

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth 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

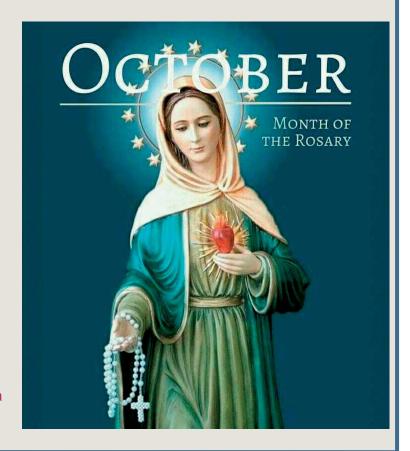
8:30 AM—9:30 AM

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

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Matt 22:10)

We serve a God who first served us. Everyone loves a feast, and that was as true in ancient times as it is now. The feasting continues in Jesus' parable, which uses the image of a king providing a wedding feast for a son - perhaps the most extravagant image that could have been chosen at that time and place - to place before us the shocking reality that we do not always accept God's abundance. Sometimes we are too busy with our material lives - our cares, our worries - to accept the invitation to the banquet, or even to notice that we are constantly being invited.

And so the banquet hall will be filled not necessarily with the most virtuous, or the most powerful leaders, or those of us who come to church every Sunday, but with those who are merely willing to hear and accept the invitation. This gives us a reason to rejoice, for in other words, none of our imperfections or failings are a barrier to God sharing his abundance with us.



In a homily in 2021, Pope Francis assured us, "The Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the bread of sinners."* May we now come together to this greatest of feasts at Christ's table, accepting the invitation to share in God's lavish abundance so we may go out and lavishly share it with all.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen. (Phil. 4:20)

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Los sirvientes salieron a las calles y reunieron todo lo que encontraron, malos y buenos por igual, y el salón se llenó de invitados.

(Mateo 22:10)

Servimos a un Dios que primero nos sirvió a nosotros. Todo el mundo ama una fiesta, y eso era tan cierto en la antigüedad como lo es ahora. La fiesta continúa en la parábola de Jesús, que utiliza la imagen de un rey que ofrece una fiesta de bodas para un hijo, quizás la imagen más extravagante que podría haber sido elegida en ese momento y lugar, para poner ante nosotros la impactante realidad de que no siempre aceptamos la abundancia de Dios. A veces estamos demasiado ocupados con nuestras vidas materiales -nuestras preocupaciones, nuestras preocupaciones- para aceptar la invitación al banquete, o incluso para darnos cuenta de que estamos siendo invitados constantemente.

Y así, el salón de banquetes se llenará no necesariamente con los líderes más virtuosos, o los más poderosos, o aquellos de nosotros que venimos a la iglesia todos los domingos, sino con aquellos que simplemente están dispuestos a escuchar y aceptar la invitación. Esto nos da una razón para regocijarnos, porque en otras palabras, ninguna de nuestras imperfecciones o fallas es una barrera para que Dios comparta su abundancia con nosotros.

En una homilía en 2021, el Papa Francisco nos aseguró: "La Eucaristía no es la recompensa de los santos, no, es el *pan de los pecadores"*. Que ahora nos reunamos a esta mayor de las fiestas en la mesa de Cristo, aceptando la invitación a compartir la abundancia generosa de Dios para que podamos salir y compartirla generosamente con todos.

Mi Dios proveerá plenamente todo lo que necesites, de acuerdo con sus gloriosas riquezas en Cristo Jesús. A nuestro Dios y Padre, gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. (Filipenses 4:20)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of October 1, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$13,881.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,764.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of October 1: 1,471



Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

This Week's Flowers Were Donated by Roberto and Martina Aguayo

All Souls Mass

The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry cordially invite you to join us for our All Souls Bilingual Mass on Thursday, November 2^{nd} at 7:00 pm.

During the Mass we will honor your loved one as well as other members of our parish community who have entered into Eternal Life during the past year.

Mass of Remembrance
All Souls' Day: November 2nd

Kindly send the name of your loved one to Diane Maglione by October 22 at njgirl47@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:00 pm + Jeannie Gutowski

Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.

Sunday, October 15, 2023

7:30 am + Gladys Alonso

Requested by: Ana & Caridad Ponce

9:30 am + Ray Conn

Requested by: Dolly & Alan Matthews

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Monday, October 16, 2023

8:00 am + Celerina Inumerable

Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

8:00 am + Linda May

Requested by: Joe May

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr.

Requested by: Dad

Thursday, October 19, 2023

8:00 am + Julio Riol

Requested by: Josephine & Damien Woulfe

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:00 am + Tony & + Cannie De Andrade

Requested by: Oti Sousa

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 am + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, October 22, 2023

7:30 am + Walter Dezotell

Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

9:30 am + Ralph Vieto

Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:30 am + Vincent & + Rose Giamo

Requested by: John & Carmela Giamo

5:00 pm + Jose Antonio Beltran

Requested by: Myriam Beltran

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, Jack Marchewks, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, 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, 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



Please keep in your prayers the Immortal Soul of Mariette Mondelus, the mother of Father Jean Desirs, who recently entered the Kingdom of God.



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, October 14 Divine Will Ministry, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom

Rosary Rally, 12:00 pm in parking lot

Sunday, October 15 No Events Scheduled

Monday, October 16 Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom

Tuesday, October 17 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 Legion of Mary, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom

Wednesday, October 18 Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church

Hand Held Bell Practice, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church

Thursday, October 19 Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom

Friday, October 20 El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church

Taller Oracion Y Vida, following El Santorio Roario

Saturday, October 21 Christmas Party Sign-up after 4:00 pm Mass

Belk's Ticket Sales after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 22 Christmas Party Sign-up after all Masses

Belk's Ticket Sales after all Masses

To see all of October'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.



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.

The new St. Faustina Catholic Grandparents Association Ministry will hold its first formal meeting on Wednesday, October 25, at 11:00 am in the classroom. Join us as we celebrate, share, and pray for our grandchildren and each other. If you would like to learn more about the National Grandparents Association, please go to: https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

The annual Hands of Hope Thanksgiving Food Distribution Event is scheduled for November 18. The mission is to ensure that at least 400 families in our Four Corners area who may be facing financial challenges, will have the oppor-



tunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. With that in mind, Hands of Hope will be handing out 10-25-pound turkeys cornbread, cake or pie mixes, cranberry sauce, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or mixed vegetables, yams or candied yams, stuffing, gift cards for special

diets, and 2lbs-5lbs of rice.

Our St. Faustina weekly "Food for All" Ministry,

which supports the Hands of Hope food pantry, has contributed over 7,000 pounds of muchneeded food for distribution in our own community since starting in June of 2019. Please consider adding the above-mentioned items to your weekly donations. If you would like to make a financial contribution for the purchase of gift cards and turkeys, please stop by the office during regular-business hours.



To participate in our parish "Food For All Ministry", simply drop your donations in the wagons located in the entrance of the church. As always, "thank you" for your continued and generous support of this important ministry. For more on Hands of Hope America, Inc., please go to their web page at: **Home - Hands of Hope America**

BELK DAYS ARE BACK -- We are having our second Belk fundraiser next month just in time for Christmas shopping. The tickets are \$5.00 and you get that \$5.00 off of your purchase. They also have awesome deals during Belk Days. St. Faustina keeps 100% of the ticket sales.

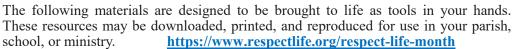


Belk days will November 3rd to 5th. The pre-sale will be the week before. *Tickets will be on sale after all* Masses NEXT weekend, October 21 and 22. See you then!



CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKET SIGN-UPS begin NEXT WEEK, October 21-22 and continue the following week, October 28-29. The annual celebration is set for Saturday, December 9th from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at Vista Del Lago. Cost is \$30 per person For more information please go to the web page at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/parish-christmas-party-2023/

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH — The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.







South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center — St. Faustina's support for the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center dates back to the founding of the parish in 2006. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes 4 & 5), wipes and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers and other small items can also be accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon located at the entrance way to the church or by our gift shop. For more information, contact Tom and Nancy Madden at tomnancy94@msn.com

To learn more about the South Lake Pregancy and Family Care Center, please go to their website at: South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center (slpfcc.com)

MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN — Our Knights of Columbus have purchased a Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn, which is located at the south end of the church near the parking lot. You can participate in this fundraiser by purchasing a brick commemorating your loved ones and or yourself. The cost of the brick is \$100.00. A total of 282 bricks have been sold.

If you have not yet ordered your brick to be included in our Knights of Columbus Memorial to the Unborn, pick up an order form at the gift shop or go to their web page at.

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

A Look Back at Our Ministry Fair







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Our first Ministry Fair on our North Boggy Marsh Road property was a huge success. Thanks to our ministry leaders and their teams and to Joe Seddio, Father Ramon, and Diane and Frank Maglione, who spearheaded the event. Thank you to all our parishioners who stopped by to see what our parish has to offer you and how you might become involved. For more photos, please visit our Ministry Fair 2023 web page at: https://stfaustina.org/photoalbums/ministry-fair-2023-2/



St. Teresa of Avila

By Marylu Mariniello

St. Teresa of Ávila, also called St. Teresa of Jesus, was a Carmelite nun and prominent Spanish mystic and religious reformer who was active during the Counter-Reformation, She became the central figure of the movement of monastic renewal, reforming the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. This movement was later joined by a younger Carmelite friar and mystic John of the Cross, with whom she established the Discalced Carmelites.

Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda Dávila y Ahumada was born on March 28, 1515 in Avila, Spain. Her paternal grandfather, Juan Sánchez

de Toledo, was a "marrano" a Jew forced to convert to Christianity or emigrate. When Teresa's father was a child, he was condemned at the Spanish Inquisition for returning to Judaism, but later resumed becoming a Catholic. He was a successful wool merchant and one of the wealthiest men in Ávila, becoming a knight, assimilating into Christian society. Her father was previously married with three children and then married Teresa's mother, Beatriz de Ahumada y Cuevas. Her mother brought her up as a dedicated Christian. Teresa was captivated by the lives of the saints, causing her to run away from home at the age of seven to become a martyr, fighting the Moors. She left with her brother, but their uncle brought them home. Her mother died when Teresa was eleven years old, which devastated her. This led her to embrace a deeper devotion to the Blessed Mother as her spiritual mother. On the secular side, she also loved popular fiction, including medieval tales about knights and stories about fashion, gardens and flowers.

Teresa was sent to the Augustinian Convent school in Ávila. When she finished her studies, she resisted the idea of a religious vocation, but then chose this path after a stay with her uncle and other relatives. In 1534, at the age of twenty, she decided to enter the local Carmelite *Convent of the Incarnation*, built on top of land that had been used previously as a burial ground for Jews. Her father was not happy about her vocation.



She liked to read about contemplative prayer, especially Osuna's "Abecedario spiritual" ("Third Spiritual Alphabet," 1527), a guide on the examination of conscience. She also practiced "spiritual self-concentration and inner contemplation" and read other mystical ascetical works such as the "Tractatus de oratione et meditatione" of Peter of Alcantara, which brought her to perform mortification, causing her to become sick, spending almost a year in bed. Everyone was upset and worried because Teresa almost died. She recovered and attributed her healing to the intercession of St. Joseph.

Then she began to experience bouts of ecstasy, reporting that she had progressed from the lowest stage of "recollection" to the "devotions of silence" and even to the "devotions of ecstasy", which was perceived as "the perfect union with God." She started to understand the distinction between mortal and venial sins and the horror and intrinsic nature of original sin, causing her to became conscious of her own natural impotence in confronting sin and her need for absolute surrender to God. Teresa received a copy of the Spanish translation of St. Augustine of Hippo's autobiographical work "Confessions", which helped her to resolve and manage her own sessions of religious ethics, making her realize that holiness was possible. She found solace that such a great saint was once an inveterate sinner. In her autobiography, she wrote that she "was very fond of St. Augustine [...] for he was a sinner too."

Her convent had *a laissez faire* attitude, which prompted Teresa to create a "reformed" Carmelite convent, correcting the laxity that she experienced. The new convent, established in 1562 and named for St. Joseph, was impoverished. This caused a scandal among the people, with the small house and chapel almost being closed down, but the bishop gave his approval for their order. In March 1563, when the new convent house was established, Teresa received a Papal Sanction for her principles of absolute poverty and the renunciation of ownership of property. This was formulated into a "constitution". Her plan was the stricter monastic rules, supplemented by the three disciplines of flagellation every week and the discalceation of the religious, meaning "removal of footwear."

For the next five years, Teresa remained in seclusion, mostly praying and writing. She wrote her autobiography, "The Life of Teresa of Jesus", "The Interior Castle" and "The Way of Perfection", which are major works on Christian mysticism and meditation. In 1567, Teresa received a patent from the Carmelite General to establish further houses of the new order, which involved a lot of traveling. She was given permission to set up two houses for men. Two Carmelite friars, John of the Cross and Anthony helped with this, founding the monastery of Discalced Carmelite Brothers in November 1568 at Duruelo. John of the Cross would also become a saint.

In 1576, unreformed members of the Carmelite order began to persecute Teresa, her supporters and her reforms. They forbade all further founding of reformed convents, telling her to go into "voluntary retirement," which she did. After years of letters to King Philip II of Spain, the reforms were resumed. During the last three years of her life, Teresa founded several convents, seventeen in total. In 1580, a formal papal decree adopting the split from the old order was issued.

Teresa died in 1582 and was buried at the Convento de la Anunciación in Alba de Tormes.

She was canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622 and Pope Paul VI proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church on September 27, 1970. St. Teresa of Avila is the patron saint of chess and headaches and copatron of Castile. Her symbols are a heart, an arrow and a book. She is also known as "The Roving Nun." Her feast day is October 15.

This is her quote: "The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes."

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