

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

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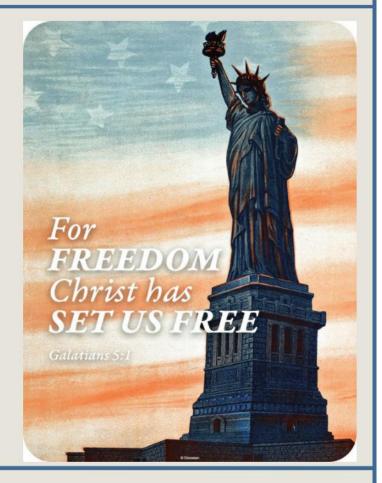
July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Happy Fourth of July

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 @ 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



Parish Office Hours	Monday thru Th	ursday, 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 apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt. 10:37-38)

Today's readings raise the perplexing theme that "there is finding in the losing of." This concept goes against simple logic. The whole point of finding is recovering a loss, right? They seem to be opposites - but really, they are not. The "losing" of which Jesus speaks is about sacrifice: losing, or giving up, something of ourselves for a greater good or for the good of others. As Christians, we know that sacrifice is at the core of our identity.



It is not easy to be comfortable with sacrifice. It leaves us vulnerable and requires loss.

Nevertheless, we have so many models of faith that have shown us the way. All of these holy men and women inspire us to work harder at putting God first. Losing ourselves in order to find our true selves in Christ brings us closer to God.

Jesus gives us the courage to do this, telling us that he is with us every step of the way. May the Eucharist we will soon share renew us and give us the strength to continue to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 6:11)

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Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: "El que ama al padre o a la madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí, y el que ama al hijo o a la hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí; Y el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí. Quien encuentre su vida la perderá, y quien pierda su vida por mi causa la encontrará. (Mt 10:37-38)

Las lecturas de hoy plantean el tema desconcertante de que "hay un hallazgo en la pérdida de". Este concepto va en contra de la lógica simple. El objetivo de encontrar es recuperar una pérdida, ¿verdad? Parecen ser opuestos, pero en realidad, no lo son. La "pérdida" de la que habla Jesús tiene que ver con el sacrificio: perder, o renunciar, a algo de nosotros mismos por un bien mayor o por el bien de los demás. Como cristianos, sabemos que el sacrificio está en el centro de nuestra identidad.

No es fácil sentirse cómodo con el sacrificio. Nos deja vulnerables y requiere pérdida. Sin embargo, tenemos tantos modelos de fe que nos han mostrado el camino. Todos estos hombres y mujeres santos nos inspiran a trabajar más duro para poner a Dios primero. Perdernos para encontrarnos a nosotros mismos en Cristo nos acerca más a Dios.

Jesús nos da el valor para hacer esto, diciéndonos que él está con nosotros en cada paso del camino. Que la Eucaristía que pronto compartiremos nos renueve y nos dé la fuerza para seguir manteniendo a Cristo en el centro de nuestras vidas.

En consecuencia, también vosotros debéis pensar en vosotros mismos como muertos al pecado y viviendo para Dios en Cristo Jesús. (Romanos 6:11)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of June 18, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10.866.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$.5,019.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of June 18, 2023: 1,340

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: <u>https://stfaustina.org/</u> and scroll down the right side of the page.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Ju	ıly 1, 2023		
4:00 pm	+ Darlene Kohn		
	Requested by: Pat & Marge Tagler		
Sunday, July	y 2, 2023		
7:30 am	+ Elmer & + Elsie Kwech		
	Requested by: Cathy Kwech		
9:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina		
11:30 am	+ Cleotilde Macalintal		
	Requested by: Silvia Espulgar		
5:00 pm	+ Bertha & + Eduardo Cueva		
	Requested by: Julio Cueva		
Monday, Jul	y 3, 2023		
8:00 am	m + John Petrone		
	Requested by: Deb & Dave Conley		
Tuesday, Jul	ly 4, 2023		
8:00 am	+ Luciana C. Flores		
	Requested by: Carmelita Flores		
Wednesday,	July 5, 2023		
8:00 am	SI (Ann) Mel & Elsa Gomez		
	Requested by: Mel & Elsa Gomez		
Thursday, J	uly 6, 2023		
8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory		
	Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable		
Friday, July	7, 2023		
8:00 am	+ Ermelinda & Tony Sousa/Nunes		
	Requested by: Oti Sousa		
Saturday, Ju	ıly 8, 2023		
8:00 am	+ Nimia Pena		
	Requested by: Lisset, Giselay & Ester Garcia		
4:00 pm	+ Anthony & + Dolores Masturzo		
	Requested by: Maiellano Family		
Sunday, July	y 9, 2023		
7:30 am	+ Ralph Vescio		
	Requested by: Lina & Wil Green		
9:30 am	+ Mariano Ador		
	Requested by: Morena Giacobe		
11:30 am	+ Luis Ramos		
	Requested by: Miriam Ramos		
5:00 pm	+ Zahida Azocar & + Jose Calcano		
	Requested by: Yerina Ramirez		

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.*



Deacon Dennis, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, David Venditti, Ed David, George Walker, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Heriberto Rodriguez, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, Lisa Flaherty, James Niccum, Kristina Starr, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Sue Puffs, David Valerian, Josefina Bacosa, Daniel Tomberg, Gloria Nestel, Russell Perine, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, and all those who need our prayers.

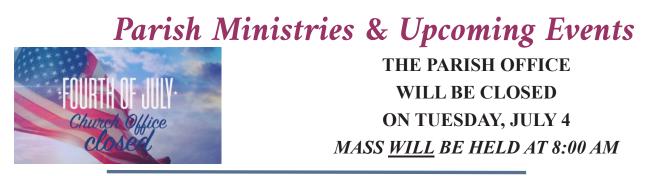


If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, we want you to know how welcome you are --- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city...WELCOME!



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.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, July 7, following the 8 a.m. Mass (from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.). The Holy Rosary is prayed during the Exposition followed by quiet personal time with Our Lord. Please join us.





We cordially invite you to join us at St. Faustina Catholic Church on the first Thursday of each month, to our Maria Rosa Mystica ministry, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We pray for the Pope, priests, deacons, the religious, and for the increase of religious vocations. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us! Our next meeting is Thursday. July 6.

Join us in praying the "First Saturday Rosary", (Saturday, July 8, after the 8:00 am First Saturday Mass, until 8:30) to pray for peace, understanding, comfort, and the healing of all people. Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on First Saturday is for peace in the world, and peace in the Church. The promise attached to the First Saturday of five consecutive months is that do not believe, for the individual. Our Lady promised to Sister Lucia to assist with the graces necessary for salvation, those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company for fifteen



minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her. The fifteen minutes meditation is done individually on your private time with Our Lady.

DIVINE WILL GROUP SECOND SATURDAY, JULY 8TH @ 9AM—IN THE CHURCH THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: "WHAT ONE COMPLETE ACT OF DIVINE WILL MEANS" **REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!** FOR MORE INFORMATION 863-353-1673

For more information on the Divine Will Ministry, please see their web page on our secure parish website at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will/

NEW STUDY GROUP EVERY THURSDAY from 9:00 am until 10:15 at the church in classroom 1. Please join us for the study and refreshments!!



ARE YOU READY FOR OUR BAKE SALE?? The next parish bake sale weekend is **NEXT WEEKEND**, July 8 after the 4 pm Saturday Mass, and on July 9 following the Sunday 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 morning Masses.

If you are a baker and would like to participate, simply bring your tasty treat to Mass with you. And, of course, we need buyers as all proceeds benefit the parish.

For more information on this ministry, please go to their secure web page on our parish website at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



EVENTS CALENDAR –Our St. Faustina website has an *Events Calendar* that features all the parish's monthly activities on one page. A total of 18 items have already been posted for July...and you can see them all at one time on one page by going to:

Events at St. Faustina - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

<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>.

DECADE A DAY MINISTRY

Do you have 5-10 minutes to spare? Many of you will say no. We are all so rushed, with work, school, social life. We all can make excuses, but really, are we that busy that we can't make a little time to increase our prayer life. The decade a day rosary ministry is your chance to do just that! It is a commitment to say one decade of the rosary(same decade) everyday. It can be said anywhere, anytime. Walking the dog, driving the car (turn the radio off), sitting in your room. Your decade will be added to 19 other people to



compete an entire rosary of Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious Mysteries!

We have people from all over the US and a few other countries too! Your intentions are your own, but many of us also pray for this special group. Our intentions are also prayed for at several shrines and churches around the country. It is a wonderful to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Mary has asked us many times to pray the rosary--when will we heed the call?

For more information, email Rosemary Satterlee at resres517@yahoo.com or on our secure web page at :

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/decade-a-day/



Our Gift Shop is Open After Mass. Stop by and visit our new and exciting gift shop, which is open after the weekend Masses. Looking for something "special" for that "special someone(s)", our gift shop has everything from a selection of Rosaries to custom St. Faustina Catholic Parish t-shirts and mugs to beautiful statues of our patron saint, our Blessed Mother, Jesus, St. Joseph, books, and much, much more. For more information regarding our gift shop, please go to our secure parish web site at: <u>Gift Shop - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)</u>

South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center — Our Parish support for the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center continues. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes 4 & 5), wipes and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers and other small items can also be accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon located at the entrance way to the church or by our gift shop. For more information, contact Tom and Nancy Madden at tomnancy94@msn.com





Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

If you would like to donate flowers as a *Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute*, please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office <u>at jseddio@stfaustina.org</u>. This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions!

Going out of town? Find a Catholic Church and Mass Schedule at: www.masstimes.org



Weekly Reflection Why So Much Talk About Death?

By Tommy Shultz, Diocesan Publications Writer

Death is a scary thing. Even with all the medical advances and prescriptions that we are blessed with in the 21st century, we still fear death. Stories of people dying much too soon seem to take up news feeds and Facebook pages. Death is not something that most of us are comfortable with, and yet, the Church time and again wants to remind us of our death.

We have famous phrases from saints such as "Memento Mori", which means "remember your death", and we mark our

foreheads with ashes to remember that we are dust. So why all this focus on death in the Catholic Faith? I think the biggest difference between the secular view of death and the Catholic view of death can be seen in today's Second Reading. Paul is explicit that if we have been baptized into Christ's life we are also baptized into his death. What does that mean? Didn't Jesus come to give us life, not death?

If we look back all the way to Adam and Eve we can see clearly that one of the consequences of the first sin is human death. We will now have to die. This is a result of our first parents turning their backs on the eternal life that God offered to them. But

thankfully, the story doesn't end there. We have a God who is so good and loves us so deeply that he not only became one of us, but he went into the very deepest and darkest part of humanity, death, in order to make this same death the new gateway into eternal life. What started as a consequence of the fall has now become the way we attain heaven.

Jesus Christ became man and died, so that death itself could be resurrected. He conquered death so literally through his resurrection that death became for us the final necessary step to gain eternal happiness with God forever.

This is hard for us to grasp with human minds because we see death and evil and destruction all over the world and we cry out to God for help, but Paul is making the point that God has already won. Jesus took one of the worst consequences of the fall and entered into it so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. This is the good news of the Gospel. So while we are called to mourn loved ones who have passed, just as Jesus did with Lazarus, we can also have immense hope that death is the gateway between this world and the next and that if we have been baptized with Christ we have nothing to fear.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do You Love? By Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Publications Writer

Jesus asks his disciples to have total dedication to following him. As an example, he tells us that to be worthy we must love him more than we love our parents or children. He does not expect us to abandon them, just to have so



much love for Jesus that it spills over to our family, allowing us to love them more deeply. But we can be so dedicated to Jesus that he comes first. That means that if we lose a family member through death or divorce, we still keep our faith in the Lord. If we see someone in our family stray from the faith, we try to bring them back through our prayers, example, and encouragement. If our spouse tries to lead us into sin, we have the courage to stand up for our faith.

Jesus then gives examples of three kinds of disciples. First are the prophets. These are people who have lived the faith and are able to teach others the wisdom they have learned. They may be good counselors who advise us, teachers who inspire us, or leaders who encourage

us to follow Jesus. While we may not have those qualities, Jesus promises to reward all who take their advice, learn from their teaching, or follow Jesus because of them.

Second are the righteous, those whose quiet lives teach by example. Many good parents practice this type of discipleship. Children may not listen to their parents' advice, but still grow up with memories of how they lived. If we imitate the best of our parents' ways, we will receive the reward of the righteous.

Finally, there are the "little ones." These, like children, follow Jesus with great joy and love. They may not be leaders or always get things right. They may be elderly, or disabled. In their weakness, they show us the Lord's power. When we respect and cherish them, we are able to see Jesus in them. And anytime we can experience Jesus through another person is a wonderful reward for a disciple.





St. Thomas the Apostle

By Marylu Mariniello

Not much is known about St. Thomas as a child or a young man. He was Jewish, maybe born in Galilee. How he was chosen as an apostle is not known either, but there are writings about him in the Gospels which show his personality and his leanings. He is mentioned eight times in the New Testament, with four of those times as a member of the Twelve Apostles.

The name Thomas is known as Didymus in Greek and it means twin.



We know more about Thomas in John 11:8-16. At a time when Christ wanted to return to Judea, the other disciples warned him of the hostility of the Jews ("Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?") but Thomas then said "Let us also go to die with him."

At the Last Supper, Thomas could not understand what Christ meant when He said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where [I] am going you know the way." Thomas's questioned this saying "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Christ said this to him then – "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This is written in John 14:3–6.

He is most famous for being known as "Doubting Thomas" because he wasn't there when Jesus first came back after the Resurrection. When the other apostles spoke of this, Thomas didn't believe them and wanted proof by putting his hands in Christ's wounds, saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

Jesus then appeared to Thomas and offered to let him do just that.

"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas said "My Lord and my God," making him the first person to explicitly acknowledge the divinity of Jesus. Christ replied, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:27-29)

Afterwards, it is said that Thomas preached in Parthia and then went on to India.

He is revered as the founder of the Syrian Malabar Christian Church, also known as the Christians of St. Thomas. Thomas was a carpenter who built many churches in Madras, India.

There is a story that says that Thomas offered to build a palace for an Indian king, which would last forever. The king gave him funds for the building, but Thomas gave the money to the poor. When he was asked to show the progress of the work, Thomas explained that the palace he was building was in heaven, not on earth. He was imprisoned for this.

Documentation shows that Thomas went to China and Indonesia and then returned to India. He was martyred by the King of Mylapore on December 21,72 AD, being stabbed with a spear while he was praying in Calamine. Thomas' relics were taken to Ortona, Italy.

The major shrines for St. Thomas the Apostle are the San Thome Basilica in Mylapore, Chennai, India and Basilica-Concattedrale di San Tommaso Apostolo in Ortona, Italy

The traditional feast day for St. Thomas is December 21 and his modern feast day is July 3. He is the patron saint of architects and Catholic Indians.

