.



Please join us for a Night of Reflection On Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. — Fr. Anthony Aarons from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, will present an Advent Night of Reflection on St John of the Cross on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the church.

Our December Blood Drive Has Been Rescheduled — Due to the fact that our bi-monthly blood drive, which is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, falls on Christmas Day, **the December drive has been rescheduled** for Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Because of our outstanding donor contributions, OneBlood will be sending two buses. Further details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the drive.



YOUR CHRISTMAS HELP IS NEEDED for our Food for All Ministry. Hands of Hope America, Inc., the food pantry our parish supports, is in need of food items. Inflation, high gas prices, and increased rent payments have seen the need of our local families increase. You can help simply bring non-perishable food items to the usher's room and place them in one of the two wagons. Your donation will go directly to our local communities. If you would like to provide financial support, you can do so by visiting our parish office during regular business hours.

To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to their website at:

[Home - Hands of Hope America](#)



VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP FOR THAT PERFECT RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS GIFT — If you are looking for that perfect religious Christmas gift, look no further than our parish gift shop. Are you shopping for your child's teacher, a neighbor, a good friend, a family member? You are sure to find something that will bring extra meaning to the Christmas season while helping the parish. New items are available every week.



The gift shop is open following every weekend Mass.

If you would like to learn more about our Gift Shop or how you can volunteer to help, please go to their page on our new parish web site at: [Gift Shop - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



Looking for a unique, once-in-a-lifetime Christmas gift for someone special? How about purchasing a brick in their name? The Saint Faustina Knights of Columbus and the St. Faustina Parish have kicked off their joint ongoing fundraiser. The Knights have purchased a Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn. You can participate in this fundraiser by purchasing a brick commemorating your loved ones and or yourself. The cost of the brick is \$100.00. The pamphlets to place your order can be found on the bookcases in the rear of the Church. Your brick will add to the landscaping of the walkway at the new church. The proceeds will be shared by the Council and Parish. For additional information please go to the Knights' web page on our new St. Faustina website at: [Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)) or contact Bill Mattingly at 352-988-7000 or wmattingly@cfl.rr.com.



Would You Help Us Move To Our New Home? — The move-in to our new church home date should be somewhere around the first of February, give or take a couple of weeks on either side. With that in mind, a four-team plan has been developed to address various aspects in order to make the move as smooth and easy as possible. For more information on how you can help, please go to: [Construction Back-ground - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Construction Back-ground - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))



For a pictorial essay regarding the different signs that have followed us throughout our 16-year journey to our own church building, please go to our construction photos page at: [Construction Update - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Construction Update - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))



Do you have any questions regarding the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church? Are you looking to get married? Perhaps you are looking to schedule a Baptism for someone in your family. To answer any questions regarding the Sacraments, please go to our new website at: [Sacraments - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Sacraments - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))

News from St. Vincent de Paul Orlando: The St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Thrift Stores are just a mouse click away – check out a wide selection of items available through the SVDPOrlando eBay page: <https://www.ebay.com/usr/shopsvdporlando>



St. Faustina Parish Advent Schedule — can be found on our parish's website home page (and scroll down the right side of the page) at: [Are you looking for a Catholic Church near Disney World? \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Are you looking for a Catholic Church near Disney World? (stfaustina.org)) to view that schedule, which will be updated as needed.

To learn more about our Catholic Faith, please go to the EWTN website at: Catholicism - Faith, Resources & Practices for Catholic Followers | EWTN



Our Lady of Loreto

By Marylu Mariniello

The title of Our Lady of Loreto refers to the Holy House of Loreto, the home where Mary was born and raised and where the Annunciation occurred. An ancient statue of Our Lady was found there.

After Christ ascended, the house was converted into a church where the Apostles placed an altar and where St. Peter celebrated the first Mass. The “Altar of the Apostles” inside the house is venerated as the authentic one.

When Muslim soldiers expelled the Christian Crusaders, the house was carried by angels and initially deposited on a hill in 1291 at Tersatto Dalmatia, Croatia, a suburb of Rijeka, now called Trsat. An appearance of the Blessed Mother and many miraculous cures were documented there for its sanctity. The holy interpretation of the house was confirmed by investigations made at Nazareth by messengers from the governor of Dalmatia.

Then the home was brought to Recanati, Italy and finally to Loreto, Italy where it has been for centuries. The flight has led to the patronage of Our Lady of Loreto for people involved in aviation. This was the first shrine of international prominence dedicated to the Blessed Mother, being known as a Marian center for centuries.

The Church containing the Holy House was built in the gothic style beginning in 1468. The interior has mosaics and works of art such as a bronze font, statues, frescoes and intarsias, which are woodworks using a form of wood inlaying, similar to marquetry.

The Basilica is also known for preserving the Madonna and Child image of “Our Lady of Loreto.” A niche contains a three foot statue of the Black Madonna and Child, which was stolen in 1797 by Napoleonic troops and taken to Paris. It was then returned after a treaty and was sent to Rome and then to Loreto on December 9, 1801. A fire occurred on February 23, 1921, which destroyed this statue, but a new one was created from cedar from Lebanon, requested by Pope Pius XI later that year. There is also a marble screen with four sides representing the Annunciation, the Nativity of Jesus, the Nativity of Mary and the arrival of the Santa Casa at Loreto.

The main attraction of Loreto is the Holy House itself, having been a Catholic pilgrimage destination since at least the fourteenth century as well as a popular tourist destination. The house is a plain stone structure with three stone walls, a door on the north side and a window on the west. The size is 31 X 13 feet, containing the Altar of the Apostles.



The shrine is under the authority and protection of the Pope.

Pope Benedict XV designated the religious image of Our Lady as the patroness of air passengers and travel on March 24, 1920. The feast day is celebrated on December 10.

Our Lady of Loreto is also the patron saint of air crews, pilots, aviators, Air Forces, builders, construction workers and all who take care of properties and the cities of Arpino, Guidonia, Montecelio and Loreto, all in Italy and Ghajnsielem Goze, Malta.