

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

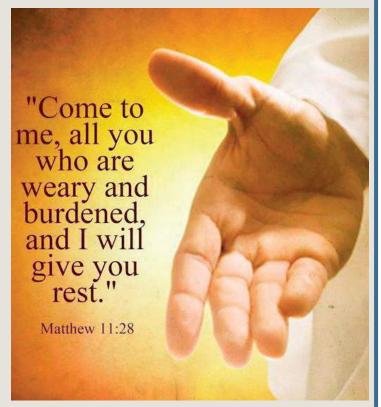
First Friday Adoration

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 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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart..."(Mt. 11:29)

When we surrender to God with a humble heart, we find our burdens are lighter. Imagine the strength found in the meekness of Christ! The strength in the humility of the saints and martyrs! Those whose wills are perfectly united to that of the Father are more free than any of us who have struggled and battled internally.

It may be difficult to overcome temptations, and all of us have our own battles. But as we become more free from these passions, the burdens become lighter. The yoke of Christ is easy because it is Christ who carries it with us.



Christian strength and freedom may seem opposed to the ideas of meekness and humility. But instead consider that great strength, and finding real freedom in Christ, can only happen when our hearts are meek and humble, and we surrender fully to God.

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom. 8:13)

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"Venid a mí, todos los que estáis agobiados y agobiados, y yo os haré descansar. Tomad mi yugo sobre vosotros y aprended de mí, porque soy manso y humilde de corazón...» (Mt 11,29).

Cuando nos rendimos a Dios con un corazón humilde, encontramos que nuestras cargas son más ligeras. ¡Imagina la fuerza que se encuentra en la mansedumbre de Cristo! ¡La fuerza en la humildad de los santos y mártires! Aquellos cuyas voluntades están perfectamente unidas a la del Padre son más libres que cualquiera de nosotros que hemos luchado y luchado internamente.

Puede ser difícil vencer las tentaciones, y todos nosotros tenemos nuestras propias batallas. Pero a medida que nos liberamos más de estas pasiones, las cargas se vuelven más ligeras. El yugo de Cristo es fácil porque es Cristo quien lo lleva con nosotros.

La fuerza y la libertad cristianas pueden parecer opuestas a las ideas de mansedumbre y humildad. Pero en cambio, considere que una gran fortaleza, y encontrar la verdadera libertad en Cristo, solo puede suceder cuando nuestros corazones son mansos y humildes, y nos rendimos completamente a Dios.

Porque si vives según la carne, morirás, pero si por el Espíritu matas las obras del cuerpo, vivirás. (Romanos 8:13)

Financial Stewardship

Due to the early publishing deadlines created by the Fourth of July holiday, the weekly offertory, mortgage debt reduction, and Mass attendance, were not available for this issue, but will appear in the July 16 bulletin.

On behalf of Father Ramon and the entire St. Faustina staff, have a Blessed and Safe holiday.

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 pm + Anthony & + Dolores Masturzo

Requested by: Maiellano Family

Sunday, July 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 & + José Calcaño

Requested by: Yarina Ramirez

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00 am + Lucia C. Rosario

Requested by: Jessica Rosario & Family

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr.

Requested by: Dad

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00 am + Rose Rodriguez

Requested by: Manuel Rodriguez

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00 am + Josephine Gutowski

Requested by: Lorraine Pacyna

Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00 am + Laura Jean Womar

Requested by: Marilyn Moseley

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:00 am + Fernando Mora

Requested by: Mora Family

4:00 pm + Alberto Vogl

Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

Sunday, July 16, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Linda Mannion

Requested by: Husband John

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Simeón Pena

Requested by: Adrey Goez

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: <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>.



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.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

Thank you for your OCA Contributions on behalf of St. Faustina! We're making progress, but have some ways to go...!



Each year parishes of the Diocese of Orlando are assessed with a contribution commitment toward the Diocese's *Our Catholic Appeal* (OCA). Among many things, the Diocese OCA supports:

Diocesan ministries and families in the Mission of San Juan de la Maguana	Adults with disabilities at Bishop Grady Villas Veterans and homeless at Pathways to Care
Every ministry and school in the Diocese of Orlando	People and families locally and globally in need of food, shelter, and education
State and National outreaches	Missions work locally and around the world

In February we announced that St. Faustina's OCA assessment for 2023 is \$87,990.92 which must be met before November. A very obtainable goal for our parish! If the goal is not met, the parish bank account is required to fund the remaining portion. But if the goal is exceeded, most of the excess is returned to the parish. A very reasonable outcome!

Each week Father Ramon and I (Joe) receive an OCA statement from our Diocese listing St. Faustina contributors and their contribution amounts. It is so humbling to see the generous donations from our parish to our offertory, our Mortgage Reduction Fund and Capital Campaign, and of course the OCA!

Our latest St. Faustina statement reports that \$57,927.60 has been pledged to the OCA! Again and again, *can we repeat our thankfulness to you?!* We are now at 66% of reaching St. Faustina's OCA goal! Once all commitments have been received, our goal is realized!

St. Faustina's report from our Diocese shows 151 families having given to our OCA commitment in 2023. If you have not yet contributed to the Diocese of Orlando's OCA on behalf of St. Faustina, would you prayerfully consider doing so? Envelopes (returned directly to the Diocese) were mailed to parishioners' homes in February, but the address and more envelopes are available if needed. With every OCA contribution, please be sure to use an OCA envelope/tag showing St. Faustina's name so that proper parish credit is given...

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at Office@StFaustina.org or (352) 515-9297.

-Father Ramon and Joe

Our Next Parish Blood Drive is July 30 -- Our next parish Blood Drive is set for the last Sunday of this month, July 30, from 7:30 am until 1:30 pm.

Our parish began this ministry on June 19, 2019, and so far our parishioners and visitors have contributed 420 pints of blood while saving over 1,260 lives, as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients in need. Our drive has met its OneBlood-assigned goal in all but one drive and has surpassed



25 donors three times with our record being 33 pints contributed. Our May drive once again surpassed the goal as we had 24 donors help to save 72 lives.

Each donation takes roughly one-half hour of your time. Besides your ability to help those with medical needs, you will receive a wellness check-up which includes: a COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening. OneBlood also offers a special gift or gifts for each drive.

For more information on our blood drive, please go to our secure parish website at;

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bi-monthly-blood-drive/

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



50 -50 Raffle Coming Our Way — The fundraising committee will be holding our first 50/50 in our new home. We will be selling the raffle tickets the weekends of July 22-23 and July 29-30 after all the Masses. The drawing will be held after the last mass on 07/30/23. Proceeds to benefit the parish.

Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

This Week's Flowers Were Donated Anonymously

If you would like to donate flowers as a

Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute.

please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office at jseddio@stfaustina.org.

This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions!



OUR NEWEST MINISTRY, CARING CRAFTERS, IS OFF TO A FLYING START

The Caring Crafters want to thank all those parishioners who donated yarn, fabric and supplies to their ministry. They



Members of the Caring Crafters combine, hard monthly meetings.

I have only been meeting for three months, and with the help of donations, they have already made 13 prayer shawls for the Bereavement Ministry, 15 lap blankets for the Ministry to the Sick, and 10 baby blankets, bibs, booties and hats for the South Lake Pregnancy Center. fulfill the requests, they crochet and knit these items and it takes a lot of yarn. They are asking for your donation of yarn or gift cards to JoAnn work, fun, love, and fellowship during their Fabric, Michaels or Hobby Lobby to buy specific yarn for their projects.



Prayer Shawl and Chemo Cap



Baby blanket. bib and hat

If you would like to donate, you may bring your donation to the church any time during normal business hours ... and it is greatly appreciated.

There are 16-18 women who meet the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They start their meeting with an opening prayer, followed by news and updates presented by the leaders and the remainder of the time they work on their projects while sharing ideas and tricks, socializing, and enjoying a snack.

Whether you know how to sew, crochet, knit or papercraft, or maybe you want to learn how to do these things, please come join them and be a part of this service group. They have gifted women that are willing to share their talents with you and they have many projects coming up that you may enjoy doing.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, July 12

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 entrance way to the church or 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 their website at: Home - Hands of Hope America

Weekly Reflection

TAKING the TIME to REST

By Elizabeth Tomlin, Diocesan Publications Writer

I'd like you to take a moment and trace the past week of your life. Other than sleeping, did you take *any* intentional rest? We just finished the Independence Day holiday here in the United States. If you live in the US, did you squeeze in every



last bit of work in the office before closing your computer for the holiday? Did you actually sign off from work for the holiday? Or did you try to multitask, only to find yourself zigging and zagging between sporting events, and reading work emails on your phone during backyard barbecues, without ever actually resting?

If you've ever felt more tired after a holiday than before, chances are that today, you feel like a burnt-out sparkler. I have a consolation for you: today's Gospel reading is especially for you because in it Jesus tells us to rest.

If we rest in Scripture today, we are privileged to hear a sacred conversation. We hear Jesus resting in prayer with the Father. "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth," Jesus says. The prayer in verses 25-27 is one of only three places in which

Matthew records Jesus' prayers with God the Father. The second instance is in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26:39, 42), and the third is Jesus's last words on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

After concluding his prayer today, Jesus shares the intimacy of the relationship between Son and Father, with those around him. "[N]o one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the son *and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him*" (Mt 11:27).

After this statement comes an invitation to rest. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Commentators note that the rest that Jesus gives is the peace which surpasses all understanding (Phil 4:7). It is also the invitation to discipleship, for we know that following Jesus brings "rest for your souls" (11:29). Through resting in Jesus, Jesus reveals the Father to us for Jesus opens up the possibility of eternal union with God in heaven.

The first step toward unity with God today is simple: just rest. Spend time with this Gospel passage. Resist the urge to check your phone and just rest. Accomplish in prayer what Jesus asks of you today: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden"... "Take my yoke upon you"... "learn from me." (11:28-29)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Publications Writer

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is "meek and humble of heart." Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty?

For Jesus, being meek does not mean letting people push him around. If he were meek in that sense, he could not have thrown the money-changers out of the temple. Jesus' meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words "learn from me."

We must learn to do God's will as completely as Jesus did.

First, it means that we do all that God wants of us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. If some things seem too difficult or painful for us, we may need more faith in Jesus' ability to make the burden easy. For example, sometimes we may hear Jesus' command to love one another and reserve the right to love whom we choose. Or we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God's will completely means doing it without reservation.



Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. Or we may tire of being patient with someone and be verbally hurtful. Or maybe we agree to help on a parish project but quit when someone disagrees with us. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God's will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

So how is the Son of God humble? True humility means acknowledging who we are and what we can do. Jesus is simply being humble when he says that he is equal to the Father. So too, we are humble when we do not hide the fact that we are children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Instead of a false modesty that claims "I'm not good enough to follow all of God's commands," it takes true humility to accept that we can do God's will because the Spirit is with us to help us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin

By Marylu Mariniello

Many saints have had amazing stories and a large impact on people, but some saints just lived ordinary lives. Two people who married and had children are an example of this, reminding us that it is possible for everyone to attain sainthood. They are Louis Martin and Marie-Azélie "Zélie" Guérin.

Louis and Zélie Martin were the parents of five daughters. One of their children was St. Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the

most beloved saints in our lifetime. They teach us how we can achieve holiness through faithfulness to our ordinary family lives. Both Louis and Zélie considered religious life until they each realized that they weren't called for this. They met in 1858, fell in love and were married three months later. He was a watchmaker and she had a lace making business.

They experienced many things in their marriage, including losing children, raising children, running a business and cancer. They had nine children, seven girls and two boys, but the boys, a five year old girl and an infant girl died. Zélie was numb, but her faith sustained her through these terrible trials. With all of their sufferings, they wanted to have a home which nurtured holiness for their children. Their family





life was centered around their faith, with prayers, going to Mass, spiritual readings, Vespers, novenas and attending missions. They fostered a life of faith in the family by encouraging personal devotion and especially helping each child to see the love of God.

Their last child was born January 2, 1873, a weak and frail baby girl. Doctors feared for the child's life. The family was preparing for yet another death, but the baby survived. Growing up she was a "big baby, browned by the sun and sheer joy to everyone." The tragedies that they suffered intensified their love and living for their five surviving daughters: Marie, twelve, Pauline, eleven, Leonie, nine, Celine, three and their new-born, Marie-Francoise-Therese. Years later people would know her as St. Therese and call her the "Little Flower." St. Thérèse of Lisieux was canonized on May 17, 1925 by Pope Pius XI and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

Marie was a Carmelite in Lisieux with Therese, known as Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart. She died on January 19, 1940, at age 79. Pauline was also a Carmelite in Lisieux with Therese, Mother Agnes of Jesus. She died on July 28, 1951, at age 89. Léonie was a Visitation sister at Caen, Mother Françoise-Thérèse. She died on June 16, 1941, at age 78. Céline, was a Carmelite in Lisieux with Therese, Sister Geneviève of the Holy Face. She was the last of the sisters to pass on February 25, 1959, at age 89.

Léonie is currently being considered for sainthood. On July 2, 2015, the Diocese began an inquiry into Leonie's life and possible sanctity at the chapel of the Monastery of the Visitation at Caen. She is now called, *Léonie Martin, Servant of God*.

Louis managed the lace-making business which Zélie created. She continued working at home while raising the children. Zélie died from breast cancer in 1877. Then Louis moved the family to Lisieux to be near his brother and sister-in-law, who helped with the education of his five daughters. He became sick soon after Thérèse entered the convent at the age of fifteen. He died in 1894.

Louis and Zélie were holy in their own unique ways, causing them to become the patron saints of marriage and parenting. In their life together, Louis and Zélie experienced great joy and terrible sorrow, but they believed that God was with them throughout every challenge that married life, parenting and their occupations gave them.

They were declared venerable on March 26, 1994 by Pope John Paul II, beatified on October 29, 2008 in the Basilica of Saint Thérèse, Lisieux by José Saraiva Cardinal Martins, the legate of Pope Benedict XVI and were canonized on October 18, 2015 by Pope Francis, becoming the first spouses in the history of the Catholic Church to be canonized as a couple.

Their feast day is July 12, the anniversary of their wedding. They were married on July 12, 1858.



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