



Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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

January 22, 2023

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

FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO
PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.
MATTHEW 4:17



Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM

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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)



New beginnings appear in our lives in many ways and at different times. Not too long ago we began yet another new year. It offered us a time to look back and reflect, as well as a time to look forward and dream of possibilities. Of course, turning the calendar is not the only new beginning we come across in life. Graduations, new jobs, weddings, births, and so many other life events offer us times of not only looking forward but also being mindful of the past.

Today's Gospel passage tells the story surrounding a new beginning in salvation history. It describes the start of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. When we read about the beginning of Jesus' ministry, this new beginning directly connects to the past. It makes the present that much more glorious because it shows that God has kept his promise and the world is not overcome by darkness.

God is calling us back to him. Our new beginnings are at hand, and we can grow in a deeper commitment to our faith. Indeed, every time we receive the body of Christ, it is a new beginning. May God continue to guide us on this journey.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. (Ps. 27:13-14)

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A partir de ese momento, Jesús comenzó a predicar y a decir: "Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado" (Mateo 4:17).

Nuevos comienzos aparecen en nuestras vidas de muchas maneras y en diferentes momentos. No hace mucho comenzamos otro nuevo año. Nos ofreció un tiempo para mirar hacia atrás y reflexionar, así como un tiempo para mirar hacia adelante y soñar con posibilidades. Por supuesto, pasar el calendario no es el único nuevo comienzo que encontramos en la vida. Las graduaciones, los nuevos trabajos, las bodas, los nacimientos y tantos otros eventos de la vida nos ofrecen momentos no solo para mirar hacia adelante, sino también para recordar el pasado.

El pasaje evangélico de hoy cuenta la historia de un nuevo comienzo en la historia de la salvación. Describe el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús en Galilea. Cuando leemos sobre el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús, este nuevo comienzo se conecta directamente con el pasado. Hace que el presente sea mucho más glorioso porque muestra que Dios ha cumplido su promesa y que el mundo no está vencido por las tinieblas.

Dios nos está llamando de regreso a él. Nuestros nuevos comienzos están a la mano, y podemos crecer en un compromiso más profundo con nuestra fe. De hecho, cada vez que recibimos el cuerpo de Cristo, es un nuevo comienzo. Que Dios nos siga guiando en este camino.

Creo que veré la generosidad del SEÑOR en la tierra de los vivientes. Espera en el SEÑOR con valor; esfuérzate y espera en Jehová. (Sal. 27:13-14)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of January 8, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$16,943.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$6,169.00

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

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 8, 2023: 1,500

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21, 2023

4:00 pm Blessings for Fr. Dave Gillis
Requested by: Your St. Faustina Family

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:00 am + Lucille Matthews
Requested by: Ciardi Family

9:30 am + Ralph Vieto
Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

5:00 pm + Miguel & + Olga
Requested by: Daughter, Silvia

Monday, January 23, 2023

8:00 am + John Mucci
Requested by: Family

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

8:00 am + John Griffin
Requested by: Mary & Dennis Griffin

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

8:00 am SI Tony Pichay
Requested by: Wife

Thursday, January 26, 2023

8:00 am + Serenidad Mabuti
Requested by: Yolanda & Carmelita

Friday, January 27, 2023

8:00 am + Dacio Rabelas, Sr.
Requested by: Ed & Gay Rabelas

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:00 am + Carol Molitoris
Requested by: Friends

4:00 pm + John Friedrich
Requested by: Marilyn Moseley

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:00 am + Elizabeth & + Michael Venditti
Requested by: David Venditti

9:30 am + Linda Mannion
Requested by: Husband John

11:00 am + James Rafferty
Requested by: Bob & Winnie White

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

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.



Ron Henefer, Joe Arnello, Hadley Epps, Ken Hellman, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Becky Oosterveen, Deacon Dennis Gillan, Steve Albrecht, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Angel Pagan, Yolanda Inumerable, Robert Kasper, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell, Mike McGee, 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, 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 the Ukraine and their people, and all those in need.



"A memorial mass was held in honor of John Ryan Sr. On Friday, January 20th at 10:00 am" John was one of St Faustina's pioneers and was an active member not only of our parish, but also of the Knights of Columbus. Please keep his family in your prayers.



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



Thank you for your OCA Contributions on behalf of St. Faustina!
Our Parish is Ever-so-Generous: because of you, we met our Goal!

**OCA
Update**

Each year parishes of the Diocese of Orlando are assessed with a contribution commitment toward the Diocese's **Our Capital Campaign** (OCA). Last February we announced that St. Faustina's assessment for 2022 was \$76,804, and that Bishop Noonan had granted a very generous decrease (over \$25,000!) from the previous year because of our building a new church and our Building Fund campaign. Thank you, Bishop Noonan!

This update is to say that our parish met, and exceeded the OCA 2022 assessment! Our parish contributed over \$88,822! The overage will be returned to St. Faustina, and sensibly we will place the returned money into St. Faustina's "**Mortgage Reduction Fund**" (which replaces the New Building Fund; see the notes from the Town Hall meeting on January 7th).

Again and again, *can we repeat our thankfulness to you?!* Many prayers and blessings upon each of you and your family!



There is still time to purchase a commemorative brick to honor your family and friends. The Saint Faustina Knights of Columbus and the St. Faustina Parish continue 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.

A total of 115 bricks have already been sold and, while there is no time limit or deadline to purchase bricks, you can be among the first in our parish to have your brick installed. The plan (hope) is to have the initial bricks in place by the time we dedicate our new church building.



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. 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.



Decade of the Day Rosary — Are you willing to spend five minutes of your day saying

ONE DECADE of the ROSARY?

In each of her appearances Mary has asked that we
PRAY THE ROSARY!

In this program you and your Decade are combined with 19 others saying their Decade each day.

A full 20 Decade Rosary is offered up every day and you are a part of it.

As a member of this program you and your intentions, which are your own, are remembered in several churches and shrines around the country.

If you are interested please email: office@stfaustina.org

God Bless you for considering this.

For more information, please go to our St. Faustina web page at:

[Decade A Day - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Decade A Day - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))

To learn more about our Catholic Faith, please go to the EWTN website at:

Catholicism - Faith, Resources & Practices for Catholic Followers | EWTN



To join, go to: www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch

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Our Next Blood Drive will NEXT SUNDAY, January 29 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Because of our outstanding donor contributions, OneBlood will be sending two buses. In the three-year history of this important outreach ministry, our parishioners have helped to save up to 1,071 lives by donating 357 pints of blood. Each donation has the ability to save up to three lives. Walk-ups donors make-up 90% of our donations, but if you would like to make an appointment, please go to: [OneBlood](https://www.oneblood.org)

Church Bequests After considering the needs of your family and loved ones, you can make a bequest of your remaining assets to St. Faustina Catholic Church. Your bequest could be a set amount of money, a portion of your estate, or valuable collections you'd like to donate.

To observe the best method for naming St. Faustina in your will or trust, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:

*I give, devise, & bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.)
to Bishop John Noonan, as Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, and his successors in the office,
for the use of St. Faustina Catholic Church 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Rd. Clermont, FL 34714*

As always, "thank you" for your continued support of our St. Faustina parish in *everything* that you do.



Hands of Hope America, the local food pantry that our parish supports with your weekly food donations, **IS IN DESPERATE need of volunteers to help distribute items at the pantry** (which is located about five miles from here at the Zak's strip mall our parish use to inhabit).



Hours are flexible and the need is great. **The pantry operates Monday through Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; YOU MAKE YOUR OWN HOURS.** Demand from our local Four Corners families has grown, in part because of the inflation issues our country is dealing with. If you have an hour or more that you could donate to our community, *please contact Pamela, a parishioner here at St. Faustina, at: 407-965-6666.* To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to their website at:

[Home - Hands of Hope America](https://www.hands-of-hope.com)

Donation Box Supports the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center—Our parish has long supported the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. If you would like to donate items to this ministry, please see the list of suggested items on the donation box located in the usher's room. St. Faustina parish is only accepting *new and gently used clothing up to size 2T.* **Please DO NOT drop off other items at the church.**



They are a non-profit organization operated by trained and caring volunteers and supported by local individuals, churches and businesses.

For more information, please go to their web site at: www.slpfcc.org



Bulletin Advertisers Needed! Jenny Lusk from Diocesan (our bulletin publishing partner) is working to renew the advertisements currently running in the bulletin and to secure NEW bulletin advertisers. The bulletin is available in print and digitally online. *We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost THANKS to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors.* Jenny is

calling the current sponsors so please let her know if we can count on your continued support by renewing your listing, and please call her if you're interested in placing an advertisement in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family OR to memorialize a loved one. Bulletin sponsors recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, and we ask our parishioners and guests to patronize our supporters when using a local service. **Jenny can be reached at 913-205-6387 or JLusk@Diocesan.com.**

Town Hall Meeting Highlights



On Saturday, January 7th 2023, St. Faustina hosted a “Town Hall Meeting” whereby interested parishioners could attend and hear the exciting plans of the future of St. Faustina, the details of the new church building and moving into it, ministry updates, a financial update, as well as participate in a question and answer period.

An overwhelmingly good response was given to the meeting (approximately 150

people!), and therefore we endeavor to hold these meetings periodically as interest arises. The meeting was hosted by Father Ramon (St. Faustina’s priest) and several leaders from the parish. The following are highlights of the meeting. For the complete text, please go to our web page at: [Town Hall Meeting Minutes - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to Joe Seddio (St. Faustina’s Operations Manager) at: jseddio@stfaustina.org

THE MOVE SCHEDULE

The move begins ***TOMORROW, Monday, January 23***. The kneelers will be removed from the chairs prior to being relocated to our new location on Tuesday, January 24. The Fire Marshall needs to see how everything fits and that will decide if the plaques stay on the chairs or we create a “Wall of Remembrance” in the Narthex. The bronze Divine Mercy Statue and the piano are also being moved at this time.

The Masses of January 28-29 will be the last Masses held in our current location and will use the folding chairs that are available. Parishioners are invited to bring their lawn chairs to ensure that they have a place to sit (space permitting).

The moving of the Sanctuary furniture will be on Friday, February 3. We will post an update on our website and Facebook page regarding the status of First Friday Adoration.

NEW CHURCH BLESSING DATE and TIMELINE

Bishop Noonan will celebrate a “Blessing Mass” at our new site on ***Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10 a.m.*** Everyone is welcome to attend this very exciting Mass. From that point on, we will celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass in our new building starting with the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday afternoon, February 4 and continuing on Sunday with our regularly-scheduled Mass times.

GAMEDAY EXECUTION – (Mass Day)

We will have some new procedures for the weekend and weekday Masses once we are in our new church building. Parking dispersal, ushers, Altar Servers and many other procedures will be, at least, slightly different than what we are accustomed to, and while we discussed how we would like it to work, much of it will be “learn as we go” situations...so we ask for your prayers, patience, and support until it all gets figured out for the benefit of everyone.

Following the presentation, a Question Answer period was held. Here is a sample:

Q—During Masses, is there going to be a police presence on Route 27?

A—It is open for discussion, however, we do not have a definitive answer at this time. We will continue to talk with Lake County, and if we need to engage an officer at busy times, we are prepared to do so.

Q—Will the plaques remain on the chairs?

A—It is unknown how many of the chairs will fit in the new worship space. If all the chairs cannot be placed in the worship area, all plaques will come off the chairs and go on a commemorative wall. However, the plaques will remain on the chairs until it is determined if all the chairs fit. That decision will come as a result of the Fire Marshall’s inspection.

Q—What is the mortgage rate?

A—It is a 20-year mortgage at 5.75 percent, which makes the mortgage payment about the same as the rent on this building (\$14,000).

Q—What is the long-range plan for St. Faustina parish?

A—What we will be moving into on February 4 is all that we could afford at this time. Within a couple of years, the plan is to build a Cathedral-style church on the 44 acres that is this site.

Father Ed came up for final comments and stated that, “Bishop Noonan asked me to stay with St. Faustina until the finish of this wonderful church.” He went on to state that the Bishop has appreciated the patience and efforts of St. Faustina’s parishioners, and has been, and continues to be, enthusiastic about this project and the future of St. Faustina parish. Father Ed further stated, “I will do anything to take the needs of St. Faustina forward to the Diocese.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

By *Marylu Mariniello*

Tommaso d'Aquino was born in the castle of Roccasecca on January 28, 1225 in the Kingdom of Sicily, now known as the Lazio region of Italy. His parents were well to do. As the youngest son Thomas was expected to enter the monastery.

Thomas began his education at Monte Cassino at age five, where he remained until the military conflict between Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey. Then he transferred and enrolled at the studium generale in Naples, where he discovered his philosophical influences - Aristotle, Averroes, and Maimonides and where he met John of St. Julian, a Dominican preacher. John influenced Thomas to join the recently founded Dominican Order. Thomas told his family about his decision, so his mother arranged for him to move to Paris. While travelling, his brothers captured him and brought back to their parent's home. Thomas was held captive for one year because his family did not want him to join the Dominicans. During that year he tutored his sisters and communicated with the Dominican Order.



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Trying to change his mind, two of his brothers hired a woman to seduce Thomas, but he drove her off with a fire iron. Then two angels appeared to him in a dream, which strengthened his resolve to remain celibate. His mother realized that her son did not want the life that she wanted so she arranged for Thomas to escape in 1244. After this, Thomas went to Naples and then to Rome and met Johannes von Wildeshausen, the Master General of the Dominical Order. The next year, Thomas studied at the Faculty of the Arts at the University of Paris, where he met Dominican scholar Albertus Magnus, the Chair of Theology at the College of St. James. Thomas chose to follow Albert to the new studium generale at Cologne rather than accepting Pope Innocent IV's offer to appoint him abbot of Monte Cassino as a Dominican. When they reached the university, Albert assigned Thomas as the magister studentium.

Thomas was quiet and seldom spoke at the university, leading other students to believe he was mentally challenged but Albert said, "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching, he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world." Thomas taught in Cologne as an apprentice professor and instructed students on the books of the Old Testament while also writing *Expositio super Isaiam ad litteram*, *Postilla super Ieremiam* and *Postilla super Threnos*. He returned to Paris to earn his master's degree in theology.

Thomas was a famous influential philosopher, theologian, and jurist in the tradition of scholasticism, being a prominent proponent of natural theology. He is the father of a school of thought which blends both theology and philosophy known as Thomism. Thomas argued that God is the source of the light of natural reason and the light of faith and influenced Western thought and much of modern philosophy, particularly in ethics, natural law, metaphysics and political theory.

Thomas died on March 7, 1274 at the Fossanova Abbey in Italy. He was Canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323. Pope Pius V declared Saint Thomas a doctor of the church, saying Thomas was "the most brilliant light of the Church."

In 1879, Pope Leo XIII wrote the encyclical *Aeterni Patris*, which made St. Thomas Aquinas the definitive Catholic philosopher and theologian. Pope Leo called for the teaching of scholastic philosophy in Catholic seminaries in order to counter what he saw as the destructive consequences of secular philosophy, especially stressing the works of Thomas Aquinas. He felt that these teachings would be the weapon the Church would use in defense of the faith. This curriculum was added to both Catholic and secular colleges and universities worldwide. St. Thomas Aquinas is considered a polymath, which is a person whose knowledge spans a large range of subjects to solve specific problems.

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of students and all universities. His feast day is January 28.

This is one of many quotes from St. Thomas Aquinas:

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."