



# Second Sunday of Advent

1714 U.S. Highway 27, Suite 23  
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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

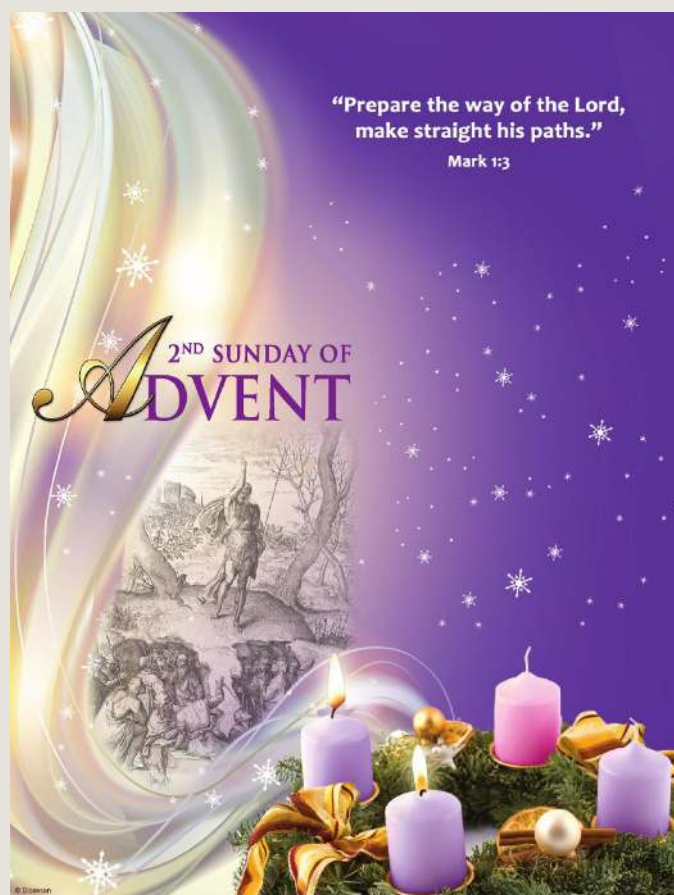
### First Friday Exposition

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

*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. (Matthew 3:1-2)*



The prophets of Scripture came not with a message of humiliation or doom, but with words of consolation and hope and yes, from time to time, words of challenge. Their ministry was not simply to place a bandage on the wounds of Israel's sin with empty words, but to bring lasting healing by highlighting God's past saving acts and assuring her of God's future fidelity.

John the Baptist calls us to make an exodus from the desert of sinfulness through the waters of repentance to conversion of heart. It's a journey that speaks of hope, not past regrets. John challenges us to prepare the way of the Lord by smoothing the treacherous bumps of sin and leveling and straightening out whatever are the obstacles in our relationship with God and with one another.

In these busy weeks, this is the type of prayer we need for one another; these are the moments of quiet reflection we should cherish. Let us seek to rediscover the quiet and gentle presence of God in our lives and encourage others to do likewise. Let us pay attention to the situations in which we find ourselves this week, and to the people we meet. Let us be open to seeing how God may seek to use us to make his promise known to others.

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 15:5)*

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*Juan el Bautista apareció, predicando en el desierto de Judea y diciendo: "¡Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado!" Fue de él que el profeta Isaías había hablado cuando dijo: Una voz de uno que clama en el desierto: Prepara el camino del Señor, endereza sus sendas. Mateo 3:1-2)*

Los profetas de las Escrituras no vinieron con un mensaje de humillación o fatalidad, sino con palabras de consuelo y esperanza y sí, de vez en cuando, palabras de desafío. Su ministerio no era simplemente colocar un vendaje en las heridas del pecado de Israel con palabras vacías, sino traer sanidad duradera al resaltar los actos salvadores pasados de Dios y asegurarle la fidelidad futura de Dios.

Juan el Bautista nos llama a hacer un éxodo del desierto de la pecaminosidad a través de las aguas del arrepentimiento a la conversión del corazón. Es un viaje que habla de esperanza, no de arrepentimientos pasados. Juan nos desafía a preparar el camino del Señor suavizando los golpes traicioneros del pecado y nivelando y enderezando cualesquiera que sean los obstáculos en nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.

En estas semanas ocupadas, este es el tipo de oración que necesitamos unos para otros; Estos son los momentos de reflexión tranquila que debemos apreciar. Busquemos redescubrir la presencia tranquila y gentil de Dios en nuestras vidas y animemos a otros a hacer lo mismo. Prestemos atención a las situaciones en las que nos encontramos esta semana y a las personas que conocemos. Estemos abiertos a ver cómo Dios puede tratar de usarnos para dar a conocer su promesa a los demás.

*Que el Dios de perseverancia y aliento os conceda pensar en armonía unos con otros, de acuerdo con Cristo Jesús, para que al unísono podáis glorificar con una sola voz al Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. (Romanos 15:5)*

## *Financial Stewardship*

Weekly Collection Weekend of November 20, 2022

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,459.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$6,602.00**

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

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of November 20: 1,226**

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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00 pm + Tony Borges  
Requested by: Josephine Borges

## Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 am + Joe Castanon  
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

9:30 am + Tre Gordan  
Requested by: Sharon Waits & Family

11:00 am + Luis Ramos  
Requested by: Wife, Miriam Ramos

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

## Monday, December 5, 2022

8:00 am + Carol Molotoris  
Requested by: H & F Group

## Tuesday, December 6, 2022

8:00 am SI for Henry Donslers Gaudreau  
Requested by: Dcn Stephen & Debbie

## Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Regent  
Requested by: Family

## Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:00 am + Antoinette DeAvero  
Requested by: Florence Tyree

7:00 pm + John Friedrich  
Requested by: Donna & George Cuttita

## Friday, December 9, 2022

8:00 am + Hilda & + Warren Lightner  
Requested by: Family

## Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:00 am + John Friedrich  
Requested by: Marilyn Moseley

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

# 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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).



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 country, and all those in need.



**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.

# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation** -- Our parish will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate on Thursday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated at 8 am and again at 7 pm with a Bilingual Mass.

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

Children ages 8-17 are invited to join this group, which will sing at both our Christmas Pageant, on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, as well as our 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy.

Practices will be held on Saturday, Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 and Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 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's Annual Christmas Pageant set for December 11** -- The Religious Education and Music Departments of St. Faustina Catholic Church will proudly present:

**"The Christmas Story" on Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Church.**

We invite you to come and enjoy the marvelous story of the First Christmas. What a great way to make straight your path to Christmas Day! Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served and all are welcome!!

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND BAKE SALE FESTIVAL** -- Our St. Faustina Parish will hold an International Food and Bake Sale Festival **on 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. The regularly scheduled Bake Sale on Saturday is the typical Saturday times in in the Ushers' Room.

The Community Christmas Celebration will feature baked goods and a variety of hot and cold foods from the members of our Parish Family. A pair of Christmas Baskets will be raffled off. If you would like to contribute your "special family" baked and/or food item, contact us at: [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).

Proceeds from this parish-wide event will be used to purchase new Liturgical supplies for our new church. Linens for the Altar, Purificators, Finger Towels, Pall covers, Corporals, Cruets (for the wine and water), Flagon, Finger Bowl, Book of Gospels, one in English and one in Spanish, new Lectionary for Sunday Mass, new vestments, and a new pair of Candle Stands are some of the items that are on Father Ramon's "Wish List". (The photo was taken at our 192 site Walk-A-Thon/Bake Sale-Festival).



**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.

**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.



# Our New Church Will Feature A “Wall of Remembrance”

When we finally move into our new church building, projected to be sometime in early February, it will mark the end of a journey that began with the first Mass celebrated in a hotel banquet room at Westgate Inn on Route 192, on September 30, 2006. Father Stephen Phillips presided over that Mass with 65 founding parishioners in attendance (for the story on our history, please go to: [St. Faustina History - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org))

Undoubtedly our “shiny new building”, and the property on which it sits, will attract the “ooh’s and ah’s” from all of us. The landscaping that has already been done...and will be continued to be worked on...is, in itself quite beautiful. The entrance to our church gives off a warm, reverent feeling that immediately sets the tone for the Celebration of the Holy Mass.

Immediately on the right is the receptionist’s office and then the door leading to the staff’s offices. The warming kitchen is located to the left of the receptionist’s office and features a window that will allow food and beverages to be passed through. Our Grotto of Mercy/Confessional is located at the end of the entrance hallway. The back hallway, located just beyond the warming kitchen wall, is where other rooms and storage space are located, as well as the restrooms.

However, it is that wall, the one just beyond the warming kitchen’s window, that will attract a great deal of attention. The plaques, that are currently on the back of our chairs, will be removed and placed in this location. Those precious plaques, which did a great deal in helping raise funds for our new church building while at the same time honoring loved ones and giving praise and glory to God, will be in one central location for all of us, and those who visit us, to see, remember and reflect.



The Divine Mercy statue of Jesus that has been on our Altar the past few weeks will also grace that wall and call attention to our plaques.



So, while we look ahead to what the future brings to our St. Faustina Parish, it will be our “Wall of Remembrance” that will remind us of our history, our journey, and the loved ones of whom those plaques are dedicated.

Please continue to keep our parish and our parishioners in your prayers.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** The wall in which our plaques will be placed (photo on



the left), is located in the middle of the entrance hallway, just beyond the window to the warming kitchen and just before the entrance to the back hallway. Unseen in this photo, located to the left and at the end of the hallway, will be our Divine Mercy Chapel and Confessional.

The photo on the right is a mock-up of how the plaques and the Divine Mercy Statue will look.



**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 Background - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



**St. Faustina Parish Advent Schedule** — Our parish’s complete Advent schedule appeared in last week’s bulletin. If you have misplaced that bulletin, please go to our website’s 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://stfaustina.org) to view that schedule, which will be updated as needed.

**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.



**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 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**“Thank You” for your continued support of our Food for All Ministry.** To participate, 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 Hands of Hope America, *which supports our local Four Corners families* in their time of need. 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](http://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://Gift Shop - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))

**The St Faustina Knights of Columbus Council 14217 will hold an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on December 6 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office area.**

This is the induction ceremony for the Order. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact either GK Ed Rabelas, 720-771-1841; PGK Bill Mattingly, 352-988-7000; DD 25 Bob Vince, 863-242-3085.



# St. Barbara

By *Marylou Mariniello*

Barbara was born in the mid-third century in Heliopolis, Phoenicia to wealthy parents. Her father Dioscorus was a pagan who raised his daughter after her mother died. Being overprotective, he locked her in a tower to keep most people away from her except pagan teachers.

Barbara was a beautiful child who loved nature and wondered who created such a magnificent world. Eventually she realized that the pagan idols were not the true God who formed everything. She secretly became a Christian, dedicating



her life to the Lord. She chose not to marry, but her father wanted a good marriage for her and persisted in introducing men to her, which alienated her. He then allowed her to leave the tower to meet people that he preferred, but Barbara gravitated towards other Christians. Here she learned about Jesus, the Holy Trinity and the Church and taught others about the faith. She was baptized in secret by a priest from Alexandria, dressed as a merchant. While she was away, her father had a private bath house built for Barbara with two windows, but when Barbara came home, she asked for three windows to be installed for the Trinity. This bath house was a calming place where many miracles occurred. Simeon Metaphrastes compared it to the stream of Jordan. He would also become a saint.

When she told her father that she had become a Christian, he was in a rage and tried to hit her, but she ran away. He chased her but could not find her because “a hill opened and hid her in a crevice.” She was betrayed by a shepherd and returned home where she was beaten, locked away and starved by her father. Then he sent her to Martianus, the Prefect of the city. Both men continued to beat and torture her, but Barbara never renounced her Christian faith, praying to Jesus, who healed her wounds. Now Martianus tried harder to force her to renounce the Lord and her faith, which she refused. The Lord gave her strength to stand firm.

Another Christian woman named Juliana was also tortured along with Barbara. They were forced to walk throughout the city without clothes. Barbara prayed and an angel came and covered the pair with robes. The torches that were used to try to burn Barbara were blown away as they came near her. Barbara was then condemned to death by beheading by her father. Her martyrdom occurred on December 4. Soon after Dioscorus and Martianus were both killed after being struck by lightning.

Her relics were taken to Constantinople in the sixth century. Six hundred years later, the daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenos brought her relics to Kiev to the St. Vladimir Cathedral.

The US Army Field Artillery Association and the Army Air Defense Artillery Association hold the Order of Saint Barbara as an honorary society within the military. Centuries ago, when cannons were used in battle, they were often unreliable and would explode and wound or kill the men. Many prayed to St. Barbara to protect them from this fate.

She is often depicted with mini chains, standing by a tower with three windows, carrying a palm branch and sometimes standing near cannons. St. Barbara is the patron saint of architects, armorers, artillerymen, mathematicians, miners, mining engineers, those who build tunnels, French fire fighters, the Irish Artillery Corps, the Italian Navy, the Spanish military artillerymen, the Gunnery Branch of the British Royal Navy and sudden death. Santa Barbara CA was named after her as a Spanish Mission.

She is known as the Great Martyr Barbara and is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, venerated because their intercession is believed to be especially effective against diseases.

St. Barbara is invoked against lightning and fire, with the associations of explosions and also regarding how her father died. In the Czech Republic, there is an old tradition in the tunnelling industry, where one of the first tasks for each new tunnelling project is to establish a small shrine to St. Barbara at the tunnel portal or at the underground junctions which lead to the long tunnel headings. Then there is a dedication and a prayer to St. Barbara for protection of all who work on the project during the construction period. G.K. Chesterton, an English writer who converted to Catholicism, wrote a poem about her called “The Ballad of Saint Barbara.”

St. Barbara’s feast day is celebrated on December 4.