



# ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

February 4, 2023

First Masses in Our Permanent Home

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**



**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

*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. (Matthew 5:13-14)*



In Jesus' time, salt was as good as gold. Roman soldiers were paid in salt. In Latin, salt is *sal*, from which we derive the word salary, drawing from this ancient Roman form of payment for services rendered. The soldiers did not complain when they were paid in this way. Salt was unbelievably valuable as a seasoning and spice, as medicine and as a preservative. It was used in temple worship and in sacrifice to God.

Jesus warned us against the salt that loses its flavor and ends up in the trash - *thrown out and trampled underfoot*. This is what happens when our life is contaminated by sin and worldly attachments, or when we focus only on our needs and neglect those of others around us. The prophet Isaiah tells us how we can be salt and light for others: feed them, clothe them, house them, never turning our back on them.

Those willing to help others will receive help from on high, he said. Conversely, those who will not give help should not expect to receive it.

God desires that same transformation of faith for all of us, that we, too, may come out of the shadows and live in the light and the love of God in Christ Jesus. As priceless as salt, God thinks we matter a great deal, so much so that he was willing to choose death that we might be chosen for eternal life. Pray that we might find the same priceless salt and light shining in those around us.

*...Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:16)*

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*Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Ustedes son la sal de la tierra. Pero si la sal pierde su sabor, ¿con qué se puede sazonar? Ya no sirve para nada más que ser arrojado y pisoteado. (Mateo 5:13-14)*

En el tiempo de Jesús, la sal era tan buena como el oro. A los soldados romanos se les pagaba con sal. En latín, la sal es *sal*, de la cual derivamos la palabra salario, extrayendo de esta antigua forma romana de pago por los servicios prestados. Los soldados no se quejaron cuando se les pagó de esta manera. La sal era increíblemente valiosa como condimento y especia, como medicina y como conservante. Se usaba en la adoración del templo y en el sacrificio a Dios.

Jesús nos advirtió contra la sal que pierde su sabor y termina en la basura, *arrojada y pisoteada*. Esto es lo que sucede cuando nuestra vida está contaminada por el pecado y los apegos mundanos, o cuando nos enfocamos solo en nuestras necesidades y descuidamos las de los demás que nos rodean. El profeta Isaías nos dice cómo podemos ser sal y luz para los demás: alimentarlos, vestirlos, albergarlos, nunca darles la espalda.

Aquellos dispuestos a ayudar a otros recibirán ayuda de lo alto, dijo. Por el contrario, aquellos que no darán ayuda no deben esperar recibirla.

Dios desea esa misma transformación de fe para todos nosotros, para que nosotros también podamos salir de las sombras y vivir en la luz y el amor de Dios en Cristo Jesús. Tan invaluable como la sal, Dios piensa que importamos mucho, tanto que estuvo dispuesto a elegir la muerte para que pudiéramos ser elegidos para la vida eterna. Ore para que podamos encontrar la misma sal y luz invaluable brillando en quienes nos rodean.

*... Así pues, vuestra luz debe brillar delante de los demás, para que puedan ver vuestras buenas obras y glorificar a vuestro Padre celestial." (Mateo 5:16)*

## *Financial Stewardship*

Weekly Collection Weekend of January 22, 2023

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,826.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$7,570.00**

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 22, 2023: 1,798**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

## Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:00 am + Norman Johnson

Requested by: Kathryn Johnson

9:30 am + Elisabeth O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Requested by: Broehl Family

11:00 am + Joseph Begen

Requested by: Barbara

5:00 pm + Alfreda Rivera

Requested by: Evelyn Garcia

## Monday, February 6, 2023

8:00 am + Josephine Gutowski

Requested by: Lorraine Pacyna

## Tuesday, February 7, 2023

8:00 am SI Maria L. Pichay

Requested by: Mother

## Wednesday, February 8, 2023

8:00 am + Charlie Carlos Cotto

Requested by: Cruzita Santos

## Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:00 am SI Vanessa Pilariza

Requested by: Yolanda

## Friday, February 10, 2023

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for Favors Received

Requested by: Mary Casey

## Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00 am + Jorge Gomez

Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

## Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Elisabeth O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Requested by: Family

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Mariela Rodriguez (Anniv)

Requested by: Valentina & Lida

# 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).



Dave and Judy Gutowski, Sr., Darlene Masturzo, 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.



**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.

# Today We Celebrate God's Promise to Us



*We are home!*

A journey that began on December 24, 2006, in a hotel conference room, one that took us to an abandoned barbecue restaurant, and then to a pair of strip malls, is over. Today (February 4, 2023) we celebrate, in our own home, the next chapter of our St. Faustina Catholic Parish.

First and foremost, we give all Glory, Honor, and Thanksgiving, to God for bringing us together as one parish family, for guiding us through the good...and the not so good...and for fulfilling His promise to us.

Second, we remember those family and friends who are not with us today...physically...but who are spiritually basking in the glow of relief, success, and thanksgiving from their eternal home in God's Heavenly Kingdom. It has been a combination of their continued and constant prayers, coupled with our own, that has given us this beautiful new church building.

Our magnificent bronze statue of Jesus, in the majesty of His Divine Mercy, has come out of storage, out of the back corner, and now greets us as we walk, from the parking lot, to the beautiful entranceway, though the wonderful Narthex, and into our glorious worship area.

Yes, today's 10 am Blessing Mass and the regularly scheduled weekend Masses mark a "new beginning" for us and become the next step in our journey that God has carefully planned out for us.

Along with Father Ramon, Father Ed Waters has become a staple at our parish during the last year with his announcements and updates regarding our new church building. Since retiring from St. Timothy's, where he was pastor from 2007 until earlier this year, Father Ed is a regular celebrant at St. Faustina. While his homilies are short, they are to the point and leave us with more than something to think about.

During one of Father Ed's updates from our Ambo, he excused himself, pulled out his cell phone, and said, "Hello Frank, how you doing? I'm at St. Faustina in Clermont, and talking to the people about donations so we can get this project going. Yes, Frank, I will tell them you are rooting for them and give them your best." He then put his phone back in his pocket, looked out into the congregation, and said, "That was Pope Francis." ... much to the delight, laughter, and applause from all who were in attendance.

As it turns out, Father Ed has been with us, behind the scenes going all the way back to our time at Zak's strip mall on 192, where we were between a Tattoo Parlor and a Message Parlor.

"When I was made Dean of the Northern Deanery years ago, I went visiting every single parish in the deanery, (St. Faustina is the southernmost parish in the deanery). At that time the parish was at a strip mall on 192 (Zak's), and visiting there was part of my job.

Since that visit, Father Ed has kept Bishop Noonan and the Diocese Fundraising Committee constantly informed of our progress. *(continued on page 5)*



**Welcome  
Bishop Noonan**

## Our Parish Stewardship Prayer by Father Ramon

O good and gracious God, we praise and thank you for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us since the foundation of this great parish. We stand in gratitude for a beautiful building we can call our own, where worship celebrations and the administration of sacraments and ministries duly take place.

As we transition into our own place of worship, may we remain worthy stewards and willing instruments of your mercy, healing, and peace to the world around us. May visitors, pilgrims and friends feel the welcome and warmth of a growing faith community here at Lake County.

May our parishioners, benefactors and associates be blest with generous and loving hearts to collaborate and work together in harmony for the growth and increase of this faith community. Jesus, I trust in you, Jesus, I trust in you, Jesus I trust in you. St. Faustina, apostle of mercy and our patroness, pray for us!



# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

(Today We Celebrate — continued from page 4) “The Bishop has long-been a supporter of this parish with the goal of building a church here,” said Father. “I know, firsthand, that he is pleased and excited that the project...the dreams of the many people of this parish... has finally become a reality.”

So, today, and as Father Ed proudly and joyfully concurs, as we bask in the gratitude of God’s love for where He has led us, we know that His plan for us has only just begun. We know that He has commissioned us to bring more of his children to His glory through our humble parish. We know that we have a lot more work to do on His behalf. We know, through the experiences of our own 16-plus year journey, that we can...and will... accomplish His calling for us, *Together*.



**WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP** — Now that we are in our own church building, there are a lot more opportunities for our parishioners to become involved by volunteering their time and talents.

*In fact, we really need your help.*

To learn more about all of our ministries and who to contact, please go to our website at:

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

and / or: [Liturgical Ministries - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

Or email our St. Faustina Operations manager, Joe Seddio, at [jseddio@stfaustina.org](mailto:jseddio@stfaustina.org) and he will get back to you.

**WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY** — Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a snowbird, we invite you to register with our parish. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at: [New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org) or stop by the office during regular business hours.

*We'd love to meet you!*



A quick reminder that **our bake sale has been canceled** for the months of February and March. Information regarding the restarting of this important ministry will be forthcoming now that we are in our new church building.



**How much do you really know about your parish and about or patron saint?** By clicking on the following link: [St. Faustina History - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org) you will find the history of, not only our patron saint, St. Faustina, but also the history of your parish.

Meet our staff, who are here to assist you in any way possible, by clicking on: [About Us - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

**There are two ways you can get the bulletin digitally.** The first is to go to our new website: [News / Weekly Bulletin - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org) The bulletin is usually posted on Friday morning. The second is to have it delivered to your email. FIRST, click on the following: [St. Faustina Catholic Church | Discover Mass](http://stfaustina.org)

THEN, click on the “bulletin” button and go down to the “Sign Up Today” button. Fill in your email address, hit submit and your bulletin will be delivered to your email. The cool thing about getting the bulletin digitally is that you can simply “click” on the various links that are in the publication and be taken to the corresponding site.



# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



**The Blessing of the Throats, in celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3) will be held after every Mass this weekend.**

**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 on Route 192). 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](#)

*Your help is needed!*



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE** in our weekly "Food For All" ministry, simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in our wagons. Your donation will help families in need in our Four Corners community.



**ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL RESUME** Wednesday, February 8, for grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and Confirmation. Saturday classes begin on February 11 for grades Kindergarten, six and eight. Sunday's classes on February 12 are for RCIA/ Adults, RCIA/Children, grades 2 and 4.

First Confession has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 11 at 12:00 PM.

*All classes will be held in our new church building.*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER**—There are several opportunities for us to pray together as a parish family during the course of the day, the week, and the month. To see what is available to meet your schedule, please go to our website home page at: [Are you looking for a Catholic Church near Disney World? \(stfaustina.org\)](#) and scroll down the right side of the page.



**BEREAVEMENT/CONSOLATION MINISTRY**—The Bereavement/Consolation Ministry has been present at St. Faustina for the last four years. We are currently in need of English and Bilingual Ministers. The primary goal of this ministry is to comfort and support those left behind. No one should ever have to grieve alone.

We support and journey with all who need assistance with making funeral arrangements, planning the liturgy, as well as long term support.

If you feel that you are being called to serve those in need and have compassion, patience, empathy, understanding and are a good listener, please reach out to [kmucci@stfaustina.org](mailto:kmucci@stfaustina.org) for more information and/or visit our website at: [Bereavement and Consolation - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](#)

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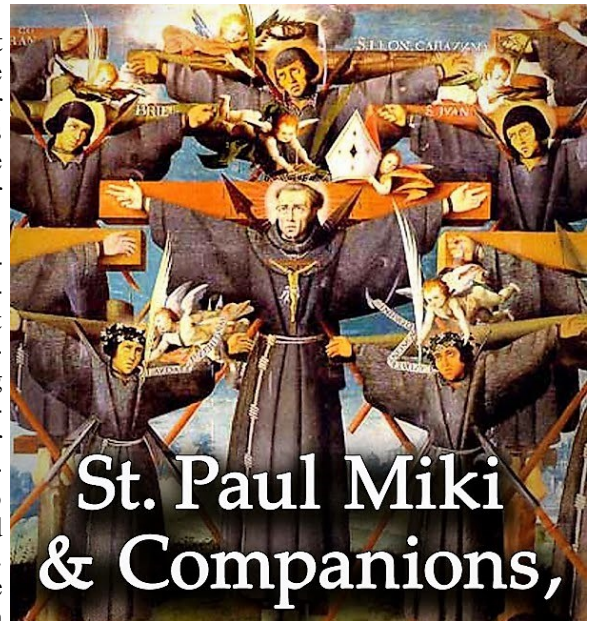
# St. Paul Miki and Companions

By *Marylu Mariniello*

Nagasaki, Japan is familiar to the world as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, killing 70,000 people. However, over three and a half centuries before, twenty six Japanese martyrs were crucified on a hill now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were Franciscans, Jesuits, priests, brothers, laymen, members of the Secular Franciscan Order, catechists, doctors, artisans, servants, old men and three altar servers. All were united in a common faith and love for Christ and his Church.

When St. Francis Xavier came to Japan in 1549, he brought Christianity to the country. Japanese leaders opposed and feared that the introduction of Christianity was the first step in Spain's effort to conquer their country, as the Spanish had already captured the Philippines. Japan's ruler, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, banished all foreign ministers in 1587. The decree was not rigidly enforced, so the Jesuits were able to continue their work under the threat of persecution.

Paul Miki was born in 1562 in Tounucumada, Settsu County, Japan, to a wealthy family, the son of a Japanese military leader and Samurai. His family had become Christians. He was educated by the Jesuits at the age of twenty in Azuchi at the College of Anziquiama, eventually becoming a Jesuit. Paul was famous as a successful preacher, converting many people. A few months before his ordination, Paul was arrested. Another Christian was James Kisai, who worked for the Jesuits as a porter and servant. John de Goto was born to Christian parents on one of the islands of the Goto archipelago, but moved to Nagasaki to have freedom to practice his religion. He was living in the Jesuit community in Osaka and working as a catechist while preparing to join the Jesuits, around 1596. Francis was a carpenter, Gabriel was the nineteen year old son of the Franciscan's porter, Leo was a twenty-eight year old carpenter from Miyako, Joachim Sakakibara was the cook for the Franciscans at Osaka, Peter Sukejiroo was sent to help the prisoners and Cosmas Takeya from Owari, who had preached in Osaka and Ventura. These men were a few of the twenty six who were killed.



All were arrested on December 9 and sent to Miyako, now known as Kyoto. They were imprisoned along with six Franciscans and some tertiaries. The prisoners were taken into the public square and condemned to be executed by crucifixion. This was considered a mark of shame, with the lobe of each person's left ear cut off before they were led away. The prisoners left the following day to walk six hundred miles to Nagasaki where they would be killed.

This trip would take weeks. They sang the *Te Deum* while walking. Along the way people insulted and mocked them, but Paul and a Franciscan priest preached to the crowds anyway. Right before they reached Nagasaki, two Jesuit priests were able to minister to the prisoners. One of them was Father Pasio, who took the three young Jesuits into the chapel where Paul Miki renewed his vows and John de Goto and James Kisai pronounced their first vows.

When they arrived in Nagasaki, the prisoners were taken to a hill outside the city where they saw crosses lying on the ground waiting for them. They allowed the executioners to tie them onto the crosses and fasten metal bands around their necks so they would keep their heads erect. The crosses were lifted up and dropped into holes in the ground. John De Goto's father was in the crowd and heard Paul Miki preach to the people inviting them to convert. Finally soldiers pierced each prisoner's chest with a lance. Paul forgave his killers as he died saying "I sincerely forgive the king and those who caused my death, and I ask you to receive baptism." His last words were "Like my Master, I shall die upon the cross. Like him, a lance will pierce my heart so that my blood and my love can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to his name."

All were killed on February 5, 1597. The hill on which they died became known as "Martyrs' Hill." They were beautified by Pope Urban VIII in 1627 and canonized on June 8, 1862 by Pope Pius IX. Their feast day is February 6. St. Paul Miki and Companions are also known as the "Holy Martyrs of Nagasaki." There is a church in Civitavecchia, Italy named after the Martyrs, called The Church of the Holy Japanese Martyrs in English and Chiesa dei Santissimi Martiri Giapponesi in Italian. The martyrs are:

**Foreign Missionaries** — Martin of the Ascension, Pedro Bautista, Philip of Jesus, Francisco Blanco, Francisco of St. Michale and Gundisalvus (Gonsalvo) Garcia

**Japanese Franciscan Tertiaries** — Antony Dainan, Bonaventure of Miyako, Cosmas Takeya, Francisco of Nagasaki, Francis Kichi, Gabriel de Duisco, Joachim Sakakibara, John Kisaka, Leo Karasumaru, Louis Ibaraki, Matthias of Miyako, Michael Kozaki, Paul Ibaraki, Paul Suzuki, Pedro Sukejiroo, Thomas Kozaki and Thomas Xico aka Thomas Danki

**Japanese Jesuits** — James Kisai, John Soan de Goto and Paul Miki