

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

January 7, 2024

Feast of the Epiphany

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—8:00 PM 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

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A Message from Father Carlos - Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos

My Dear Family of St. Faustina,

This weekend the Church commemorates the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in which we commemorate the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, to the non-Jews. It is the Feast of Light that enlightens us and gives us gifts because we have received the most precious gift: Jesus Christ Himself, the Light of the World. And it is

precisely of the Light that this weekend's readings show.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the Good News with great exaltation to the people who were walking in darkness. A light shines; the glory of God appears. Brothers and sisters, Christ is that radiant morning star who guides us in life and who came into the world so that we might come to Him. Resolve this new year to let that light shine brighter in your life.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, reminds us that all men will be worshippers of the same God, he speaks to us of the grace that God has given us through the Holy Spirit. By our baptism we are joint heirs and partakers of God's promise. We feel that joy because in Christ we are a people of kings, a priestly people, a holy assembly. This new year, resolve to become more aware of your reality as a Baptized Person and of the presence of the Spirit in your life.



The liturgy offers us the story of the Magi, well known to all of us. The Magi sought Christ with full sincerity to offer them their riches, their faith, their love, and to offer themselves. In our lives as disciples we are called to encounter Christ, especially in the Gospel and in the Eucharist. Resolve this new year to seek Jesus more, to let yourself be found by Him, to offer Him what you are and what you have.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us to live these strong liturgical times of Advent and Christmas. All the volunteers, staff members, Fr. John, and Deacon Cris, thank you so much! God bless you all. Animo!

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,

Father Carlos

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Mi querida familia de San Faustina,

Este fin de semana la Iglesia conmemora la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, en ella hacemos memoria de la manifestación de Jesús a los gentiles, a los no judíos. Es la Fiesta de la Luz que nos ilumina y de regalos porque hemos recibido el don más precioso: Jesucristo mismo la Luz del Mundo. Y es precisamente de la Luz el signo que muestran las lecturas de este fin de semana.

En la primera lectura el profeta Isaías proclama con gran exaltación la Buena Nueva a la gente que andaba en la oscuridad. Una luz brilla; la gloria de Dios aparece. Hermanos y hermanas, Cristo es esa estrella radiante de la mañana que nos guía en la vida y que vino al mundo para que lleguemos a Él. Proponte este año nuevo dejar que esa luz brille más en tu vida.

San Pablo, en su Carta a los Efesios, nos recuerda que todos los hombres serán adoradores de un mismo Dios, nos habla de la gracia que Dios nos ha dado por el Espíritu Santo. Por nuestro bautismo somos coherederos y copartícipes de la promesa de Dios. Nosotros sentimos esa alegría ya que en Cristo somos un pueblo de reyes, pueblo sacerdotal, una asamblea santa. Proponte este año nuevo tomar más conciencia de tu realidad de Bautizado y de la presencia del Espíritu en tu vida.

La liturgia nos propone el relato de los Reyes Magos, muy conocido por todos nosotros. Los Magos buscaban con plena sinceridad a Cristo para ofrecerle sus riquezas, su fe, amor, y ofrecerse ellos mismos. En nuestra vida de discípulos estamos llamados a encontrar a Cristo especialmente en el Evangelio y en la Eucaristía. Proponte este nuevo año a buscar más a Jesús, dejarte encontrar por Él, ofrécele lo que eres y lo que tienes.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para darle las gracias a todos los que nos ayudaron a vivir estos tiempos fuertes litúrgicos de Adviento y Navidad. Todos los voluntarios, miembros del Staff, P. John, y Diacono Cris, ¡Mil gracias! Dios los bendiga a todos. ¡Ánimo!

San Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,

Father Carlos

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of December 24, 2023*

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$23,987.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$2,974.00 Mass Attendance for the Weekend of December 24. 2023: 2,930*

*The above totals include <u>both</u> the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Masses.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan	•	
4:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Faustina	
Sunday, January 7, 2024		
7:30 am	+ Lupe Garcia	
	Requested by: Lina & Wil Green	
9:30 am	+ Chris Pena	
	Requested by: Pamela Blattner	
11:30 am	Deceased members of Kelly Families	
	Requested by: Brian Kelly	
5:00 pm	+ Rita Capalbo	
	Requested by: Gabriela Munoz	
Monday, January 8, 2024		
8:00 am	+ Bonaventure & + Rosy Castelino	
	Requested by: Ladislaus & Leena Rasquinha	
Tuesday, January 9, 2024		
8:00 am	SI Inumerable Family	
	Requested by: Carmelita Flores	
Wednesday, Ja	anuary 10, 2024	
8:00 am	+ Evangelina Gomez	
	Requested by: Melvin Gomez	
Thursday, January 11, 2024		
8:00 am	+ Mary Ann Verbetech	
	Requested by: Sara Schaver	
Friday, January 12, 2024		
8:00 am	Healing for Joey Paletto	
	Requested by: Angela Francisco	
Saturday, January 13, 2024		
8:00 am	Memorial Mass Association	
4:00 pm	+ Michael & + Daniel Hynes	
	Requested by: Kathy Murphy	
Sunday, January 14, 2024		
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina	
9:30 am	+ Jane Sebastian	
	Requested by: John & JoAnn Bailey	
11:30 pm +	Mary Ellen Doherty	
	Requested by: Thomas Doherty	
5:00 pm	+ Carlos Jose Saldarriaga	
	Requested by: 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 **resubmit names** that you would like on our list by emailing: *office@stfaustina.org.*



Ed David, Jack Marchewka, David Venditti, Elizabeth Cocco, Cecilia Fanelli, Arabella Zeglovskis, Felisa Parker-Gibson, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Trice Cayea, Jose De Pool, Magdalena Lezcano, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Paul Overeem, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Michael Daniel Boglino, Christine Gallagher, Timothy Leonard, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Michael Kelly, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Paulette Sparlik, Lilian Hawkinson, 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, 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, January 6	Hospitality Weekend following the 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, January 7	Hospitality Weekend following the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Masses
Monday, January 8	Rosary Makers, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, in classroom Spanish Bible Study, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in church
Tuesday, January 9	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Adult Choir from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in church Legion of Mary, 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in church
Wednesday, January 10	Caring Crafters, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, in classroom Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church
Thursday, January 11	Divine Will Study, 9:15 am to 10:00 am in classroom Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in classroom
Friday, January 12	Elsanto Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church Taller Oracion, following the Rosary
Saturday, January 13	Bake Sale Weekend, after 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, January 14	Bake Sale Weekend following the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Masses
Monday, January 15	THE OFFICE IS CLOSED IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	There will be the usual 8:00 am Mass

LIMITED SPACES BOOK NOW! **PLAN 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, <u>MUST</u> complete the form at the following link: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/</u>

The following are the Feast Days that will be celebrated this week at our Masses: Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord...End of the Christmas Season, Tuesday, January 9, First Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday, January 13, St. Hilary Bishop, and Doctor of the Church



APRENDER A ORAR PARA APRENDER A VIVIR — Queremos invitarte a aprender cómo mejorar tu forma de relacionarte con el Señor, como parte de un TALLER DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA (TOV) fundado por el Padre Ignacio Larrañaga.

Se trata de una experiencia maravillosa, la cual te ayudará a encontrar la paz interior, experimentando el Amor de Dios y recuperando el sentido de la vida y la alegría de vivir.

Inicio: Jueves, 25 de enero, 2024 de 10:00 AM a 12:00 M

Lugar: Iglesia Santa Faustina, 15551 N Boggy Marsh Rd, Clermont, FL 34714 Información: Claudia Becerra (323) 872-4188 tovclaudia.b@hotmail.com !Vive la maravillosa experiencia que es la relación personal con Dios!

Our beloved Divine Mercy Statue, which graces the entrance to our beautiful church and attracts the attention of parishioners and visitors alike, received a cleaning and polishing as we get ready to enter 2024 and the celebration of our one-year anniversary in our church building on February 4.

On behalf of Father Carlos and the entire St. Faustina Parish staff, we wish everyone a joyful, safe, Blessed and Happy New Year!



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events Don and Trish Villeneuve are Named The Knights of Columbus "Family of the Month"

Long-time parishioners, Don and Trish Villeneuve, members of St. Faustina since the parish started in 2006, have been named the Knights of Columbus, "Family of the Month" for December.

Don was construction supervisor for more than 20 years while Trish was a social worker for more than a decade in the 1970's and 80's. Upon retiring, they moved to Florida in 1990. Parishioners at Blessed Sacrament, Holy Redeemer, St.

Mary's in Haines City, and the Shrine, the couple began their St. Faustina parish journey in early October of 2006 when they saw our "Catholic Mass" sign (which had an arrow to point the way) outside the doors of Westgate Inn, which was located on Route 192. While not at the very first Mass on September 30, their signatures are among those that grace the historic white boards that commemorate the original parishioners.

Don and Trish were among the many parishioners who helped with the move from Westgate Inn to the former "Homer's BBQ" restaurant, which allowed the parish to have its first Mass at that Route 27 location on December 24, 2006. Don was also among those who renovated the flooring and did the painting at the rectory. He is a long-standing Knight.



Once the parish was established at, what Father Steve affectionately

called, "The Parish of Holy Smokes", and our parishioners called ... and many of those who have taken the 17-year journey still do ... "St. Homer's", Don and Trish joined the very first building committee after a joint announcement, at Mass, from then-Bishop Wenske and Father Steve, that a church was going to be built at 15551, N. Boggy Marsh Road, just three miles north of "St. Homer's". While at "St. Homer's," Don was head of the building and maintenance ministry and was responsible for the daily upkeep of the church. He was among those who designed and placed our first sign (which was white with big red letters) on our property, which read, "Future Home of St. Faustina Roman Catholic Church."

Trish, whose husband, son, and stepdaughter died in a boating accident on August 21, 1987, is currently a member of the parish's Bereavement and Consolation Ministry, helping in the role of "grief support." She is an original member of this important ministry.

"We are finally home," said Trish. "And Father Steve and all those who have gone back to the Lord are smiling down upon us," Don concluded.

(photo caption: Don and Trish Villeneuve along with Knights (left to right) Luis Montango, Mike Mueller, Grand Knight Ed Rabelas, Knights' Chaplin, Father John, and presenter, Sam Jones).

To learn more about the Family of the Month, please go to: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/family-of-the-month/



BAKE SALE IS NEXT WEEKEND, Saturday, January 13, after the 4:00 pm Mass and Sunday, January 14, following the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 morning Masses. If you are a baker and would like to participate, simply bring your tasty treat to Mass with you. And, of course, we need buyers as all proceeds benefit the parish. For more information on this ministry, please go to their secure web page on our parish website at: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/</u>

Remembering Our Diocesan Clergy — As we prepare to celebrate the New Year, we ask that you take a moment to keep in your prayers those Diocese of Orlando Clergy who have joined the Kingdom of God during the month of January. January 1, 2021 – Rev. Eamon Tobin (4th, 2021), Rev. Luiz Bastos (4th, 2021), Rev. Hugh Flynn (8th, 1975), Rev. William Holmes (13th, 1982), Rev. Mark Wegg (13th, 2015), Dcn. Robert Kingsey (14th, 2015), Dcn. Miguel Alvarez (15th, 2015), Rev. Michael Flynn (16th, 1988), Rev. Dcn. Homer Swart, (22nd, 2001), Rev. Michael Reynold (23rd), 1972, Rev. James F. Edwards (27th, 2007), Dcn. Raynond Byers (27th, 1996), Dcn. Joseph Wortman (29th, 2013), Rev. Peter Quinn (30th, 2016).



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events Grandparents' Ministry Pilgrimage to the Shrine Was a Beautiful Success and a Wonderful Blessing

On December 15th, seventeen members of the parish attended a pilgrimage, hosted by our Grandparents Ministry,

to the Mary, Queen of the Universe, Basilica in Orlando, and enjoyed a personally guided tour, dinner, and the Basilica's Christmas concert.

"It was a wonderful experience," said ministry leader, Jerilyn Polson. "We prayed for all grandparents and their grandchildren at the Adoration Chapel, enjoyed a beautiful tour of the Basilica, which included bronze statues of St. Michael the Archangel, Saul being struck blind, Peter and Paul, and Jesus and Joseph in the carpentry workshop.

"We had fantastic, reserved seats for the concert, which was packed with people standing. The music was amazing. Everyone had such a great time, and every aspect of the pilgrimage was a blessing."

The St. Faustina Chapter of CGA was formed in the autumn of 2023. We meet once a month on a weekday after-

noon for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Sometimes we engage in a service project or field trip in place of a monthly meeting. The discussion topics are usually taken from *The Grandparents Handbook: Creative Ways to Show Love, Share Faith, and Have Fun*, by Lorene Hanley Duquin, The Word Among Us Press, 2018. The facilitator or guest speaker leads the discussion; it is not necessary for members to buy a book. Enrollment is free of any dues or fees and all activities are voluntary, but it's important to register with the ministry leader for planning purposes.



We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 11 am and, in our next three meetings, we will discuss the following topics:

Jan 17: Family Traditions Feb 21: Family History Mar 20: Family Dynamics

For more information, please contact ministry leader, Jerilyn Polson at: nonnagerarda86@gmail.com.

For more information on our St. Faustina Grandparents' Ministry, please go to their web on our parish web site at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/



Handbell Choir Makes Christmas Eve Debut—Our Handbell Choir made its debut at our Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Christmas Carol presentation...What a great way to kick-off this ministry...and we invite you to be a part of it!!

To see their rendition of "Silent Night", please go to their web page on our parish website at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/hand-held-bell-ringers/

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our Director of Liturgy and Music, Kelly Mucci, at: <u>kmucci@stfaustina.org</u> or

by calling her at **352-515-9297.** Practices are held on Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

The Parish Office Will Be Closed On Monday, January 15, In Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Morning Mass Will Be Held at the Usual 8:00 am Time





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Some Christian Trivia By Marylu Mariniello

Hospitals

Did you know that Christians created the first hospitals?

In ancient Greece and the Roman Empire, where civilization was highly advanced, sickness was considered a curse from an angry god who needed to be placated. Care for the sick was minimal and often superstitious

When Christianity came about, sickness was treated with the patient's cure in mind, both body *and* soul.

Care for the sick is a large part of the Church's teachings. In the beginning, Our Lord told the Apostles to tend to and heal the sick, as he had done in his earthly ministry. Both the clergy and laity opened their doors to the poor and infirmed to fulfill Christ's wishes.

Christians initially looked after the sick out of their own homes. However poverty and diseases increased, causing the need for a public place to house ailing people, so hospitals were instituted. The hospitals were divided into specific classes of patients, with one building for the dying, another one for sick pil-



grims, another for orphans and so on. Monks and nuns mainly cared for the patients, while the hospital itself was overseen by a bishop. St. Basil's hospital in Cappadocia was the most famous due to its city-like size and layout. It also had housing for the nurses and an industrial school.

These hospitals, which were developed in the East and copied in the West, became famous by the fourth century. The hospitals were well received by both pagans and Christians, causing the Roman Emperor Julian to order a pagan hospital to be built in every city, to outdo the Christians.

The Christians who formed the first hospitals knew that the soul needs healing as well as the body. In these times, when you have a prayer request for healing, pray to St. Padre Pio, a patron saint of healing, for health of body, mind and soul.

Mass Rocks

Oliver Cromwell is the most notorious name in Irish history. He was the representative of English suppression in Ireland, who not only destroyed the freedom and heritage of the Irish, but also tried to destroy their faith. Cromwell en-



forced anti-Catholic penal laws on the Irish Catholic people, especially priests, who were subjected to fines, imprisonment and death. Churches were closed or desecrated. This all took place between 1695 to about 1750.

Cromwell thought that he succeeded in his mission, but the Irish slipped through his fingers. Since they couldn't have churches, they took their faith "outside."

While Cromwell's men searched the apparent places for illegal Catholics, the Irish faithful were in some little known ravine or hidden valley praying at Mass. This is known as the famous Mass Rocks, called "*Carraigeacha an Aifrinn" in Gaelic*.

The Irish Catholics found broad rocks with a good

lookout view. Priests consecrated the stones as altars where Masses were said in mossy forests, on windswept hillcrests or in bluffs on rocks and boulders of every size.

Every county in Ireland housed Mass Rocks, which were marked with a small cross. Thousands of these secret altars were created, but most of them remain undiscovered to this day. Only about four hundred Mass Rocks have been identified.

Mass rocks are important as both religious and historical monuments which cement Irish faith, heritage and tradition. Today, the predominant religion of Ireland is Catholic, comprising 70% of the population.

