

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

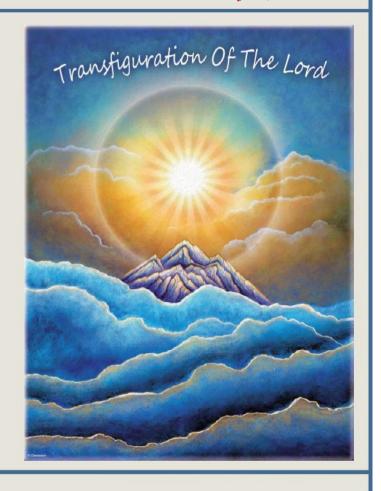
8:30 AM-9:30 AM

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

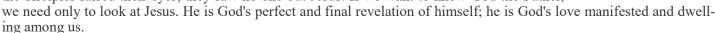
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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt. 17:1-2)

The Transfiguration was clearly a frightening event for the disciples present. For us, though, hearing the story and placing it into the larger salvation story with which we are familiar can help us understand more about our Triune God. We see the divine person of the Son transfigured into the glorified body he will have at his resurrection; the same transfiguration that will occur at our own rising with Christ in our glorified bodies.

Today's Gospel tells us that, when the disciples heard the voice of the Father, they were very much afraid. But then Jesus came and touched them, saying, *Rise, and do not be afraid.* When the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus. If we want to know God the Father,



Therefore, let us not misinterpret the power and love of God. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist today, let us heed and trust in the Father's words to us: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.* Through the transfiguration of Jesus, we can come to better know our Triune God.

The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dan 7:13-14)

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Jesús tomó a Pedro, Santiago y su hermano, Juan, y los llevó solos a una montaña alta. Y se transfiguró delante de ellos; Su rostro brillaba como el sol y su ropa se volvió blanca como la luz. (Mt 17:1-2)

La Transfiguración fue claramente un evento aterrador para los discípulos presentes. Para nosotros, sin embargo, escuchar la historia y colocarla en la historia de salvación más grande con la que estamos familiarizados puede ayudarnos a entender más acerca de nuestro Dios Trino. Vemos a la persona divina del Hijo transfigurada en el cuerpo glorificado que tendrá en su resurrección; la misma transfiguración que ocurrirá en nuestra propia resurrección con Cristo en nuestros cuerpos glorificados.

El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que, cuando los discípulos escucharon la voz del Padre, tuvieron mucho miedo. Pero entonces Jesús vino y los tocó, diciendo: *Levántate y no temas*. Cuando los discípulos levantaron los ojos, no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús. Si queremos conocer a Dios el Padre, sólo tenemos que mirar a Jesús. Él es la revelación perfecta y final de Dios de sí mismo; él es el amor de Dios manifestado y morando entre nosotros.

Por lo tanto, no malinterpretemos el poder y el amor de Dios. Al recibir hoy a Jesús en la Eucaristía, escuchemos y confiemos en las palabras del Padre para nosotros: *Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien tengo complacencia; escúchenlo.* A través de la transfiguración de Jesús, podemos llegar a conocer mejor a nuestro Dios Trino.

El semejante a un Hijo del hombre recibió dominio, gloria y realeza; Todos los pueblos, naciones e idiomas le sirven. Su dominio es un dominio eterno que no será quitado, su realeza no será destruida. (Dan 7:13-14)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of July 23, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,102.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,884.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of July 23, 2023: 1,442



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, August 5, 2023

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

Sunday, August 6, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Thomas Foster

Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:30 am + Santiago & Teresa Sarsadias

Requested by: Silvia Espulgar

5:00 pm + José Antonio Beltrán

Requested by: Myriam Beltran

Monday, August 7, 2023

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Requested by: Mary Casey

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

8:00 am + Darlene Kohn

Requested by: Pat & Marge Tagler

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:00 am + Fernando Sousa

Requested by: Oti Sousa

Thursday, August 10, 2023

8:00 am + Matilde Sousa

Requested by: Oti Sousa

Friday, August 11, 2023

8:00 am + Barbara Grove

Requested by: Husband, Robert & Children

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:00 am + Mary "Jo" Heffner

Requested by: Heffner Family

4:00 pm + Christie La Vota

Requested by: Julie, Todd, Dawn Edmonds

Sunday, August 13, 2023

7:30 am + Sotera Victoria

Requested by: Gie Victoria

9:30 am + Christine Boguszewski

Requested by: Rose Keane

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

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>.



David Venditti, Ed David, Terri Stanley, 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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This Week's Schedule of Events



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

Saturday, August 5 Hospitality after 4:00 Mass

Sunday, August 6 Hospitality after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

Tuesday, August 8 Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom

Children's Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 9 Caring Crafters, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in classroom

Holy Hour, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 10 Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom

St. Faustina Spanish Couples Group in classroom 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday, August 11 El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 12 Divine Will Group Meeting 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Sunday, August 13 Poland Trip with Father Ramon

Sign-up and Informational Meeting after the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

There are currently 42 parish-related activities on our Events Calendar for the month of August. To see them all in one place, please go to: https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/

DIVINE WILL GROUP

SECOND SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH @ 9AM—IN THE CHURCH

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

"VALUE AND EFFECTS OF SACRIFICE"

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 am at the church in classroom 1. Please join us for the study and refreshments!!

If you like to sew, knit, or crochet, then CARING CRAFTERS may be for you. This ministry meets the second Wednesday of the month, from 10 am until 12 pm, in the church classroom with the purpose of creating hand-made items to comfort and support the needs of our church and local community.

If you would like to share your talents and be a part of this amazing ministry, please come join us. *All are welcome*.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 9.

If you have any fabric, thread, yarn, etc. that you no longer have a use for, would you please consider donating them to this ministry. If you don't have these items but would like to contribute gift cards from Hobby Lobby, Jo Anns or Michaels for us to purchase specific materials not donated, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can drop off your donation at the church any time during normal business hours.

For more information, please go to their web page at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/caring-crafters/

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

KNIGHTS DEDICATE MEMORIAL to the UNBORN

The St. Faustina Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, along with Assembly 3202 from Corpus Christi, in Celebration, dedicated the parish's Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn, on Sunday, July 23, following the 11:30 Mass.

The ceremony, which was supposed to take place fully in front the monument, turned out to be a successful two-stage event due to heavy winds and a torrential downpour. St. Faustina pastor, Father Ramon Bolatete, as well as actively re-

tired priest, Father John McNalis, recited prayers before parishioners and

the Knights in the church.

Shortly after the ceremony, the skies cleared and Fathers Ramon and McNalis were able to formerly bless the monument and the 282 memorial bricks that have already been laid. The Knights then hosted a fellowship luncheon for those who attended the ceremony.

The monument was installed, on February 15. Later that month, Council 14217 presented Father Ramon with a \$4,000 check from the funds that had been raised through the sale of the first set of installed bricks. The fund-raiser is on-going, and the Council will be presenting Father Ramon with another \$4,000 check to be used towards St. Faustina Parish needs.



To view additional photos and information on how you can purchase a brick, please go to:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/memorial-to-the-unborn-fundraiser/



KNIGHTS St. Faustina Knights of Columbus Annual Baby Bottle Drive raised a total of \$1,529.53 for the South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center. The Knights and OF COLUMBUS the South Lake Pregnancy staff sincerely "thank" St. Faustina's parishioners for their continued yearly support of the baby bottle drive campaign.

Please join us for PRAYERS to COMMEMORATE the APPARITION of OUR LADY of FATIMA to the three Shepherds on Saturday, August 19, 12:00 PM in the church. The Devotional will start with prayers the Angelus in the narthex area in front of Divine Mercy picture. For more information, please contact Gloria Monton at 856-404-0558. Refreshments will be served in the Classrooms following the prayer service, which will be presided over by Father Ramon.



WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a Snowbird, we say, "welcome to our family."



Registration Form

As you may, or may not know, we were established on September 30, 2006, when our first Mass was said in a hotel room before 64 parishioners. Since then we have moved three times before settling at our permanent home here at 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road with our first Mass having been celebrated on February 4, 2023.

You can read all about our journey and discover what opportunities are available to you by taking a few minutes to look over our secure website at: www.stfaustina.org.

We encourage everyone who wishes to become part of our family to register with the parish...and there are two ways you can do that.

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at: New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org) or you can take a registration form from the rack in the back fover (as you enter the church) and drop it off at the parish office during regular business hours...Monday thru Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm and on Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

We sincerely pray that you find us to be the warm and friendly parish that you have been searching for and that you will join us as we continue our legacy to "to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all."

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN FATHER RAMON on a PILGRIMAGE to POLAND and MEDJUGORIE SEPTEMBER 9-19, 2024



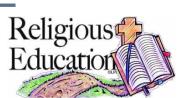
Join Father Ramon and Father Dominick Libiszewski for a thanksgiving pilgrimage to Poland and Medjugorie, September 9 - 19, <u>2024.</u> See where our patron saint, St. Faustina, and St. Pope John Paul II lived, and travel to the Marian Apparition Site of Medjugorie!

Information and sign-ups will be available on Sunday, August 13, after the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Meet Dr. Peter and Mrs. Margie Geittmann, who were present during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska in Rome, and hear their faithful Marian conversion story in Medjugorie. A complimentary copy of "The Weapon of Medjugorie," by Mr. Guy Murphy, Lay Dominican, and pilgrim-

age spiritual guide, will be given to those who will joyfully sign up for this beautiful trip on that day.

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 Thursday, August 24 — 11:00 – 4:00 PM Saturday, August 26 - 10:00 – 3:00 PM



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

For the 2023-24 Class Schedules, please go to:

https://stfaustina.org/home/faith-formation/religious-education-classes/

Parishioners, are you called to service at St. Faustina? If you are interested in any of our ministries below please contact the parish office at 352-515-9297 or email our Director of Music and Liturgy, Kelly Mucci, at: kmucci@stfaustina.org.

Readers: Do you have the gift of public speaking and want to share your talent with the community, please consider



being a reader to proclaim the Word during the Masses? **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you are interested in learning more about serving the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord at St. Faustina. **Ushers:** If you are ages high school and up and interested in learning more about welcoming fellow parishioners and visitors at St. Faustina. **Altar Servers:** If your children are in grade 5 or age 10 and up are interested in Altar Serving, or if you as an adult are interested. **Music:** If you are interested in joining the children's or adult choirs, or are interested in lead-

ing the singing at our Masses as a **Cantor.** We also need help with the streaming our Masses for those who are unable to attend through our **Audio/Visual** ministry.

You can find out more about our liturgical ministries at: https://stfaustina.org/worship-and-liturgy/

CONGRATULATONS!!! ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS—Once again you proved what a caring, loving parish we are. **Our July 30th** blood drive not only surpassed our OneBlood-goal, it produced **24** pints of "liquid love" helping to save up to **72 lives.**

What's more, we surpassed 400 pints of blood donated...our total is now at 444...since this ministry began on June 19, 2019. To save you the math, we are now responsible for saving up to 1,332 lives!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! and THANK YOU!! Our next drive is scheduled for September 24, the last Sunday of the month.



St. John Vianney

By Marylu Mariniello

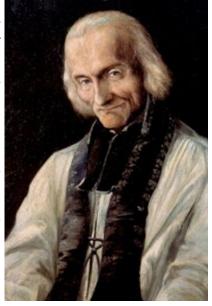
Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born and baptized on May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France. He was the fourth of six children. His parents, Matthieu and Marie Vianney, were very religious, raising their children as Catholics, praying daily and helping the poor. His grandparents offered Benedict Labre a place to stay when he was on his way to Rome. Years later Benedict would become a saint.

During the French Revolution, there was an "anticlerical terror" situation where priests were killed or had to work in secrecy. The Vianney family had to travel to different farms to hear Mass. This caused a young Jean to admire

the priests as heroes. He was taught by nuns who had their convents taken away, receiving his First Communion and Confirmation secretly. Jean received his First Communion in a kitchen with blacked out windows so the candlelight wouldn't arouse suspicion.

At age twenty, Jean left the family farm to study at a "prsbytery-school" in Écully, where he learned math, history, geography and Latin. The Revolution had disrupted his education, so he struggled with his studies now, especially with Latin. In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France by Napoleon, giving religious freedom and peace to the country.

In 1809, Jean was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's army. Since he was an ecclesiastical student, Jean should have been exempt from military service, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses because he needed more soldiers for his war on Spain. After two days in the service, Jean became sick and required hospitalization. When he recovered, Jean went to a church to pray and met a man who volunteered to return him to his troop, but instead led him the mountains where military deserters met. Jean lived with them for one year and two months, using the name Jerome Vincent. He began a school for children in the village of Les Noes. He remained there hiding when gendarmes came in search of deserters. In 1810 deserters were granted amnesty.



Jean returned to Écully to resume his ecclesiastic studies in 1812, attending a minor seminary with Abbe Balley and was ordained a deacon in June 1815. On August 12, 1815, he was ordained a priest in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Abbe Balley in Écully.

Three years later, when Abbe Balley passed away, Father Jean was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. He then established a home for girls in Ars called *La Providence*, with help from two women, Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet.

As the parish priest, Father Jean realized many people in Ars were either ignorant or indifferent to religion because of the French Revolution. Many drank, danced and were idle on Sundays or worked in their fields. Father Jean delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing, In confession, he would not give absolution if parishioners did not give up pagan dancing. He spent at least twelve hours each day in the confessional, working to help people to reconcile with God. In the summer months, he often worked sixteen hour days and refused to retire.

By 1827 his preaching made him famous causing people to travel to meet with him. Within thirty years, as many as 20,000 pilgrims came to see him each year. Father Jean was deeply devoted to St. Philomena. He built a chapel and shrine in her honor. Later he became very sick, but miraculously recovered. He attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Father Jean wanted to leave Ars to become a monk but soon realized that this would not occur. He died on August 4, 1859, leaving a legacy of faith, being recognized as a champion of poor people. He was given the French Legion of Honour medal. Six thousand people attended his funeral with the Bishop presiding along with three hundred priests saying Mass.

Pope Pius IX proclaimed Father Jean as Venerable on October 3, 1873. On January 8, 1905, Pius X beatified him and on May 31, 1925, St. John Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests and is referred to as the "Curé d'Ars", meaning the parish priest of Ars. His feast day is August 4.



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