

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter 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, 5:45 PM Sunday @ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

5:00 PM en Espanol

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00-4:00 PM

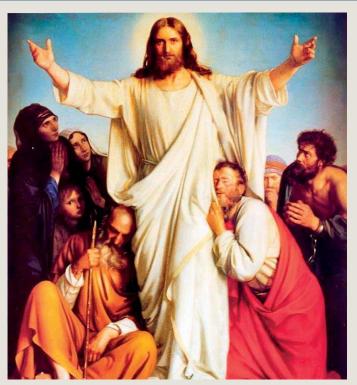
First Friday Adoration

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment

The Church is Open for Personal Prayer Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM Parish Phone Number: 352-515-9297

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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn 14:6)

With these words, our Lord makes it clear that he is the only redeemer of the world. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ - the only begotten Son of God - has defeated for us the snares of sin and death and brought us back to the Father. We hear these words of Jesus as part of his conversation with his Apostles at the Last Supper. In this teaching moment, the Lord reveals his unique relationship to God the Father. Jesus is actually unpacking the nature of the Holy Trinity to the Apostles, but they will not begin to grasp it until the Holy Spirit brings them to a deeper understanding after Pentecost.



Because our faith teaches that it is Jesus who redeemed the world - that he came to heal and save all of humanity - we not only begin to understand Christ's great commission to go out to all the world, but we should desire what he does. That is, it is our mission to continue what he began by preaching the Gospel to the world. This should challenge us to do two things: to commit ourselves to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with others, and to pray for the work of missionaries and preachers around the world. We must work and pray to help all people find Jesus present now in the Eucharist, and to be united to him forever in heaven.

"...Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

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Jesús le dijo: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie viene al Padre sino por mí. (Jn 14,6)

Con estas palabras, nuestro Señor deja claro que Él es el único redentor del mundo. A través de su vida, muerte y resurrección, Jesucristo, el Hijo unigénito de Dios, ha derrotado para nosotros las trampas del pecado y la muerte y nos ha traído de vuelta al Padre. Escuchamos estas palabras de Jesús como parte de su conversación con sus apóstoles en la Última Cena. En este momento de enseñanza, el Señor revela su relación única con Dios el Padre. Jesús en realidad está desempacando la naturaleza de la Santísima Trinidad a los Apóstoles, pero ellos no comenzarán a comprenderla hasta que el Espíritu Santo los lleve a una comprensión más profunda después de Pentecostés.

Debido a que nuestra fe enseña que es Jesús quien redimió al mundo, que vino a sanar y salvar a toda la humanidad, no solo comenzamos a entender la gran comisión de Cristo de ir a todo el mundo, sino que debemos desear lo que hace. Es decir, es nuestra misión continuar lo que él comenzó predicando el Evangelio al mundo. Esto debería desafiarnos a hacer dos cosas: comprometernos a compartir el Evangelio de Jesús con otros y orar por el trabajo de misioneros y predicadores de todo el mundo. Debemos trabajar y orar para ayudar a todas las personas a encontrar a Jesús presente ahora en la Eucaristía, y a estar unidos a él para siempre en el cielo.

"... Amén, amén, os digo que el que cree en mí hará las obras que yo hago, y hará mayores que estas, porque voy al Padre". (Juan 14:12)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of April 23, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,919.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$6,963.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of April 23, 2023: 1,659



It is with utmost respect that we share this friendly reminder with you. Our Church is a Holy place. While in the building, both before, during and after Mass, please be reverent and keep conversations soft and at a minimum, as others are in prayer.

Thank you for your consideration to others and our Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

5:45 pm + Hal & Donna Goodhue

Requested by: Harold & Donna Goodhue

Sunday, May 7, 2023

7:30 am + Mary Symons

Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Juan Villafane

Requested by: Evelyn Garcia

Monday, May 8, 2023

8:00 am + Ermelinda & + Tony Sousa-Nunes

Requested by: Oti Sousa

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:00 am + Kenneth Schanen

Requested by: Daughter Lynda

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

8:00 am + Lucille Marsh

Requested by: Mattingly Family

Thursday, May 11, 2023

8:00 am + Alice Humphrey

Requested by: Edda Anderson

Friday, May 12, 2023

8:00 am + Ermilando Monton

Requested by: Gloria Monton

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

5:45 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
 9:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
 11:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Prayer Requests

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

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



David Venditti, Ed David, Angela and Exevior Bojda, Lisa Flaherty, Maryn Poggi, James Niccum, Kristina Starr,

Glen Mahnken, Mary Ann David Bartkus, Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Sue Puffs, David Valerian, Josefina Bacosa, Daniel Tomberg, Gloria Nestel, Russell Perine, Anita Boyd, Lisa Hurley, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Joe Arnello, Hadley Epps, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Tina Audino, Jo Ellen Foti, Frank Montagnino, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, and all those who need our prayers.



If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, we want you to know how welcome you are --- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city...WELCOME!

OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



DIVINE WILL GROUP SECOND SATURDAY 9AM—IN THE CHURCH THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

"THE DIVINE WILL CONNECTS EVERYTHING IN UNITY"
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW



FOR MORE INFORMATION 863-353-1673 OR

HTTPS://STFAUSTINA.ORG/MINISTRIES/DIVINE-WILL/

Please join us for DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS to COMMEMORATE the APPARITION of OUR LADY of FATIMA to the three Shepherds on Saturday, May 13, at noon in the church. We invite you to be part of the 11:45 am procession that will begin in the parking lot and end in the church.

For more information, please contact Gloria Monton at 856-404-0559.

Refreshments will be served in the Narthax following the prayer service, which will be presided over by Father John.





The Bake Sale returns the weekend of May 20 & 21 after the 4:00 and 5:45 pm Saturday Masses and after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. As is the case with Hospitality, we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Of course we need bakers and sellers, but we also need people to help set up and put away.

If you are interested in helping, please go to our Bake Sale web page at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/ or email: office@stfaustina.org and include what your availability is and what you would like to do to help.

NEW ST. FAUSTINA YOUTH GROUP — Students in the Confirmation Class and Grade eight, please attend the first St. Faustina Youth Group meeting on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM. Come join others to make friends and tell us what your ideas are about areas that you would like to create and goals that you want to achieve. We will have food and games. All meetings will count towards your Confirmation service hours.





HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUR PARISH GIFT SHOP LATELY? — If you haven't, you're missing out on some really great items that are a part of our parish history. Mugs and tumblers featuring the Divine Mercy image, our patron saint, our parish AND our new church building are currently among the various Christian items that are now on sale. If you have collected St. Faustina parish fund-raising memorabilia in the past, you won't want to miss adding these items to your collection. 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 -

LOOK FOR THE FOOD WAGONS!! "Thank You" for your continued support of our **Food for All Ministry.** To participate, simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in one of the two wagons that will be located in the narthex near the warming kitchen. Your donations will go directly to Hands of Hope America, which supports our local Four Corners families in their time of need.



Shopping bags, other than plastic, are also needed.

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 the website at:

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MOTHER'S DAY IS COMING NEXT WEEK. If you would like to remember your mother, grandmother, or any other special mother-figure in your life, please fill out and *return your envelope TO THE OFFICE no later than MONDAY, MAY 8* so it can be counted and placed on the Altar. An envelope has been included this year in the packet or you can

take an envelope from the literature rack or use a plain envelope marked "Mother's Day". On Mother's Day weekend, all the envelopes will be placed on the Altar and we will pray for all the mothers in our lives.

CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS—With heartfelt love and gratitude to *ALL MOTHERS*, living or deceased, join our parish in offering CARNATION FLOWERS at our **MOTHER'S DAY MASSES**, the weekend of May 13-14 at all of our regularly-scheduled Masses. Our suggested donation is \$3.00 for each carnation stem and \$5.00 for two carnation stems Your continued support makes our parish family stronger in faith and love!



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

OUR ST. FAUSTINA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4217's annual Baby Bottle Drive is here again. We will be distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day in support of South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. This drive will end on Father's Day.

NEW LIGHTS ADORN OUR ROAD SIGN — It seems like every week there is something new and exciting going on at our new church home. Between old ministries restarting, new ministries starting, new and old opportunities to pray together, and / or something physically new to enhance our church building (as well as our spiritual journey)...not to mention all the new parishioner registrations that have been generated since moving in almost three months ago...God has truly blessed us. The next time your are passing by the property at night, take a look at the great new lights that adorn our St. Faustina Catholic Church road sign. Many continued thanks to St. Faustina's Knights of Columbus for coordinating this project, and for sharing their time, talents, and treasures with our parish!





BEREAVEMENT/CONSOLATION MINISTRY—The Bereavement/Consolation Ministry is in need of English and Bilingual ministers. The primary goal of this ministry is to comfort and support those left behind. 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 or call her at 352-525-9297 (ext. 102)* for more information and/or visit our website at:

Bereavement and Consolation - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

ST. FAUSTINA'S HEART LINKS IN FAITH GROUP offers a safe and confidential place for those who have lost a loved one, to share their experiences with others, learn about the process of grief and receive emotional and spiritual support. The group is open to all parish members as well as the general public. The group will meet on Saturday between 1:00 and 2:30 pm starting on May 20th. For more information, call Kelly Mucci at: 352-515-9297, ext. 102 if you plan to attend and/or have any questions.





Handel's Messiah Performed at the Basilica on May 12 — George Frederic Handel's beloved oratorio, Messiah, will be performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine in Orlando on Friday, May 12th, 2023. The performance will begin at 7:30 pm, and will feature the Basilica Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Dr. William Picher. All are welcome and no tickets are required. The Basilica

of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe is located at 8300 Vineland Avenue in Orlando, near the Lake Buena Vista of I-4 (exit #68). There is ample free parking. For more information, call the Music Department at (407) 239-6600 x317, or visit https://maryqueenoftheuniverse.org/concerts/

OPPORTUNITES 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: <u>Are you looking for a Catholic Church near Disney World? (stfaustina.org)</u> and scroll down the right side of the page.



Weekly Reflection

Spiritual and Religious

by Tommy Shultz, Diocesan Publications Writer

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?



Jesus Builds His Church Through His Disciples

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading

we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds

is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!



NEW EVENTS CALENDAR —Our St. Faustina website has a new page, an *Events Calendar* that features all the parish's monthly activities on one page. A total of 19 items have already been posted for May...and you can see them all at one time on one page by going to:

Events at St. Faustina, St. Faustina Catholic Church

<u>Events at St. Faustina - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)</u>

<u>MINISTRY LEADERS</u>— if you would like to have the events of your ministry posted on the calendar, please send them to: <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>.



Our Lady of Fatima

By Marylu Mariniello

In 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Portugal, who were sheep herders and not educated, but deeply religious. The children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

Before they saw Our Lady, the three children saw three apparitions of an angel in the town of Valinhos. Then they saw the Blessed Mother on May 13, 1917 in Cova de Iria. They would see her six more times, describing her as "a lady more brilliant than the sun." The children said that prayer would lead to the end of the war and that Our Lady would reveal her identity on October 13 of that year and would also perform a great miracle. Word soon spread, causing many to come to the site. While there were believers, there were also sceptics who found the story controversial and implausible. There was strong criticism from both religious and secular areas. The children were taken into custody by a provincial administrator because he felt that the prophecies were politically motivated, opposing the First Portuguese Republic, which was secular and established in 1910.

But the children kept their story. They said that the woman was "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." The Blessed Mother wore a white mantle edged with gold, holding a rosary in her hand and asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray "the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." They had never told anyone about seeing the angel, but Jacinta told her family about the woman, which is what they called the Blessed Mother. Her mother thought it was a joke and told her neighbors and word spread fast after that.



The children were told by the woman to return to Cova da Iria on June 13. Lúcia's mother then went to see the parish priest so he could question her daughter. Father Ferreira said that the children should go back to the site, but he wanted to speak to Lúcia. She told him that the woman said that Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to heaven soon, but she would live a longer life to teach about the Immaculate Heart of Mary and tell everyone about the woman's message. The children also said that the woman showed them a vision of hell and told them a secret, which they described as "good for some and bad for others."

Father Ferreira later said that Lúcia related to him that the lady told her, "I want you to come back on the thirteenth and to learn to read in order to understand what I want of you. ...I don't want more."

After this, thousands of people came to Fátima and nearby Aljustrel because they heard of the visions. In August, the Blessed Mother appeared to the children on the nineteenth at Valinhos. Again she asked them to pray the Rosary and told them about a miracle which would come in October. She also asked them "to pray a lot, a lot for the sinners and sacrifice a lot, as many souls perish in hell because nobody is praying or making sacrifices for them."

A huge crowd gathered in October, including reporters and photographers, because they had heard about the impending miracle in that month. The children said that they saw Christ, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph. According to some it had rained. Then the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as spinning disc in the sky, opaque in color. People said that the sun was significantly duller than normal, casting multicolored lights across the land-scape, the clouds and the people. Then the sun careened towards the earth before zigzagging back to its normal position. Witnesses said that their previously wet clothes became "suddenly and completely dry, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that had been falling." Not everyone reported seeing the sun "dance." Some only saw the radiant colors and others, including some believers, saw nothing. The only picture taken of the sun during the event did not show anything extraordinary and there was no unusual phenomenon of the sun observed by scientists at that time. Still, this became known as the "Miracle of the Sun."

The children began doing severe penances such as not drinking water in an extremely hot environment or else drinking dirty water from pond where women did laundry. Francisco and Jacinta Marto died in the global flu pandemic which began in 1918. Francisco died at home on April 4, 1919. He was ten years old. Jacinta was nine when she died on February 20, 1920 at the Queen Stephanie's Children Hospital in Lisbon. They are buried at the Sanctuary of Fátima. They were beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 2000 and canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017.

When she was fourteen, Lúcia was sent to the school of the Sisters of St. Dorothean in Vilar, a suburb of Porto, Portugal. In 1928, she became a postulant at the convent of the Sisters of Saint Dorothy in Tui, Spain. Lúcia continued to have private visions throughout her life, including seeing the Blessed Mother at the convent in 1925.

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