

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

September 10 2023

Twenty-Third 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



GRANDPARENTS DAY SEPTEMBER 10



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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen... (Matthew 18:15-16)

Each of us has our own Christian "athletic" adventure of "running the race toward the prize of the eternal crown" as Saint Paul often analyzes (Cf 1Cor 9:24-25, 2Tim 4:7, Phil 3:14). This is a lifelong route along a path of moral living, striving for holiness. There are waystations designed to nourish and hydrate us: Scripture, Church teaching, the sacraments, and prayer, to name a few. They elucidate for us how to avoid sin and how to do good.



Jesus was raised learning all the precepts of the Jewish law - hundreds of commandments. As a faithful Jew, honoring the law was paramount for Jesus. In today's gospel, he is instructing his disciples on how to repri-

mand sinners. In this context, Jesus is proposing a more merciful way: talk to the sinner directly, then bring a witness or two along, finally involve the Church if necessary. Jesus' goal is not simply to reprimand the sinner but to rebuild the broken relationship.

The desire to correct stems from love, the manner of addressing it stems from and manifests love, and all of it is housed within the greater body of love - a community caring for and looking out for its members. The way of Jesus always promotes reconciliation and love. Saint Paul describes love as the *fulfillment of the law*. Paul tells the Roman church that all the negative commandments - what one should not do - can be achieved by the positive directive to *love your neighbor as yourself*.

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

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Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Si tu hermano peca contra ti, ve y dile su culpa entre tú y él solo. Si te escucha, te has ganado a tu hermano. Si no escucha ... (Mateo 18:15-16)

Cada uno de nosotros tiene su propia aventura cristiana "atlética" de "correr la carrera hacia el premio de la corona eterna", como San Pablo analiza a menudo (cf. 1 Cor 9: 24-25, 2 Tim 4: 7, Flp 3:14). Esta es una ruta de toda la vida a lo largo de un camino de vida moral, luchando por la santidad. Hay estaciones de paso diseñadas para nutrirnos e hidratarnos: las Escrituras, la enseñanza de la Iglesia, los sacramentos y la oración, por nombrar algunos. Nos aclaran cómo evitar el pecado y cómo hacer el bien.

Jesús resucitó aprendiendo todos los preceptos de la ley judía - cientos de mandamientos. Como judío fiel, honrar la ley era primordial para Jesús. En el evangelio de hoy, él está instruyendo a sus discípulos sobre cómo reprender a los pecadores. En este contexto, Jesús propone un camino más misericordioso: hablar directamente con el pecador, luego traer un testimonio o dos, finalmente involucrar a la Iglesia si es necesario. El objetivo de Jesús no es simplemente reprender al pecador, sino reconstruir la relación rota.

El deseo de corregir proviene del amor, la manera de abordarlo proviene y manifiesta amor, y todo está alojado dentro del cuerpo mayor de amor: una comunidad que cuida y cuida a sus miembros. El camino de Jesús siempre promueve la reconciliación y el amor. San Pablo describe el amor como el *cumplimiento de la ley*. Pablo le dice a la iglesia romana que todos los mandamientos negativos, lo que uno no debe hacer, se pueden lograr mediante la directiva positiva de amar a *su prójimo como a usted mismo*.

Hermanos y hermanas: No deben nada a nadie, excepto amarse unos a otros; porque el que ama al otro ha cumplido la ley. (Romanos 13:8)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of August 27, 2023

Because of the Labor Day Weekend resulting in an early deadline, the Offertory, the Mortgage Debt Reduction and Mass Attendance figures were not available for this edition of the bulletin. They will appear next week along with the information for the week of September 3.



JOIN FATHER RAMON on THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!! Next year, 2024, Father will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Warsaw, and Medjugore, Poland, September 9-19, 2024, to visit the convent of Saint Faustina and the home and church of Saint John Paul II. Visits to the Shrine of Our Mary Immaculate, the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa, as well as the Divine Mercy Shrine and St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral in Krakow are just a few more of the many highlights. For the complete itinerary,

cost, and all other information, please go to https://stfaustina.org/ministries/pilgrimage-to-poland/

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9, 2023

4:00 pm + Frank Lentz

Requested by: Diane & Frank Maglione

Sunday, September 10, 2023

7:30 am	+ Tony Borges		
	Requested by: Jo Borges		
9:30 am	+ Mary Poggi		
	Requested by: Maureen Potter		
11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina		

5:00 pm Almas del Purgatorio Requested by: Una Feligrez

Monday, September 11, 2023

8:00 am + Domingo Reario Requested by: Ed & Gay Rabelas

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:00 am	+ Elizabeth Venditti		
	Requested by: David Venditti		

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:00 am + Angeline Gutowski Requested by: Friends & Family

Thursday, September 14, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr. Requested by: Dad

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:00 am Intention for: Maria Tranro Requested by: Family

Saturday, September 16, 2023

- 8:00 am + Josephine Gutowski Requested by: Lorraine Pacyna
- 4:00 pm SI Fr. David Gillis
 - Requested by: Jan Nilsen

Sunday, September 17, 2023

- 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 9:30 am + Bobby Womer
- Requested by: Moseley
- 11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
- Requested: Thomas Doherty
- 5:00 pm + Maria C. Puentes
 - Requested by: Fanny Marquez & Family

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, Christina Gallagher, Alan Matthews, Michelle Mike McGee, McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, Terry Stanley, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, 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, 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



As we celebrate all Grandparents this weekend, please also keep in your prayers all those who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001. May we never forget that day, those

who perished, the heroes, and their families.



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.

This Week's Schedule of Events



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

	Ionoring Saints Joachim & Anne on Grandparents Weekend at 4:00 pm Mass Bake Sale Weekend, after 4 pm Mass
]	Honoring Saints Joachim & Anne on Grandparents' Weekend at all Masses Bake Sale Weekend after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses Youth Group Meeting, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in classroom
Monday, September 11	Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom Legion of Mary, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom
Tuesday, September 12	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Children's Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm in church Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church
Wednesday, September 13	Caring Crafters, 9:30 am to 11:30 pm in classroom Our Lady of Fatima, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in church Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church
Thursday, September 14	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom
Friday, September 15	El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church Taller Oracion Y Vida, following El Santorio Roario
Saturday, September 16	No events scheduled
Sunday, September 17	Catechetical Sunday -11:30 am Mass.

To see all of September's events in on place, please go to: https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/

Legion of Mary to Resume at St. Faustina -- Are you interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Mary? Exciting News! We will begin meeting again on *Monday, September 11, from 9:30-11:00 am in a classroom.* Please come and join us. For more information, please email: <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>

Legion of Mary

Caring Crafters News — On August 13, the ministry provided the South Lake Pregnancy Center with 68 baby items to give to those in need. They included, 28 baby carriage and crib blankets, 23 preemie hats and mitts, four each of quilted crib blanket, bibs, and bootie sets, three each of baby hats and hat and bootie sets, as well as a baby sweater and a burp clots. As you can see, we have members that just love making baby items. If you like to make baby clothes, blankets, shawls, scarfs, or any other items that touches your heart and talent, please come join us on the second Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting is set for Wednesday, September 13 from 9:30 am

to 11:30am ... a little change from our normal 10:00 am to 12:00 pm time. For more information, please go to their web page on our secure parish website at: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/caring-crafters/</u>



ON THE COVER—This weekend we celebrate all grandparents and honor Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of our Blessed Mother Mary, and grandparents of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



The 2024 Mass Intention Book opened for ACTIVE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6^{TH,} **AT 9 AM.** Please be able to provide your envelope number for verification. We are still following the guidelines of only ONE per MONTH on the WEEKEND and two per month on weekdays. NO PRIVATE INTENTIONS will be scheduled on Christmas, Easter, Mother's & Father's Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, and a few others.

For those that are not active and/or registered, the book will open on Wednesday, December 6th. You will be able to do at total of 12 intentions, with only six of them being on a weekend Mass.

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COMING SOON: A new opportunity to honor your loved ones by enrolling them into the **"MEMORIAL MASS ASSOCIATION"**

Masses listed into the Memorial Association will be held every Saturday at the 8 am Mass beginning on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, and every Saturday thereafter except on Holy Days, Christmas, New Years, and a few others.



Your Loved One's name will be listed in the Memorial Mass Association book which will be placed on the Altar every Saturday morning for Mass as well as the TV monitors in which all names will be added as they are received... The cost is \$25 per name for the year 2024.

This is currently open for everyone.



Grandparents Ministry at St. Faustina, coming soon! The Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA) is a worldwide organization formed to support and encourage grandparents, practically and spiritually. Together we share the joys and challenges of faith and family in the modern world, through prayer, fellowship, education, and service, under the patronage of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Youth Group Meeting — The first Youth Group Meeting of the school year will be held Sunday, September 10, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be snacks and games. We will also discuss the yearly agenda and ask for input from the students for their wishes.





Teens from 14 - 17 are welcome!

Giving Blood Saves Lives!! Our parish began this bi-monthly ministry on June 19, 2019, and so far our parishioners and visitors have contributed 446 pints of blood while saving over 1,338 lives, as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients. Following our recent July drive, which had 26 people donate. OneBlood presented our parish a certificate of appreciation (photo on left).

Our next life-saving drive is set for the last Sunday of this month, Sunday, September 24 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. While walk-ups makeup roughly 90% of our donors, you can make an appointment by going to: <u>OneBlood</u>

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>





WEEKEND MASS PRAISE & TRIBUTE — If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar as a Weekend Mass and 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.

Ministry Fair Update

(October 7th and 8th)

(Editor's note: While you are at our parish Ministry Fair, make sure you stop by and meet some of our younger parishioners at our Youth Group Table. They are excited to tell you about this ministry and to give you a preview of what they have planned for this school year.)



It all began with a simple statement, uttered after a Saturday class, "We should have a youth group." These words, spoken by Angela Francisco, the dedicated sixth-grade Religious Education teacher, set in motion the heartwarming journey of our youth group ministry.

Led by a passionate group of adults, our Youth Group is guided by the wisdom and care of Marylu Mariniello, Christina Lopez, Marylou Cavallini, Phyllis Cavone, Reynold and Tony Jean Franco, Kim Tettemer, Father John McNallis, Angela Francisco and Maggie San Filippo, with a very generous donation from Mr. Jeff

Rogers. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been instrumental in creating a safe haven for our teenagers to connect, grow, and serve.

At the core of this ministry is the profound purpose of fostering a sense of belonging among our teens. The transitional years between 14 and 17 can be both exciting and challenging, and our youth group aims to provide a com-

munity where they can find solace, share ideas, and collaborate in making a positive impact on others. Currently, our Youth Group boasts a dynamic cohort of 10 to 14 teenagers, each bringing their unique perspectives, talents, and energies. Together, they embark on a multitude of activities that reflect their creativity and commitment to both their peers and the wider community.

Throughout the year, these spirited teens will partake in a variety of engaging initiatives. With Halloween on the horizon, they are gearing up for an exciting Trunk or Treat event that promises to infuse a dose of fun into the season. But the giving spirit doesn't stop there. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day all receive the youth group's loving touch. From festivities to pageants, egg hunts to flowers, their dedication to making these occasions special is palpable.



Reflecting upon their most recent gathering in May, a lively discussion took place over pizza. The consensus was to take a well-deserved summer break, recharging their spirits for the upcoming year. Their meetings will reconvene on the Sunday after Labor Day, where they'll chart their course for the future, deciding on the frequency of their meetings and the exciting plans they'll undertake. This meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

And there's more to look forward to - our Youth Group is gearing up for a remarkable presence at the upcoming ministry fair. With an array of pumpkins, engaging games, captivating face painting, and thoughtful giveaways, they invite everyone to join in the festivities and witness the passion that fuels their endeavors.

In conclusion, our Youth Group ministry is a testament to the power of a shared vision and a caring community. Angela Francisco's simple idea has blossomed into a thriving haven for our teens, thanks to the dedication of our adult leaders and the unwavering enthusiasm of our young participants. As they continue to grow, learn, and give back, we eagerly anticipate the positive impact they will undoubtedly make within our church and beyond. So, stay tuned for the ministry fair – a forthcoming chance to celebrate, engage, and support our exceptional youth group.

(written and submitted by Maggie San Filippo)

Ministry leaders — if you would like to submit an article, please do so no later than September 14 by sending it to: <u>office@stfaustina.org</u>

GRANDPARENTS DAY

By Marylu Mariniello

It is the thrill of a lifetime to become a parent, but there is an even greater joy on being a grandparent. To see your child become a mother or father is remarkable. We celebrate Grandparents Day on September 10. The Blessed Mother's birthday is September 8, so there is a correlation there.

The ultimate role models for grandparents are St. Anne and St. Joachim, who were the parents of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Information about Mary's birth is not recorded in the Bible, but some early Christian authors did write about her. The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably written the early second century, describes Mary's father



Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. He was rich, but also a pious man who regularly gave to the poor.

Joachim tried to offer a sacrifice to conceive a baby but was reproached at the temple for not being able to father a child, so he went off to the countryside to pray. Anne was still grieving, but solemnly promised God that if she could have a child she would dedicate the baby to the Lord's service. Both Anne and Joachim were still saddened because they were childless, but then they were blessed when an angel appeared to Anne and said "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

This is a parallel of the barren Hannah and her conception of Samuel (1 Samuel 1) in the Old Testament. Hannah also dedicated her child to the service of God. The angel's statement prophesied that all generations would honor their future child, Mary.

Some accounts say that Mary was born in Sepphoris, Israel. A fifth century Basilica was built on this site.

Anne and Joachim began to pray and fast. According to the Protoevangelium, after Mary's birth, Anne made a sanctuary in the baby's room, allowing nothing common or unclean because of the special holiness of the child. The same writing states that when Mary was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

The Protoevangelium also shows how Anne and Joachim, along with the temple priests, decided that Mary would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Anne and Joachim knew that their daughter was special and put her needs before their needs. Mary's strong character in making decisions, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her unceasing practice of prayer, her calmness in moments of crisis and her love for her relatives show a close-knit, loving family. Anne and Joachim looked forward to the next generation even while keeping the best of the past.

St. Joachim is the patron saint of fathers, grandfathers, grandparents, married couples, cabinet makers and linen traders. During the Middle Ages, St. Anne became identified as a maritime saint, protecting sailors and fisherman, invoked against storms. She is the also the patron saint of unmarried women, housewives, women in labor, women who want to become pregnant, grandmothers, mothers, educators, horseback riders, cabinet makers and miners, as well as one of the patron saints of Brittany and Canada and many other cities in the world. Their feast day is July 26.

It is amazing to imagine the two of them as the grandparents of Christ. We think of Jesus and all he did for us, born humbly and dying a terrible death to save our souls, but he was also a little boy with grandparents who loved Him. How proud and grateful Anne and Joachim must have felt.

All of us who are blessed to be called grandparents should thank God every day for this honor. We should also say prayers to Saints Anne and Joachim to guide us to be as good as they were and know that one day our children will also become grandparents.

Have a blessed day and enjoy being with your families.



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