

St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23) Clermont, FL 34714

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

Parish Office Hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Thursday Closed on Friday

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

Tuesday – Friday, 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 – Martes a Viernes Misas en Ingles
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
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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.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Lk 3:21-22)

With today's feast, our Christmas season ends, and we begin the next chapter of our Church year. Moving through the liturgical year is like reading through the chapters of a book or watching the seasons of a television series. Season one is Advent, focused on eager anticipation for the Messiah. Season two is Christmas, focused on celebrating the Incarnation: God with us. Season three is Jesus' ministry and today is episode one: his baptism.

Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing babies, who cannot speak for themselves. But infant baptism can be a powerful demonstration of the generosity and kindness of God's saving love. What sort of righteous deeds can an infant do to earn grace? How temperately and devoutly can a baby behave? None of that matters; they receive the grace of the sacrament all the same. Grace is not for those who can earn it, it is for those upon whom God bestows it, and often God prefers the most vulnerable, most humble, and most needy to bless.

On this feast, we give thanks for the saving grace of the sacrament and the generosity with which it is given. The next time we participate in a baptism, let us look to see the Holy Spirit, hear the voice of the Father, feel the presence of his beloved Son, and know how much we are blessed.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. (Ti 3:4-7)

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Sucedió que cuando todo el pueblo estaba bautizándose, bautizado también Jesús y puesto en oración, se abrió el cielo, y bajó sobre él el Espíritu Santo en forma corporal, como paloma; y vino una voz del cielo: "Tú eres mi hijo; yo hoy te he engendrado." (Lc. 3:21-22)

Con la fiesta de hoy, termina nuestra temporada navideña y comenzamos el próximo capítulo de nuestro año eclesiástico. Moverse por el año litúrgico es como leer los capítulos de un libro o ver las temporadas de una serie de televisión. La primera temporada es el Adviento, centrada en la ansiosa anticipación del Mesías. La segunda temporada es la Navidad, centrada en celebrar la Encarnación: Dios con nosotros. La tercera temporada es el ministerio de Jesús y hoy es el episodio uno: su bautismo.

A veces se critica a los católicos por bautizar a bebés, que no pueden hablar por sí mismos. Pero el bautismo infantil puede ser una demostración poderosa de la generosidad y la bondad del amor salvador de Dios. ¿Qué tipo de actos de rectitud puede hacer un bebé para ganarse la gracia? ¿Cuán templada y devotamente puede comportarse un bebé? Nada de eso importa; ellos reciben igualmente la gracia del sacramento. La gracia no es para aquellos que pueden ganársela, es para aquellos a quienes Dios la concede y, a menudo, Dios prefiere a los más vulnerables, los más humildes y los más necesitados para bendecir.

En esta fiesta, damos gracias por la gracia salvadora del sacramento y la generosidad con que se da. La próxima vez que participemos en un bautismo, busquemos ver al Espíritu Santo, escuchar la voz del Padre, sentir la presencia de su Hijo amado y saber cuán bendecidos somos.

Mas cuando se manifestó la bondad de Dios nuestro Salvador y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no por obras de justicia que hubiésemos hecho nosotros, sino según su misericordia, por medio del baño de regeneración y de renovación del Espíritu Santo, que derramó sobre nosotros con largueza por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Salvador, para que, justificados por su gracia, fuésemos constituidos herederos, en esperanza, de vida eterna. (Ti. 3: 4-7)

MASS INTENTIONS

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 pm + Alberta Stella

Requested by Sobel Family

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 am + Virginia Gutierrez

Requested by: Lena & Will

9:30 am + Joseph Leo

Requested by: Joseph & Marie Miele

11:00 am + Noel Casino

Requested by: Eric & Thelma Hollander

7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:00 am + Jose Antonio Guerra

Requested by: Alba Guerra

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 am + Rafael Radames Reyes

Requested by: Luisa Brito

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00 am + Nereyda Fernandez

Requested by: Ana Ruiz & Caridad Ponce

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:00 am + Claudio Flores

Requested by: Alejandro

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Lucy Maricondi

Requested by: Joseph & Marie Miele

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

7:00 pm SI for Gualberto & Evelyn Garcia

By: Family



PRAYER REQUESTS

Victor Almonte, Pamela Alvord, Yolanda Aviles, Alfredo Barrio Aguilar, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Juana Maria Barrios, Rosalba Pinzon Barrios & Family, Mary Bell, Yvette Benton, Brian Brooks, Melissa Cameron, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Bill & Debbie Consiglion, Bob Corrigan, Anthony Crisanti, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Karen Dahn, Frank Demcsak, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, David Fitch, John Friedrich, William Galarza, Valeria Garcia, Mary Garl, Allen Gerick, Ronnie Gilroy, Lolli Gonzalez, Jane Ann Gorman, Jackie Greenwood, Dennis Griffin, Albie Hahn, Mary Handershot, David Hill, Thomas Hills V, Alison Hilton, Pat Hueston, Patricia Jonson, Penny Kaczinski, Jim Kenny, Betty Keough, Patricia Kicinski, Marcel Valle Leopold, Magdalena Lezcano, Vince Lockman, Kyle Logan, Jill Ludin, Kenneth Mackay, Marylou Maiellano, Vinnie McGrave, Kelyn Rivera Maysonet, Aubrey Mitsch, Frank Montagnino, Roger Myers, Mary Naughton, Brydon Neary, Alexandra Lee, Timothy, Aria, Reese & Brook Neilsen, Libby Nicholson, Robert Nicholson, Sinaisky Nunez, Josephine O'Donnell, Becky Oosterveen Jackie Overeem, John Packmayer, Charles Patrick, Patricia Peacock, Frank Phillip, Betty Piodraczk, Sue & Gene Plante, Ed Robinson, the Raboine Family, Luis Ramos, Dan Rothas, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Rudy Sebastian, Lenise Shope, Bill Short, Robert Sicker, Gina Skinner, Dakota Smith, Amanda Solmonoff, Kaylee Sorensen, Janet Stegall, Nick Strembicki, Marge Tagler, Jose Tejada, Kathy Thomas, Sofia Vander Muelen, Mike Vander Muelen, Freddy Viau, Ida Vieto, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, Mary Ann Verbetich, Father Chris Von Mulaski, Al Ward, Roger Welmerink John & Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Wanda Young, and all those in need.

Please submit prayer request to the Parish Office at: 352-515-9297.



Going out of town? Find a Catholic Church and Mass Schedule at:

PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

With today's celebration of the *Baptism of the Lord*, the 2021 Christmas Season Celebration comes to an end. Since the First Sunday in Advent, on November 28, through today, we have journeyed with Luke, Matthew and John ... through our attendance at Daily Mass, through our daily readings in our Little Blue Advent and Christmas Book, and through our weekend worship at Mass.

On personal levels, many of us have enjoyed the company of family and friends, some of whom (or some of us) have traveled, like the Wise Men, from afar to celebrate, while others have mourned and reflected on family and friends whose earthly journey has ended, but who enjoyed this year's Celebration in the bosom of Our Lord.

As a church family, a variety of parish activities ... the Children's Christmas Pageant, the Giving Tree, the Christmas Food Drive, First Friday Adoration, the Advent Penance Service, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity of Mary, the Christmas Blood Drive, the parish Christmas Party, and the bake sales, ... as well as the many ministries that we participate in, have brought us closer to God, our Four Corners Community, and our Parish Family.

It seems more than fitting that as we look *back* on the 2021 Christmas Season, we look *forward* to Christmas 2022 with <u>TODAY's</u> (January 9, 2022) groundbreaking of our new St. Faustina Parish church building. Bishop Noonan will be among those on hand this afternoon to turn the "first shovels" of earth, which will hopefully lead to Christmas Mass a year from now in our new church home.

Below are some photos to remind us of what God has given us ... as well as what God has in store for us. May His Blessings be on each and every one of us, our friends and our families, as we journey with Him, and with each other, through 2022. On behalf of Father Ramon and the entire St. Faustina parish staff, "Happy New Year!"







FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of December 27, 2021 / Ofertorio semanal del 27 Decembre 2021

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$20,281.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$13,981.00

Capital Campaign / Campana de Capital "MAKING OUR WAY HOME" / HACIENDO NUESTRO CAMINO A CASA"

Goal \$1,500,000.00 Pledges / Promesa Total: \$874,190.67

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT / "MUCHAS GRACIAS" POR SU CONTINUO APOYO



BAKE SALE TODAY!

If you didn't get a 2022 St. Faustina parish calendar, or want an extra one (or two), there are plenty left and are available in the bookcases located in the back the of church.



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MINISTERIOS PARROQUIALES Y PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor de hoy, la celebración de la temporada navideña de 2021 llega a su fin. Desde el primer domingo de Adviento, el 28 de noviembre, hasta hoy, hemos viajado con Lucas, Mateo y Juan ... a través de nuestra asistencia a la misa diaria, a través de nuestras lecturas diarias en nuestro Pequeño Libro Azul de Adviento y Navidad, y a través de nuestro culto de fin de semana en Misa.

A nivel personal, muchos de nosotros hemos disfrutado de la compañía de familiares y amigos, algunos de los cuales (o algunos de nosotros) hemos viajado, como los Reyes Magos, desde lejos para celebrar, mientras que otros han llorado y reflexionado sobre familiares y amigos cuyo viaje ha terminado pero que disfrutó de la Celebración de este año en el seno de Nuestro Señor.

Como familia de la iglesia, una variedad de actividades parroquiales ... el desfile de niños en navidad, el árbol de donaciones, la colecta de alimentos de Navidad, el servicio de penitencia de Adviento, la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, la adoración del primer viernes, la donación de sangre de Navidad, la fiesta de Navidad de la parroquia, y las ventas de comida,... así como los muchos ministerios en los que participamos, nos han acercado más a Dios, nuestra Comunidad de Four corners y nuestra Familia Parroquial.

Parece más que apropiado que mientras miramos hacia atrás en la temporada navideña de 2021, esperamos la Navidad de 2022 con el inicio de la construcción el día de <u>HOY</u> de nuestro nuevo edificio parroquial de Santa Faustina. El obispo Noonan estará entre los que esta tarde darán los "primeros palazos".

A continuación, se muestran algunas fotos para recordar lo que Dios nos ha dado ... así como lo que Dios tiene reservado para nosotros. Que sus bendiciones sean para todos y cada uno de nosotros, nuestros amigos y nuestras familias, mientras caminamos con Él, y entre nosotros, hasta el 2022. En nombre del Padre Ramón y de todo el personal de la parroquia de Santa Faustina, "¡Feliz año nuevo!"









Necesitamos voluntarios para el área audiovisual de la misa en español. Si tienes conocimientos de computadora y equipos de sonido eres bienvenido, Si solo conoces de computadoras... Eres bienvenido, Si lo que deseas es aprender... Eres bienvenido,

Si lo único que deseas es ayudar... Eres bienvenido, Acércate a Heber Núñez antes o al final de misa. Necesitamos tu corazón bondadoso para servir.



Rosario--Ven cada viernes a las 7:00pm a compartir la belleza de rezar juntos el rezo del Rosario, para seguir más de cerca a Jesús junto a la Virgen María, los Ángeles y Santos.

Estudio Biblico--La mies es mucha, los obreros son pocos. Profundiza en la doctrina de la iglesia católica para poder difundirla. Fórmate con nosotros el lunes 3,17 y 31 de enero a las 7:00pm en la oficina parroquial, para los que no puedan asistir pueden conectarse **vía zoom #889 593 8411 contraseña: biblia** "Vayan por el mundo y anuncien la buena nueva a toda criatura" Mc 16, 15.



PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE!!

"Thank You" to everyone who donated to our December 26 Christmas Blood Drive. You produced 16 pints of blood thus saving up to 48 lives.

For the 2021 calendar year, our six bimonthly drives saw St. Faustina's parishioners donate 118 pints thus enabling OneBlood to save up to 354 lives. We met our goal every single drive!

Since the ministry began on June 30, 2019, St. Faustina's parishioners have donated 251 pints of blood, thus saving up to 753

lives, over the course of 14 drives. We have hit our goal in all but one drive and we boast two drives in which at least 25 parishioners donated...which is why we now have two buses in our parking lot.

Our next drive is scheduled for the last Sunday of Februrary...Sunday, February 27th from 7:30 am until 12:30 p.m.

Do you have 10 minutes? **DECADE A DAY MINISTRY** is looking for new members. What is the Decade A Day Ministry? It is a program in which you are assigned a decade/mystery of the Rosary and say it each day. It is a great way to add some time or start some prayer time in your life.

Your participation in this ministry is linked with others, not only in our parish, but around the world, as we join together to bring, not only our needs...but the needs of all the other world-wide members, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who then carries all of those prayers to her Son.

Your commitment to the ministry is one year, and your decade can be said at any time during the day--if you miss a day, you can make it up the following day, along with your decade for that day. If you would like to join this simple but powerful ministry, please contact Rosemary Satterlee at: resres517@yahoo.com or call 352-404-8515 and leave a message. She will return your call.



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 look toward the upcoming 2022 year, the volunteers 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.

The goal of our Religious Education program is to prepare our students young and old to receive their Sacraments, as well as to help form their faith through ongoing studies.

All of our teachers and volunteers are fingerprinted and background checked in accordance with the Diocese of Orlando Safe Environment policy.

For more information regarding our Religious Education program, please go to:

Religious Education Classes - St. Faustina - Clermont, FL (stfaustina.org)



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ST. FELIX OF NOLA

By Marylu Mariniello

Felix was born in Nola, Italy, the son of Hermias, a Syrian who was a Roman soldier. When his father died, Felix gave his inheritance to the poor and was ordained a priest by Bishop Maximus of Nola and became his assistant.

Maximus fled to the desert at the beginning of Decius' persecution of the Christians in 250, which caused Fe-



lix to be arrested instead, then tortured, beaten and put in prison. He was released from imprisonment by an angel who directed him to the ailing Maximus. Felix brought him brought back to Nola, where he hid Maximus from soldiers in a vacant building. The two men were safely inside when a spider quickly spun a web over the door, fooling the soldiers into thinking it was an abandoned building. They left without finding the two men. Maximus and Felix managed to hide from authorities until the persecution ended with the death of Decius in 251.

When Maximus died, the people unanimously wanted Felix as their Bishop, but he declined this offer recommending Quintus, a senior priest, as the Bishop. Felix himself continued as a priest and farmed his remaining land, sharing what he had with the poor nearby and died of old age on January 14, 255.

His tomb soon became famous for the miracles reported there.

When St. Paulinus became bishop of Nola almost a century later in 410, he wrote about his predecessor. Every year St. Paulinus would write a poem to celebrate the feast day of his patron and through his writings, he gave people one of the earliest definitions of a "confessor". Much of what is known about St. Felix comes from the writings of St. Paulinus.

In one letter St. Paulinus wrote "This festive day celebrates Felix's birthday, the day on which he died physically on earth and was born for Christ in heaven, winning his heavenly crown as a martyr who did not shed his blood. For he died as confessor, though he did not avoid execution by choice, since God accepted his inner faith in place of blood. God looks into the silence of hearts and equates those ready to suffer with those who have already done so, for he considers this inward test as sufficient, and dispenses with physical execution in case of true devotion. Martyrdom without bloodshed is enough for him if mind and faith are ready to suffer and are fervent towards God."

St. Paulinus adopted Felix as his patron saint, but he thought that a patron saint was more than a namesake. He knew that Felix interceded for him in heaven and also accompanied him spiritually as an someone who encouraged, guided and protected him. St. Paulinus spoke about this in the following passage:

"Father and lord, best of patrons to servants however unworthy, at last our prayer is answered to celebrate your birthday within your threshold. . . . You know what toils on land and sea have . . . kept me far from your abode in a distant world, because I have always and everywhere had you near me and have called on you in the grim moments of travel, and in the uncertainties of life.. . . I never sailed without you, for I felt your protection in Christ the Lord when I overcame rough seas. On land and water my journeying is always made safe through you. Felix, I beg you, address a prayer on behalf of your own to that Embodiment of the calm of eternal love and peace, to him on whose great name you depend."

Five churches have been built at or near where St. Felix was buried. Some of his remains are kept in the cathedral at Nola and some are in Rome and Benevento.

St. Felix of Nola is the patron saint of Nola, Italy, pets, weavers, spiders and keepers of spiders. His feast day is January 14th.

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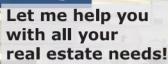
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