

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth 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

He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:12-16)

We are recipients of the Lord's abundant mercy and generosity. The moral of today's Gospel parable seems so blatantly unfair. The workers who put in a whole day's work and sweat receive the same wage as those who were there for only one hour? It makes us want to ask, "Jesus, what's going on here?"

The point then, it seems, is not about our sense of fairness or justice, but about the behavior of the landowner. He does not act like most owners; his generosity is...well, scandalous. He offers a living wage to all who work for him, even the one-hour laborers. He understands what it takes for these workers to be able to subsist: to care for their families, eat, pay taxes, and have the self-respect and dignity of work.

The landowner is representative of the kingdom of heaven. We get a glimpse of the good Lord who offers salvation. It is salvation available to anyone who enters the vineyard, at any time, and is not diminished for one by its distribution to another. The Lord does not offer "partial" salvation, and it is certainly not salvation that we "deserve." We have no cause to be envious of the good fortune of another, for ours is equal in measure and justice. Rather, we can praise God for his continuous mercy to us. After all, serving in his kingdom is not drudgery; it is love and grace - all that we could ever hope for - all the days of our life.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is. 55:8-9)

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Le dijo a uno de ellos en respuesta: "Amigo mío, no te estoy engañando. ¿No estuvo de acuerdo conmigo con el salario diario habitual? Toma lo que es tuyo y vete. ¿Qué pasa si deseo darle a este último lo mismo que a ti? ¿O no soy libre de hacer lo que quiera con mi propio dinero? ¿Tienes envidia porque soy generoso?" Por lo tanto, el último será el primero, y el primero será el último". (Mateo 20:12-16)

Somos receptores de la abundante misericordia y generosidad del Señor. La moraleja de la parábola evangélica de hoy parece tan descaradamente injusta. ¿Los trabajadores que trabajan todo un día y sudan reciben el mismo salario que los que estuvieron allí solo una hora? Nos hace querer preguntar: "Jesús, ¿qué está pasando aquí?"

El punto entonces, al parecer, no es sobre nuestro sentido de equidad o justicia, sino sobre el comportamiento del terrateniente. Él no actúa como la mayoría de los propietarios; Su generosidad es... bueno, escandaloso. Ofrece un salario digno a todos los que trabajan para él, incluso a los trabajadores de una hora. Él entiende lo que se necesita para que estos trabajadores puedan subsistir: cuidar de sus familias, comer, pagar impuestos y tener el respeto propio y la dignidad del trabajo.

El terrateniente es representativo del reino de los cielos. Tenemos una visión del buen Dios que ofrece la salvación. Es la salvación disponible para cualquiera que entre en la viña, en cualquier momento, y no se ve disminuida para uno por su distribución a otro. El Señor no ofrece salvación "parcial", y ciertamente no es la salvación lo que "merecemos". No tenemos motivos para sentir envidia de la buena fortuna de otro, porque la nuestra es igual en medida y justicia. Más bien, podemos alabar a Dios por su continua misericordia hacia nosotros. Después de todo, servir en su reino no es una tontería; Es amor y gracia, todo lo que podríamos esperar, todos los días de nuestra vida.

Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos, dice el Señor. Tan alto como los cielos están sobre la tierra, tan altos son mis caminos por encima de tus caminos y mis pensamientos por encima de tus pensamientos.

(Is. 55:8-9)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of September 10, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$12,620.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,998.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of September 10, 2023: 1,464

GRIEF IS LOVE

GRIEF SUPPORT -- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one, a job, or if you are a caregiver.

St Faustina's Grief Support group is here for you. Please reach out to us. For more information, please e-mail us at kmucci@stfaustina.org and someone will contact you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23, 2023

4:00 pm + Donald O'Brien

Requested by: Dn. John & Nora Broehl

Sunday, September 24, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Ralph Vieto

Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:30 am + Luis Ramos

Requested by: Miriam Ramos

5:00 pm + Teresa Santiago

Requested by: Betsy Lopez

Monday, September 25, 2023

8:00 am + Virgilio Cruz

Requested by: Carmelita Flores

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:00 am + Enrique Zapata

Requested by: Daughter Esperanza

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:00 am + Carolyn Schanen

Requested by: Daughter Lynda

Thursday, September 28, 2023

8:00 am + Warren & + Hilda Lightner

Requested by: Family

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:00 am + Eliodoro Sousa

Requested by: Oti Sousa

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:00 am + George Gomez

Requested by: Elsa & Melvin Gomez

4:00 pm + Jack Murphy

Requested by: Loretta Murphy

Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:30 am + Terry Gagnon/Sampiere

Requested by: Peter Sampiere

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 am + Kevin Madsen

Requested: Lois & Jim McGuire

5:00 pm + Fernando Mora

Requested by: Mora 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: office@stfaustina.org.



David Venditti, Ed David, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, 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



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

Saturday, September 23 No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 24 Parish Blood Drive, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Walk-ups Welcome

To Make an Appointment go to: OneBlood

Monday, September 25 Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom

Legion of Mary, 9:30 am to 11:00 am in classroom

Spanish Bible Study, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26 Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom

First Grandparents Ministry Meeting, 1:30 pm 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 27 Caring Crafters, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in classroom

Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church

Thursday, September 28 Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom

Grandparents Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm in classroom

Friday, September 29 El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church

Taller Oracion Y Vida, following El Santorio Roario

Saturday, September 30 Grandparents Ministry Meeting, 1:30 in classroom

Sunday, October 1 Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 pm in parking lot

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

THINK AHEAD, SPACE IS LIMITED – Do you have a parish meeting or event coming up and need to reserve one of our rooms or the church? Simply click on the following link, fill out the form (in either English or Spanish) and hit the submit button. You will receive a confirmation email and then, after your request has been reviewed, an email from our own Kelly Mucci to either confirm or explain why she had to deny your request. *EVERYONE* who would like to reserve space at our church, *MUST* complete the form at the following link:



https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/

Thank you all, very much, for your consideration and attention to this matter.



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:

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

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

This Week's Flowers Were Donated by Pat and Linda Friedrich In Honor of John Friedrich+

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.

Grandparents are a Precious Gift to their families and to the faith community. Join other grandparents of St. Faustina Catholic Church, as we support one another in passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life. *Interest meetings will be held Tuesday, September 26 at 1:30 pm, Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 pm.* Come to whichever works best for your schedule, or contact Jerilyn Polson at office@stfaustina.org for more information.





Legion of Mary

The Rosary Makers Ministry and the Legion of Mary hold weekly meetings every Monday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am in the classrooms.

Rosary Maker's Ministry



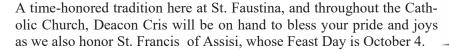
We welcome anyone who would like to become involved.



Brand New Hand Bell Ministry is Looking for "Ringers" — Hear Ye! Hear Ye! We are looking for a few experienced hand bell ringers to help us start our new hand bell ministry!!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our Director of Liturgy and Music, Kelly Mucci, at: **kmucci@stfaustina.org** or by calling her at 352-515-9297.

SAVE THE DATE—Bring your furry, feathered, reptile (and/or fish)-scaled, or any other pet you cherish to the parish's first Blessing of the Animals in our our new home on Sunday, October 1st, at 1:00 pm, in the parking lot.







Bereavement & Consolation Ministry — The Bereavement/Consolation Ministry is in need of English and Bilingual ministers. The primary goal of this ministry is to comfort and support those left behind. If you feel that you are being called to serve those in need and have compassion, patience, empathy, understanding and are a good listener, please reach out to *kmucci@stfaustina.org or call her at 352-525-9297* (ext. 102) for more information and/or visit our website at:

Bereavement and Consolation - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

For those who are grieving loss, this ministry supports, and will journey, with all who need assistance with making funeral arrangements, planning the liturgy, as well as long-term support. Our Consolation Ministry, Heart Links In Faith, can help you during this difficult time.

TO KEEP UP WITH THE FATIMA FIVE, PLEASE SEE THEIR WEB PAGE AT:

https://stfaustina.org/photo-albums/fatima-five-trip-2023/

Ministry Fair Update

(October 7th and 8th)



Caring Crafters Will Have Items for Sale At Our Ministry Fair

(written and submitted by Janet Gautheir)

Please stop by the Caring Crafter's tables to talk with some of our members and pick up a flyer to learn more about who we are and what we do. You will also be able to purchase gift items that we made to raise money to help buy various supplies to continue to service our church and community to help others in need.

Some of the items we will have are: Fabric Christmas trees, purses, bags, bowl cozies, hot plate holders, table run-

ners, children's blankets and pillows, pencil cases for kids filled with pencils, crayons, and scissors, tree ornaments - snowflakes, angels -- children's fabric books both holiday and nursery rhymes -- Variety of religious book marks -- crochet or knitted headbands, wash cloths, purses, placemats, baby blankets, sweater and hat sets, gift packages and much more.

And of course, we will have our prayer shawls and blankets that we crochet and knit for the min-

istry to the sick and the bereavement ministry. You can purchase these items for friends or loved

ones to comfort them and show you care. Or, you may want one for yourself to use on those chilly nights of winter.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

For more information on our ministry, please go to our web page on our secure parish website at:

We will be located right outside the church entrance and hope you will stop by and check us out.

Caring Crafters - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

We Need Your Help To Make Our International Bake Sale a Big Success

Our second-ever International Bake Sale will certainly be one of the highlights of our upcoming Ministry Fair the weekend of October 7 and 8 after the Masses (don't forget, the Sunday Mass in Spanish has been moved from its usual 5 pm time slot to 2 pm...for this weekend only).

> The Ministry Fair is the first big event at our new church building. All of us at St. Faustina take pride in our diverse community, and what better way to show that pride in your culture then by making a dish or baking a treat for the International Food & Bake Sale.

What kind of dishes are we looking for? ... well, what kind of dishes do you like to make?

Hot dishes, cold dishes, hors d'oeuvres, baked goods, are all welcome (but please put them in to-go containers). Spanish, Italian, Mexican, Filipino...whatever you enjoy cooking, whatever represents your culture or one of your treasured family dishes...share it with the rest of the church community.

If you can't or don't bake, we can also use help in setting up and cleaning up.

Our first International Bake Sale was one of the last events held at Glenbrook Commons, and it was a big success. We know that we can, with your help, top that as we continue to celebrate our new, and beautiful, home here on Boggy Marsh Road.

If you would like to help, please email us at: office@stfaustina.org or go to our parish web page at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/ and fill out the online form. Either way, someone will get back to you.

And oh yes, we are going to need buyers...so bring your appetites! (written and submitted by Kathy Jacobowski)

Our Lady of Sorrows

By Marylu Mariniello

The Catholic Church designates each month for a special person or event. For January, it is the Month of the Holy Name, February is the Passion of Our Lord, March is for St. Joseph, April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist, May is the Month of Our Lady, June is for the Sacred Heart, July is for the Most Precious Blood, August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows, October is for the Most Holy Rosary, November is for the Souls and December is the Month of the Immaculate Conception.

As September is coming to a close, let us look at Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary had seven sorrows. This feast day is commemorated on September 15.

The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:35)

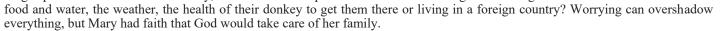
After the birth of Jesus, Mary was obligated to purify for forty days, as was the Jewish custom. Then she and Joseph went to the

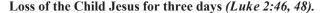
temple to offer their son to God, as the first born child. There she met Simeon, who held the baby and proclaimed him as the Messiah. He blessed Jesus and told Mary "And you yourself a sword will pierce" Mary was shocked, holding her son close as she walked out of the temple. Joseph was shaken too, but he was thinking of his wife and son. They returned to Nazareth, still pondering Simeon's words.

The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13)

Joseph had a dream. "The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him'"

He woke up Mary and told her of his dream. Now she felt the sharp words of Simeon's prophecy. There was no time to reflect. They had to pack what they could carry and flee to Egypt in the night. Imagine if we had to do the same, leaving our possessions and running away to save our child. The long trip across the desert scared Mary, but she never complained. Was she wondering about enough





Mary, Joseph and Jesus took their annual trip to Jerusalem with other relatives. On the way home, Mary thought that Jesus was with the other family members, but soon they realized that Jesus was missing, a parent's worst nightmare.

Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to find him. After three days, while walking by the temple, Mary heard her son's voice. They ran inside and found Jesus talking to the elders. These learned men were astounded at the knowledge of a young boy. Mary and Joseph questioned Jesus why he remained in Jerusalem and he told them that he is doing "his Father's work."

Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)

Mary's life was hidden now. She was a widow living a quiet life. When news of Jesus' miracles reached her at Nazareth, she was happy but the disturbing information of the tensions mounting about her son made her apprehensive. She went to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, hoping Jesus would be there. Mary was helping with the meal preparation when she was told that Jesus was arrested. She pushed her way through the crowds and saw her son carrying his cross. Her heart was broken and she was powerless to help him. Their eyes met and she knew that she needed to trust, so she walked the Way of the Cross.

Standing at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25)

Mary saw the cruelty of the soldiers and what they did to her son, but this was all part of God's plan. Jesus had to suffer and die. John, the beloved disciple, put his arm around Mary, helping her. "My precious child," she weeps, "heralded at Bethlehem, now suffering an ignominious and painful death! "Jesus looked at Mary and said "He is your son." Then he looked at John and said "She is your mother."

The Crucifixion and Descent from the Cross (John 19:38)

Jesus died on the cross and Mary's spirit died with him. His body was placed in her arms. Even though she was distraught, Mary said "Let it be done according to thy will, Lord

Assisting at the Burial (Luke 23:55)

According to Jewish custom, the women prepared the spices and ointments and gathered the winding sheet and the grave cloth. Mary wanted to help them. They washed the body and wrapped it in long strips of linen, taking care to place the fragrant spices, including the myrrh and aloes which Nicodemus had brought. Mary kissed Jesus one last time and watched as the stone was rolled over the opening. Then John took her home.

Mary always kept her faith, despite her grief, which is a great learning lesson for everyone. There is a daily prayer where a Hail Mary is said before naming each sorrow. Try to say this prayer every day.

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