

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth 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

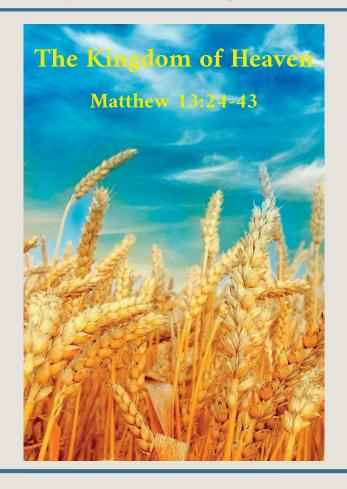
8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Confessions

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

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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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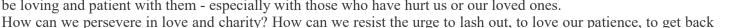
Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

"...Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." (Matthew 13:30)

Jesus reminds us that in the present age, God allows his children to live alongside the children of the evil one until their day of judgment. In theory, we can all probably nod and think to ourselves that yes, this is good because God is love and God loves all people, including those people represented by the weeds, and he wills the salvation of all. Therefore, giving people more time for conversion, more time to turn away from sin, is a good thing.

But what is the implication of God's goodness and patience in our own lives? It is easy to want God to love people around us who are unkind or thoughtless. It is not easy for us to be loving and patient with them - especially with those who have hurt us or our loved ones.

at those who have harmed us?



We know what these nutrients are: the sacraments. What greater and more powerful gift to strengthen us in charity than the Lord himself, present in the Eucharist? There is also the sacrament of reconciliation that strengthens us to resist sin. Finally, there is prayer. As St. Paul reminds us, even at those times when we don't know what or how to pray, the Holy Spirit can pray for us, intercede for us - for what we need.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

(Matt 13:43)

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"... Que crezcan juntos hasta la cosecha; luego, en el momento de la cosecha, les diré a los cosechadores: "Primero recojan las malas hierbas y átenlas en paquetes para quemarlas; pero recoge el trigo en mi granero".

(Mateo 13:30)

Jesús nos recuerda que en la era actual, Dios permite que sus hijos vivan junto a los hijos del maligno hasta su día del juicio. En teoría, todos podemos asentir y pensar para nosotros mismos que sí, esto es bueno porque Dios es amor y Dios ama a todas las personas, incluidas aquellas personas representadas por la cizaña, y Él quiere la salvación de todos. Por lo tanto, dar a las personas más tiempo para la conversión, más tiempo para alejarse del pecado, es algo bueno.

Pero, ¿cuál es la implicación de la bondad y paciencia de Dios en nuestras propias vidas? Es fácil querer que Dios ame a las personas que nos rodean que son crueles o irreflexivas. No es fácil para nosotros ser amorosos y pacientes con ellos, especialmente con aquellos que nos han lastimado a nosotros o a nuestros seres queridos. ¿Cómo podemos perseverar en el amor y la caridad? ¿Cómo podemos resistir el impulso de atacar, de amar nuestra paciencia, de vengarse de aquellos que nos han hecho daño?

Sabemos cuáles son estos nutrientes: los sacramentos. ¿Qué don más grande y más poderoso para fortalecernos en la caridad que el Señor mismo, presente en la Eucaristía? También está el sacramento de la reconciliación que nos fortalece para resistir el pecado. Finalmente, está la oración. Como nos recuerda San Pablo, incluso en aquellos momentos en que no sabemos qué o cómo orar, el Espíritu Santo puede orar por nosotros, interceder por nosotros, por lo que necesitamos

Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol en el reino de su Padre. El que tiene oídos debe oír". (Mateo 13:43)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of July 9, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,671.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,929.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of July 9, 2023: 1,460

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 pm + Marie M. Clifford

Requested by: Connie Stoops

Sunday, July 23, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Irene Fisher

Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick

11:30 am Healings for: Dcn Dennis Gillan

Requested by: St. Faustina Parish Staff

5:00 pm Healings for: Lizzie Espendes

Requested by: Adrey Goez

Monday, July 24, 2023

8:00 am + Pat Sterling

Requested by: Maria Sterling

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00 am + Fred Mercilliott

Requested by: Bonnie & Len

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:00 am + Susan Lane

Requested by: Dennis & Judy Donovan

Thursday, July 27, 2023

8:00 am + Alice Humphrey

Requested by: Edda Anderson

Friday, July 28, 2023

8:00 am + Ezequiel Villegas

Requested by: Mariela Villegas

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8:00 am + Francisco Arango

Requested by: Adrey Goez

4:00 pm + Don Glodowski

Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.

Sunday, July 30, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Helen O'Brien

Requested by: Dcn John & Nora Broehl

11:30 am + Antonio Cortes

Requested by: John & Vivian Cortes

5:00 pm + Mariela Rodríguez & + Severo Suarez

Requested by: Lida Suarez & Valentina Nino

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.



Deacon Dennis, David Venditti, Ed David, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Fr. Jean Desir and his mother, Mariette Mondelus, Michael Kelly, Jim Exnicios, Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn. Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, 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.

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Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

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 at jseddio@stfaustina.org.

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





Our Next Parish Blood Drive is NEXT WEEKEND, 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.

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.

While walk-ups account for 90% of our drive's donations, you are able to schedule an appointment by going to: OneBlood. For more information on our blood drive, please go to our secure parish website at:

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

ST. FAUSTINA'S GOT TALENT....calling all Event Coordinators, Planners, and anyone willing to help plan St. Faustina Ministry and Social Events.

We need your expertise, involvement, and leadership as we look to move forward with the many ideas and requests of our growing parish community that have been received for more parish social events and ministries.

Please share your ideas by emailing the parish at: *jseddio@stfaustina.org*





What's With All This Buzz-Stuff...?!!! Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus (1 Cor 12:4-5)

You may have heard that St. Faustina Catholic Church will soon celebrate a long-awaited Ministry Fair and Celebration Event. This event will occur during the weekend following St. Faustina's Feast Day (October 5th). That's right: save the date for our parish-wide celebration after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday, October 7th and 8th on St. Faustina Catholic Church's lawn!

During this spectacular occasion we will host such activities as:

St. Faustina's Ministry Showcase
Caring Crafters Ministry Platform
Various Raffles

International Food and Festival Bake Sale
Youth Ministry Emphasis (with a Pumkin Sale...?!)
Leaders who can answer parish-related Questions

Numerous Activities and Informational Pieces

Also, if you'd like to be involved we'd love to hear from you! *Please respond to: jseddio@stfaustina.org with your interest.*

This festivity is the perfect way for your family, and you, to find friends, and the many ways, to serve Jesus and St. Faustina.

Please make plans to join us on October 7 and 8!

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



50 -50 Raffle Coming Our Way — The fundraising committee will be holding our first 50/50 raffle in our new home. They will be selling tickets THIS WEEKEND, July 22-23, as well as NEXT WEEKEND, July 29-30, after all the Masses.

The drawing will be held after the last Mass on July 30. Proceeds to benefit the parish.

Registration for the Upcoming Faith Formation school year will be held on:

Wednesday, August 16 – 11:00 – 4:00 PM Thursday, August 17 - 11:00 – 4:00 PM Saturday, August 19 - 10:00 – 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 23 – 11:00 – 4:00 PM



For new students, please bring the Baptismal certificate and health insurance card.

For more information on our Faith Formation program, please go to:

https://stfaustina.org/home/faith-formation/



CHRISTMAS IN JULY? Our annual St. Faustina Christmas Party will be held on *Saturday*, *December 9th at Vista Del Lago*. Come join us for a delicious dinner catered by Carrabba's and dance to the music of DJ Chris. *Let's have some fun!!*

Mark your calendar, share the news, and stay tuned for more updates.

NEW WEB PAGE — While the bulletin article that honors our St. Faustina Heroes will rotate along with the other ministry and announcement articles that you see, this tribute now has a page on our parish's secure website. To see the names of the men and women who have served our country or have been First Responders, as well as how you can submit names, please go to:



Religious

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/honoring-our-st-faustina-heroes/



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE of EVENTS at OUR PARISH

Daily Mass, Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am followed by the Holy Rosary

Tuesday, July 25 — Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 26 — Holy Hour at 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 27 — Divine Will Study, 9:00 am in the classroom

Friday, July 28 — Holy Rosary, 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 29 — Grief Support, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the classroom

Sunday, July 30 — Parish Blood Drive, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

The Events Calendar on our secure parish website gives a monthly overview of all the activities at our parish.

Go to: https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/

Ministry leaders, if you would like to be included on the calendar and in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stfaustina.org

STREAM OUR ST. FAUSTINA MASSES...LIVE!!! If you can't come to Mass...week day or weekend... our parish offers you the opportunity to Live Stream our St. Faustina Masses simply by going to our secure parish web page at:

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Weekly Reflection

The Vineyard of Faith By Dakota Pesce, Diocesan Publications Writer

Today's Gospel message is one that I struggle with quite often. I find myself saying, "I got here first" or "I've been

waiting longer". Sometimes I ask myself, "I've worked harder and longer. Why am I not reaping the same benefits or rewards and someone else who has not worked as hard or as long as I have?" Then I hear this parable and am immensely humbled. How many people serve God in a greater capacity than I do? A ton! Great saints like John Paul II, Gemma Galgani, Jose Luis Sánchez, and Martin of Porres dedicated their lives to Christ and His Church. Comparatively, I do very little. But rather than resigning myself to the fact that I may never "measure up" to their faith, I look to the saints as inspiration for my own life and I ask for their intercession. And what about those who have not yet come to the faith? Would we reject them just because they are coming to the faith later than we are? Absolutely not! We welcome them with open arms because we are grateful that they have come to know the same love of God that we know.



Today's Gospel serves as a humbling reminder that God is generous and merciful. He desires us to be united with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom whether we come to His vineyard at 5 years old or 95. It is not an effort of ours or merit we can earn that grants us God's love. Rather, He loves without condition and makes His love equally available to all.

When we come to God's vineyard, He envelops us in His love, which we hear about in today's Responsorial Psalm. Every time I hear Psalm 23, I think of myself in preschool. I don't have many memories of preschool; in fact, I don't even remember my teacher's name or the names of any of my classmates. What I do remember, however, is being taught Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." For a long time, I wondered why that Psalm and why at such a young age? Looking back now, I think I understand. Our teacher wanted us all to be confident of God's everlasting love for us. If we know that love at a young age we can grow up knowing Him and loving Him, and even bring more laborers to His beautiful vineyard.

May we always remember the love of God and may we continue working as laborers in his vineyard.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time By Tommy Schmidt, Diocesan Publications Writer

The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But the reading also talks about God's lenience and clemency. So maybe God's power is so great that punishment is not necessary. Sinners can be forgiven. After all, we



usually punish those we fear will hurt us again. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. "But my sins are so minor." Even the smallest sin says that we know better than God what is right. Yet God is still willing to

wait for all of us to repent.

On the other hand, we hear people who say they don't deserve to be forgiven. True, but no one could ever deserve forgiveness. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned. As we experience that forgiveness, we learn the depth of God's love for us. Hopefully, we also learn to share that love with others.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. If God waits till "the end of the age" before burning the weeds, shouldn't we be willing to forgive those who hurt us? The Church encourages us to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation often. Many people today wait till they have a lot of sins, or at least one whopper, to confess. But the more often we go, the more we are reminded of God's love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive.

St. Bridget of Sweden

By Marylu Mariniello

Birgitta Birgersdotter was born in 1303, the daughter of the Governor and a Knight, Birger Petersson and his wife, Ingeborg. She was related to the Swedish king through her mother. Her family was very pious. Her father went to confession weekly and made many pilgrimages, including to the Holy Land. Her mother died when Birgitta's was ten years old, her sister Katharine was nine and her brother Israel was newborn. The children were sent to live with their aunt for further education and care. One day, Birgitta had a very vivid vision of "The Man of Sorrows." She asked Him who had done that to Him and He said "All those who despise my love." This memory never left Birgitta, staying with her the rest of her life.

At the age of thirteen, she was married to Ulf Gudmarsson with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons. They all survived infancy, which was very rare at that time. When the King Magnus Eriksson of Sweden married Blanche of Namur,



he asked Birgitta to be the Lady-in Waiting and to teach the young queen the language and customs of her new country. After many years of service at Court, Birgitta and Ulf made a pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela. As they were returning home, Ulf became very sick in Arras. Birgitta sat all night by his bed praying for his recovery. Then a bishop appeared to her, promising that Ulf would recover and that 'God had great things for her to do.' He told her that he was Denis, Patron of France.

Ulf recovered and was able to continue his work as Lagman in the province of Närke until 1344. Then he became very ill so Birgitta took him to the monks at Alvastra where he died and was buried. Birgitta stayed in a little house near the abbey, spending hours in prayer by Ulf's grave, saying that she "loved him like my own body." She settled her affairs among her children and various charities and prayed for guidance. When she was forty one years, she was given the task of founding a new religious order for women. She felt the Lord's presence guiding her to build the abbey, giving directions concerning the clothing and prayers of the sixty women who joined as nuns. Then thirteen priests, four deacons and eight lay brothers joined also. These two communities were to be ruled by an abbess. King Magnus Eriksson donated a small palace and a good amount of land to the new monastery. As Birgitta started working on altering the palace and organizing everything, Christ appeared to her and asked her to go to Rome. She was to wait there

while she urged the Pope to return to Rome from France.

Birgitta left Sweden at the end of 1349 never returning to her country. For the rest of her life she had visions concerning the reform of the Church.

She messaged kings and popes and many other people in high places, directing them to work for the Church. Birgitta never wrote in the first person, always saying that she carried messages from the Lord. Although she still wished to become a nun, she never saw the monastery in Vadstena.

Birgitta was the only women ever to found a religious order, Ordo Sanctissimi Salvatoris, an order primarily for women with permanent chaplains, ruled by an abbess, also known as the Birgittines, which was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370. The brothers had as their head a Confessor General who was responsible for the spiritual business of both convents. The order spread swiftly throughout Europe with monasteries from Scandinavia down to Italy. In modern times it has expanded into further independent branches – Spain in 1629, Rome in 1911, US in 1970, Mexico in 2000. There are brothers in the US in one male convent, but none in the other countries. The last foreign Birgittine father died in Altomünster in 1863.

Birgitta was a mystic. She had a vision of purgatory and of the birth of Christ. Right before she died, Birgitta described an image which included the infant Jesus lying on and not in clean swaddling clothes on the ground, emitting light himself. She described Mary as blond-haired and kneeling in prayer moments before the spontaneous birth. Many depictions followed, including the ox and donkey, Joseph carrying a single candle which he "attached to the wall" and the presence of God the Father. She was also a prophet. She predicted an eventual Vatican State, foretelling almost the exact boundaries delineated by Mussolini in 1921 for Vatican City.

Birgitta prayed to know how many blows Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. After many years, He appeared to her and said, "I received 5,480 blows upon My Body. If you wish to honor them in some way, recite fifteen Our Fathers and fifteen Hail Mary's with the following Prayers, which I Myself shall teach you, for an entire year. When the year is finished, you will have honored each of My Wounds." The prayers became known as the "Fifteen O's" because in the original Latin, each prayer began with the words *O Jesu, O Rex* or *O Domine Jesu Christe*. They were widely circulated in the late Middle Ages and are regular features in the Book of Hours and other devotional literature.

One of her children was Katarina Ulfsdotter, now known as St. Catherine of Sweden.

Birgitta died in July of 1373, was canonized in 1391 and is one of the six patron saints of Europe, along with Saints Benedict of Nursia, Catherine of Siena, Cyril and Methodius and Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

St. Bridget of Sweden also is the patron saint of Sweden and her feast day is July 23.

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