



St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23)

Clermont, FL 34714

**Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

February 20, 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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Website: www.stfaustina.org

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 Domingo 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.

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Lk 6:35-36)

Our Gospel reading for today comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Jesus commands his disciples to love their enemies, concluding that they are to be merciful, just as the Father is merciful. In the next, much shorter, section of the reading, Jesus tells them to stop judging and condemning, and to be forgiving and generous. As much as they forgive, they will be forgiven, and as much as they give, they will receive.

Jesus is asking his disciples, and us, to rise above our base human natures. In our sinfulness we come to hate our enemies and we fight back when we are wronged, to keep what is ours and to give only when expecting something in return. It is natural to be self-interested because we are sinners: Even sinners love those who love them. But Jesus asks us to be merciful as our Father is merciful.

We are to be merciful because we have been shown mercy. We are to treat others not as we would want them to treat us, but to show them the same kindness that God has shown us. When we meet Jesus on that final day, let us hope that he recognizes us and welcomes us home. May our hope in this final reward be our motivation to overcome selfishness and greed, to look beyond our own self-interest, and to be as generous and forgiving as Christ.

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1Cor 15:49)

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Mas bien, amad a vuestros enemigos; haced el bien, y prestad sin esperar nada a cambio; y vuestra recompensa será grande, y seréis hijos del Altísimo, porque el es bueno con los ingratos y los perversos. "Sed compasivos, como vuestro Padre es compasivo". (Lc. 6:35-36)

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio de hoy proviene del Sermón de la Llanura de Jesús. Jesús ordena a sus discípulos que amen a sus enemigos, concluyendo que deben ser misericordiosos, así como el Padre es misericordioso. En la siguiente sección de la lectura, mucho más corta, Jesús les dice que dejen de juzgar y condenar, y que sean indulgentes y generosos. Así como perdonen, serán perdonados, y así como den, recibirán.

Jesús está pidiendo a sus discípulos, y a nosotros, que nos elevemos por encima de nuestra baja naturaleza humana. En nuestra iniquidad llegamos a odiar a nuestros enemigos y nos defendemos cuando somos agraviados, para mantener lo que es nuestro y dar solo cuando esperamos algo a cambio. Es natural interesarnos en nosotros mismos porque somos pecadores: incluso los pecadores aman a quienes los aman. Pero Jesús nos pide que seamos misericordiosos como nuestro Padre es misericordioso.

Debemos ser misericordiosos porque se nos ha mostrado misericordia. Debemos tratar a los demás no como quisiéramos que nos trataran a nosotros, sino mostrar la misma bondad que Dios nos ha mostrado. Cuando nos encontremos con Jesús en ese último día, esperemos que nos reconozca y nos dé la bienvenida a casa. Que nuestra esperanza en esta recompensa final sea nuestra motivación para superar el egoísmo y la codicia, para mirar más allá de nuestro propio interés y ser tan generosos y compasivos como Cristo.

Y del mismo modo que hemos llevado la imagen del hombre terreno, llevaremos también la imagen del Celeste. (1Cor 15:49)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of February 7, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,681.50 Construction / Contruccion: \$5,277.00

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

Goal \$1,500,000.00 Pledges / Promesa Total: \$874,603.67

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19, 2022

4:00 pm + Tony Borges
Requested by: Josephine Borges

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am + Patricia Ann Jones
Requested by: Alan & Dolly Matthews
11:00 am + Jason Bell
Requested by: Mom & Dad
5:00 pm + Fernando Porras
Requested by: Eva Porras

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

8:00 am + Dennis Coutu
Requested by: Lena & Will

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

8:00 am + Salvador Delos Santos
Requested by: Patrick & Elena Crisostomo

Thursday, February 24, 2022

8:00 am + Maureen Mangan
Requested by: Bill & Chris Miller

Friday, February 25, 2022

8:00 am + Maureen Mangan
Requested by: Lucretia Esposito

Saturday, February 26, 2022

4:00 pm + Helenmarie Butterworth
Requested by: Al Butterworth

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 am + Donald Steinbacher
Requested by: Ray & Rose Whelan
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:00 am + Angeline Anderson
Requested by: Roshelle DeJesus
5:00 pm + Ana Victoria Reynoso



A celebration of life for Joseph Begen will be held on Saturday, February 26th. at 10:30 am here at St. Faustina. Please keep the Begen family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

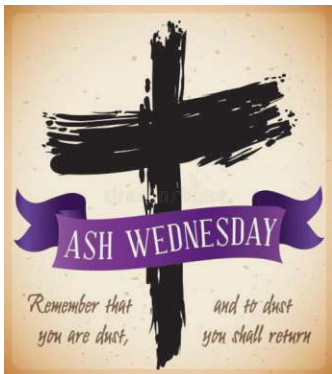
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Please submit prayer request to the Parish Office at: 352-515-9297.



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



ASH WEDNESDAY is March 2. Ashes will be distributed at the 8 am Mass and the 7 pm Bilingual Mass. They will also be distributed at noon during a service. Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, however, it is a day that the Catholic Church recommends Fasting and Abstinence.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, **Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.** On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintaining strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On the days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence and it is recommended that abstinence be observed every Friday during Lent.

El MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA es el 2 de marzo. Las cenizas se distribuirán en la misa de las 8 am y la misa bilingüe de las 7 pm. También se distribuirán al mediodía durante un servicio. El Miércoles de Ceniza NO es un Día Santo de Obligación, sin embargo, es un día en que la Iglesia Católica recomienda el ayuno y la abstinencia.

Según la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, el ayuno debe ser observado por todos los mayores de 18 años que aún no han celebrado su cumpleaños número 59. En un día de ayuno, se permite una comida completa. Otras dos comidas, suficientes para mantener la fuerza, se pueden tomar de acuerdo con las necesidades de cada una, pero juntas no deben ser iguales a otra comida completa. No se permite comer entre comidas, pero se permiten líquidos, incluyendo leche y jugos.

La abstinencia es observada por todos los mayores de 14 años. En los días de abstinencia, no se permite la carne. Tenga en cuenta que cuando la salud o la capacidad de trabajar se verían seriamente afectadas, la ley no obliga. En caso de duda sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia, se debe consultar al párroco. El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia y se recomienda que la abstinencia se observe todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma.



Lent books will be available after all Masses next weekend. The books, which are available in both English and Spanish, are free, but to make sure every family that wants one is able to get one, we ask that you only take one per family. Father Ramon and the St. Faustina Parish Staff wish you a very Blessed and Holy Lent season.

Our parish bi-monthly blood drive will be held on Sunday, February 27 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. 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. Your donation, which takes less than one-half hour, can save up to three lives.



Our community and our state are currently suffering a blood shortage, so please consider donating.

Walk-ups are more than welcome, but if you would like to schedule an appointment, please go to:

[Donation Centers | OneBlood](#)

CELEBRATING OUR NEW CHURCH GROUND BREAKING

On October 29, 2006, Father Stephen Phillips celebrated St. Faustina's first Mass in the lobby of the Westgate Motel. On Sunday, January 9, 2022, Bishop Noonan was among those who celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for our new church building. On Sunday, February 13, the parish came together to celebrate that ground breaking. Below are some photos highlighting the event.



Every celebration is highlighted by a cake. A Super Celebration, such as ours, gets not one, but two cakes.



Those in attendance saw a video, prepared by parishioner Heber Nunez, in which he interviewed various parishioners and recapped the January 9 event.



Kathy Murphy, who was among those attending that first Mass, handed out little bottles of dirt from the ground breaking, parishioners cut and distributed the cake, and Father John gave the Blessing.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CONSTRUCTION PHOTO

Our Journey to our new home.

WESTGATE 1st Mass, October 29, 2006

HOMERS 1st Mass, December 24, 2006

192 STRIP MALL 1st Mass, December 2010

GLEN BROOK COMMONS 1st Mass, December 19, 2015

15551 BOGGY MARSH ROAD 1st Mass, ??????

LOOKING FOR YOUR MEMORY — Do you have a memory or a story about our St. Faustina journey that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners?

Please email your memories to: office@stfaustina.org



Mass volunteers needed. The parish is always looking for people who are willing to serve. Among others, we are currently looking for Sacristans, Ushers, and Greeters. If you have the gift of hospitality and are looking to serve at any or all Masses (*weekend Masses as well as Daily Masses*), please send your name and interest to: office@stfaustina.org.

Together Leading Others...! Interested in serving in a high profile and visible role? We are looking for volunteers of different backgrounds to serve on the Fundraising Committee here at St. Faustina. Committee members will participate in strategic planning, and will develop and monitor new and ongoing fundraising activities to benefit the church and community in many capacities. If this sounds like you and you delight in both serving and leading others, please contact Joe Seddio at: jseddio@stfaustina.org.



WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY—Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a Snowbird, we invite you to register with our parish. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at:

[New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina - Clermont, FL \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

You can drop off the downloaded forms, or pick one up, at the office Monday thru Thursday between 9 am until 4 pm. Registrations forms are also available on the bookcases in the back of the church.

ST. PETER DAMIAN

By Marylu Mariniello

Pietro was born in Ravenna, Italy in 1007, the youngest of a noble, but poor family. His parents died while he was a young child. First an older brother assumed responsibility, but abused and mistreated Pietro. Then another brother, who was a priest, took on his care and sent him to school. Pietro added this brother's name, Damianus to his. He attended schools in Ravenna and Parma, studying Canon Law and theology, obtaining a degree from the University of Parma where he also taught. By the year 1035, he wanted a different life so he entered the Fonte Avellana Hermitage in Serra Sant'Abbondio as a novice and monk. The hermits there mainly prayed, read and lived in austerity. Pietro had massive insomnia due to his extreme actions in self-mortification, but recovered and became the monks' teacher for a few years. In 1043, he became the Assistant and later the Prior of Fonte Avellana, a position which he held until his death.

He was a stern, but kind man, strict with his guidelines for penance who created a nap time to offset the nightly working schedule, built a cloister, purchased silver chalices and a processional cross and added many books to the library. He was living a cloistered life, but was also a reformer who abhorred political and social scandals. He wrote to the new Pope, Gregory VI, urging him to deal with the disgraceful occurrences in the Church. He also communicated with Emperor Henry III, attending Henry's coronation in Rome as well as a Synod in 1047, where rulings were passed against simony, which is the buying or selling of ecclesiastical privileges or benefices, such as pardons or funds received in exchange for services rendered.

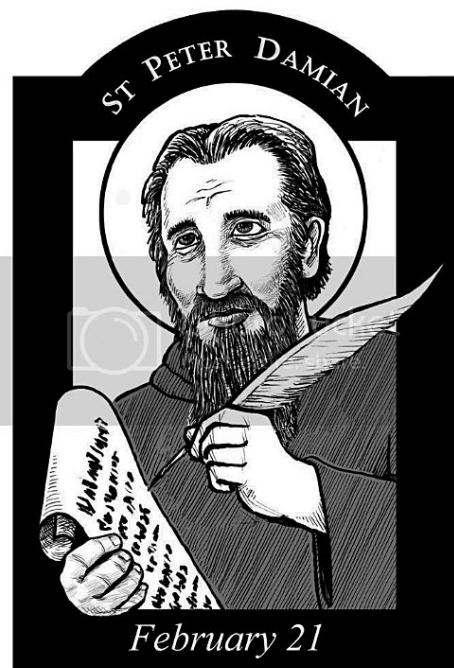
Then he returned home to the hermitage where he published letters on different theological controversies. In 1050, he wrote to Pope Leo IX about sexual acts occurring in the clergy. A few years later, Pope Benedict XVI said that Peter was "one of the most significant figures in the 11th century, ... a love of solitude and and at the same time a fearless man of the Church, committed personally to the task of reform."

Peter condemned philosophy, claiming that the first teacher of this subject was the devil. His argument was that monks should not have to study philosophy because Christ did not choose philosophers as disciples, making philosophy unnecessary for salvation. But years later St. Thomas Aquinas thought that "philosophy should serve theology as a servant serves her mistress," writing extensively about this field and becoming a Doctor of the Church.

In 1057, Pope Stephen IX wanted Peter to become a cardinal, but Peter resisted, wanting his hermit life. He was forced to accept and became the Cardinal of Ostia and the Administrator of the Gubbio Diocese on November 20, 1057.

He was given many obligations, which ended when Pope Stephen died. The replacement was the antipope, Benedict X, whom Peter opposed, so he went back to Fonte Avellana. Due to his great rhetorical skills and an in depth knowledge of Canon Law, Peter was sent as a legate to Milan in 1059 by the new Pope Nicholas II to clean up the simony and to end the marriages of priests. The clergy of Milan opposed the authority of Rome, so Peter told them that the Pope had the final right, giving penances to the guilty and reinstating celibacy, which took seven years to fully be accepted. In those years, Peter wanted to leave this office, but the Pope wouldn't let him. In 1063, he was appointed as the legate for a dispute in France, then was sent to Florence to settle a quarrel there, but was unsuccessful, so he resigned and went home. In 1069, he was sent to resolve a disagreement in Germany, soon returning home again. He wrote many liturgical works, but his most famous one was, *De Divina Omnipotentia*, a long letter in which he discusses God's power.

Peter died in Faenza, Italy on February 22, 1073. No formal canonization occurred, but he is venerated as a saint and became a Doctor of the Church in 1828 by Pope Leo XII. St. Peter Damian's feast day is February 21.



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