



St. Faustina Catholic Church 1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23) Clermont, FL 34714

The 13th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

Parish Office Hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Thursday Closed Friday through Sunday

Horario de Oficina Parroquial

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Lunes a Jueves Cerrado los Viernes

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Mass Schedule

Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 PM - Mass in English Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Mass in English Sunday: 5:00 PM – Mass in Spanish

8:00 AM Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday, Mass in English Wednesday Holy Hour, 3:00 – 4:00 PM First Friday Exposition, 8:30 – 9:30 AM Confessions, Saturday, 3:00 – 3:45 PM or by Appointment

Horario de Misas

Las puertas se abriran 30 min antes de la Misa 4:00 PM – Misa del Sabado en Ingles 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM – Misa del Domigo en Ingles 5:00 PM – Misa Dominical en Espanol

8:00 AM – Misa de lunes a sábado en inglés 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Miercoles Hora Santa 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – Exposicion Primer Viernes 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM –Confesiones los Sabados o con Cita Ucion de los Enfermos con cita solamente.

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OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a Community inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una comunidad inspirada por el Espiritu Santo, y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios, a formentar el crecimiento espiritual, y atender las necesidades temporales y sociales de todos.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

When God calls us to do his will, each person must answer that call with an act of faith. If we love the Lord with all our heart and wish to serve him well, then our obedience to his call should be given without delay or excuse. This principle of discipleship is drawn out in the first book of Kings, chapter 19, when the voice of God tells Elijah that Elisha has been chosen to be his successor.

Elisha realizes he must leave everything and go immediately, so he lays down the reins to his father's plow, then slaughters the oxen and feeds their flesh to his people. There is no turning back - Elisha leaves his home and *follows Elijah as his attendant*. This interaction between Elijah and Elisha portends the call and response between Jesus and his Apostles, centuries later, when they would lay down their nets and follow him.

The Lord is calling all of us. He calls us to be prophets, Apostles, disciples, friends, to *serve one another through love*, as Paul encouraged the Galatians in today's second reading. The time for excuses is long past. Whether we feel unworthy, unwilling, or afraid, let us trust in the Lord and leave it all behind and follow him, that he might lead us to himself, to the Father, and to heaven.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. (Gal. 5:13)

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Y otro dijo: "Te seguiré, Señor, pero primero déjame despedirme de mi familia en casa". A él Jesús le dijo: "Nadie que ponga una mano en el arado y mire a lo que quedó atrás es apto para el reino de Dios". (Lucas 9:62)

Cuando Dios nos llama a hacer su voluntad, cada persona debe responder a ese llamado con un acto de fe. Si amamos al Señor con todo nuestro corazón y deseamos servirle bien, entonces nuestra obediencia a su llamado debe darse sin demora ni excusa. Este principio del discipulado se extrae en el primer libro de Reyes, capítulo 19, cuando la voz de Dios le dice a Elías que Eliseo ha sido elegido para ser su sucesor.

Eliseo se da cuenta de que debe dejarlo todo e irse de inmediato, por lo que pone las riendas del arado de su padre, luego mata a los bueyes y alimenta su carne a su pueblo. No hay vuelta atrás: Eliseo sale de su casa y *sigue a Elías como su asistente*. Esta interacción entre Elías y Eliseo presagia el llamado y la respuesta entre Jesús y sus Apóstoles, siglos más tarde, cuando dejaron sus redes y lo siguieron.

El Señor nos está llamando a todos. Él nos llama a ser profetas, apóstoles, discípulos, amigos, a *servirnos unos a otros a través del amor*, como Pablo alentó a los Gálatas en la segunda lectura de hoy. El tiempo de las excusas ha pasado hace mucho tiempo. Ya sea que nos sintamos indignos, reacios o temerosos, confiemos en el Señor y dejémoslo todo atrás y sigámoslo, para que él nos guíe a sí mismo, al Padre y al cielo.

Porque ustedes fueron llamados a la libertad, hermanos y hermanas. Pero no uséis esta libertad como una oportunidad para la carne; más bien, sírvanse unos a otros a través del amor. (Gálatas 5:13)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Weekend of June 12, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,588.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$4,769.00

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 25, 2022

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Josephine Borges

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Fiona F. Silverio

Requested by: Thelma Hollander

11:00 am Healing for Ladislau Rasquinha

Requested by: Leana & Family

5:00 pm + Francisco Arango

Requested by: Adrey Goez

Monday, June 27, 2022

8:00 am + Seth Burdick

Requested by: Tues. Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

8:00 am SI Henry & Nora Evans

Requested by: Costello Family

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

8:00 am + Millie Green

Requested by: Will & Lena Green

Thursday, June 30, 2022

8:00 am SI Mini Riley

Requested by: Costello Family

Friday, July 1, 2022

8:00 am + Dr. Denise Gonzales

Requested by: Lil Nicoletti

Saturday, July 2, 2022

8:00 am + Yvette & + Marcel Bouchard

Requested by: Family

4:00 pm + George Tomichek

Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable

Sunday, July 3, 2022

8:00 am + Richard D. Carlson

Requested by: Lillian Nicoletti

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:00 am + Kathleen Mazurowski

Requested by: Thelma Hollander

5:00 pm Prayers for Jose Britto

Requested by: Luisa Britto

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.**

Mike McGee, Marylou Maiellano, Evelisse Bookhout, Russell Perine, Gloria Nestel, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Fanny Gonzalez, Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Frances Pastore, Bob Schultes, Jose DePool, Osvaldo Bolano, Orestes Hernandez, Magdalena Lezcano, Ray Conn, Jo Ellen Foti, Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Becky Oosterveen, Charles Patrick, Ed Robinson, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Rudy Sebastian, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Sofia Vander Muelen, Mike Vander Muelen, Freddy Viau, Ida Vieto, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Wanda Young,

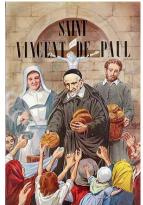
John Friedrich, Maricarmen Galavis, Mary Garl, Vinnie McCrave, Marilyn McCrave, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, Chuck Kalinowski, Jack Murphy, Fr. Richard Tuttle, Dave Zimmerman, Robert Sicker, the People of Ukraine and their country, and all those in need.





If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Parish, 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



We welcome Fr. James Thoyalil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, who is with us for our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. This weekend's special mission collection is to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to give generously and to please keep **Fr. James** and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, July 1, following the 8 a.m. Mass (from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.). The Holy Rosary is prayed during the Exposition followed by quiet personal time with Our Lord. Please join us.





We invite all Catholic men to join the St. Faustina Knights of Columbus. A Catholic Fraternal Organization that preforms acts of Charity. Contact Bill Mattingly PGK 352-988-7000 wmattingly@cfl.rr.com or Eddie Rabelas GK 720-771-1841 jerabelas@gmail.com

On behalf of Hands of Hope America, Inc. we would like to sincerely "thank" all of our parishioners who have supported the St. Faustina "Food for All" ministry over the past two and a half years. Your generosity has produced more than 20,000 non-perishable food items that have gone directly to the families in need in our Four Corners Community. As we are now in the 2022 calendar year, the volunteers (some of whom are St. Faustina parishioners) at Hands of Hope America, Inc. are committed, with your continued support, to make sure every family in our community has enough to eat. Once again, "thank you" for your continued support.





Blood Drive
This Weekend!!

Please feel free to walk-up to donate.

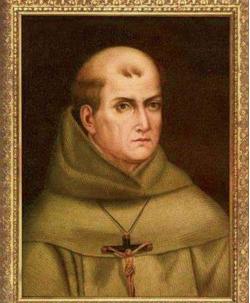
The Fundraising Committee will hold a 50-50 fundraiser this weekend, June 25-26, and next weekend, July 2-3, after all Masses.



ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

By Marylu Mariniello

Miguel Jose Serra was born on November 24, 1713 on the Spanish island of Majorca. He came from humble beginnings as his parents, Antonio Nadal Serra and Margarita Rosa Ferrer, worked the land in the town of Petra. Miguel was baptized on his day of birth because he was a sickly baby. As he grew older, he was edu-



cated by Franciscan monks at a local primary school. At the age of fifteen, he decided to join the priesthood and moved to Palma to pursue his goal.

Miguel became a novice at the Convento de Jesus in September 1730, studying theology and philosophy. The next year, he joined the Franciscans and took the name Junipero after a friend and associate of St. Francis. The exact date of his ordination into the priesthood is unknown, occurring sometime between 1737 and 1739. Then he devoted much of his time to teaching. He earned his doctorate in theology from Lullian University in 1742.

In 1749, Father Serra traveled to Mexico with a former student, Francisco Palóu, landing in Vera Cruz and walking two hundred fifty miles to Mexico City. He suffered a leg injury during this journey, which would give him pain for the rest of his life. In the city, he joined the College of San Fernando, but only stayed a short while. Then he volunteered for the Sierra Gorda missions in 1751. This area was inhabited by the Pame Indians. Father Serra preached to them and tried to help them improve their economy.

Throughout these years up to the 1760's, Father Serra still helped out at the College of San Fernando but continued to preach at different missions, including Oaxaca and Puebla. By 1769, he headed north, establishing his first mission in San Fernando de Velicatá. Then he created a second one in San Diego on July 1, 1769, the first of nine in California, including Monterey/Carmel, San Antonio, San Gabriel, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Clara and San Buenaventura.

His goal was to bring religion to the Native Americans, which caused issues with how the Spanish soldiers treated the native people. When the natives broke rules too, he approved of the use of corporal punishment for offenses.

Father Serra died on August 28, 1784 at the Mission San Carlos, where he is buried. He had baptized more than 6,700 Native Americans before his death. In the 1940's, people began a movement for his beatification. He was beatified by Pope John Paul in 1988.

On September 23, 2015, Pope Francis canonized Father Serra during his first visit to the United States, having a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This marked the country's first canonization. Pope Francis said to the thousands who attended the Mass that Father Serra "sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it. Mistreatment and wrongs which today still trouble us, especially because of the hurt which they cause in the lives of many people."

However, some people were not pleased with the Pope's decision about the sainthood, objecting to some to the forceful methods Father Serra used in trying to convert the Native Americans to the Catholic faith. His use of corporal punishment also broke with traditional Franciscan practices. In a letter to Governor Jerry Brown, Valentin Lopez, chair of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band was outraged writing "Canonizing Junipero Serra effectively condones and celebrates his use of imprisonment and torture to convert California Indians to Christianity."

But remember, Father Serra gave up a comfortable life as a priest and university professor in Palma, Mallorca to come to the Americas to spread the gospel message to those who never heard of Christianity. After his death, another twelve missions were founded by 1823. From 1769 to 1823, there were 101,000 baptisms, 28,000 marriages and 71,00 burials performed in Catholic Churches in California. Pilgrims from everywhere visit his grave at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio Carmelo.

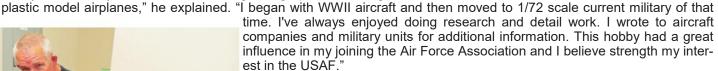
St. Junipero Serra is the patron saint of California and vocations. His feast day is July 1.

PRIEST, PHOTOGRAPHER, RESEARCHER ... LEGO MASTER!

Father John McNalis is a man of many talents, hobbies, and interests. Priest, Chaplin, photographer, researcher ... and now, his newest hobby ... Lego Master!

If you have not had the opportunity to stop and see what Father is constructing below the "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" sign that waves above the statute of St. Joseph...very fitting that it should be in that location...take a moment and you will see a scale Lego model of our new church building at 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road. Just like our new church, Father's Lego church, which is being built to scale, is also under construction. As of this writing, both structures have had the site cleared, had the foundation put in place, and are currently undergoing construction of the walls... one in concrete blocks, one with Legos.

Father's idea to build the Lego Church came from his childhood hobby. "One of my hobbies when I was growing up was building

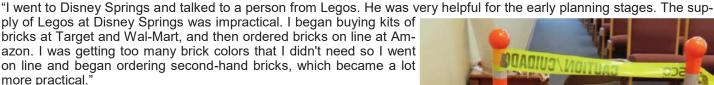


As for building with Legos, "I could spell the name," he laughed, "but other than that, absolutely none. In my teen years I had a Kerner and an Erector set."

Just as our architect, PRA, and our contractor, R D Michaels, had to figure out how much concrete, steel, bricks, mortar, and other materials would be needed to build our new church, Father John had to figure out how many Legos, and what types, needed to build his model.

"The first thing I did was to get in contact with the construction team at the church," Father explained, "and they were very helpful in selecting the colors and also gave me scale plans.

At first, I worked out a scale of one-inch equals three feet, but then changed it to one-inch equals four feet. The three-foot scale was bigger than the card table that I had available (in the church) for the model.



The type of bricks that Father is using are the basic red and a mix of 2, 3,4, and 6 connectors. At the same time, he is trying to stay as close to the color schemes of our real new church building as possible.

"I'm using double thickness so the model will be a little stronger," he said, "and I have purchased some arches for the windows. I have the base plates for the overall size of the church model. The colors are pretty easy ... red is the majority of the model, the roof is a battleship grey, the blue for the inside altar area, the grey doors for fire exits, the window frames are red, and the base grey and white for shade and light of the two bottom rows. I also have a statue of St. Faustina that will displayed outside the church." (*Editor's note:* Our Divine Mercy statue, which currently stands at the entrance corner of our current site, is expected to be displayed outside our new church building).

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At present, Father has not counted the number of bricks that he has already used while working on the length and height of the model and build. He has finished the major part of the first structure, including doors and windows. The roof is the second phase.

Father John works on this project about an hour a day, mostly from the dining room table at his home. Blueprints and photographs of the real church plans, visits to the site, and ideas from his own photos (taken with his D-800 Nikon camera) all supply important information that helps him keep the model at scale.



"I work from my dining room table, a section at a time, and try to get the best angle for the windows and doors," he says.

"As I finish each section, I bring that part over to the church and assemble it into what has already been constructed. I'm trying to keep pace with the actual construction, but sometimes that isn't easy since I have down time if I have to order parts." (*Editor's note*: there have been a few times during both projects that Father's model is a head of the construction site church).

"I work about an hour a day," he said. "There is a lot of measuring, but it has been fun. The project is really rather relaxing. It is not a job or task. I really look at it as a hobby project."

Besides the actual construction, Father John is hoping to incorporate parishioner's names into the building.

"I have a Dymo Letra Tag with extra rolls of tape. I would like to put the family names on the inside walls of the church model and then spray the tape with a clear coat film (used for decals). People will then have their names on the inside of the church model. I want to involve the religious education students in this phase of the project so they will have an interest in the building of the new church." (*Editor's note:* there is a possibility that

THE RESCUE

While working "construction", the local fire department wanted to maintain his residence in the showed up in our parking lot. Father John could not city. He served three years on active resist the opportunity to go out and chat.

duty, and 20 years in the reserves. He



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pavers will be sold that will enable parishioners to put their names on them).

Father John was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on 12 May 1976. Except for three years 1981-1984 when he was on Active Duty with the USAF, all of his parish assignments

have been inside the Chicago city limits. He has always had an interest in Chicago history. Father taught Chicago history in the 8th grade when the parish he was assigned to had a grade school. Since he was the assistant Chicago Fire Department's Catholic chaplain, he wanted to maintain his residence in the city. He served three years on active duty, and 20 years in the reserves. He was the assistant Catholic Chicago Fire



Department's chaplain for 30 years, and then the full-time Catholic Chaplain for three years. Father retired in 2020 and moved to Florida in July 2020.

"I relocated to Davenport because I wanted to work at Walt Disney World after I retired, but after filling out a couple of applications and being contacted, I decided to keep active at St. Faustina parish as a supply priest. I spoke with Father Ramon about this and he was very welcoming."

As mentioned above, Father John is a frequent visitor, of which he has permission and his own hard hat, at 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, and is in constant contact with construction site manager, Robert Sema, regarding the status of the actual church in order to keep his Lego model on track. Recently, when Robert was shown photos of Father's model, from the beginning to where it currently stands, Sema said,

"As excited as I am about seeing how this project turns out, I'm even more excited to see Father John's Lego Church completed."

A sentiment shared by all of St. Faustina's parishioners, especially the ones who have been waiting for our own church since we held our first Mass in a conference room back on September 30, 2006.









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