



# St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23)

Clermont, FL 34714

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 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

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 abran 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 formentar el crecimiento espiritual, y atender las necesidades temporales y sociales de todos.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

*Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Luke 9:28b)*

Gazing upon Jesus helps us engage, activate, and purify our spiritual senses. In our first reading from Genesis, God takes Abraham outside and asks him to *look up at the sky to count the stars, if you can*. Those last three words are important. It is not that God is being condescending toward Abram. God is stretching Abram to see with the eyes of faith. In other words, God is activating Abram's spiritual senses so that he can enter into a relationship with him.

The same is true in our Gospel today. Jesus takes Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray. *While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white*. Notice that the three had fallen asleep - perhaps a metaphor for not being spiritually engaged. When they awoke, they saw the glory of Jesus. Their spiritual senses had been activated and engaged and they saw Jesus for who he really was - the Messiah, the Saviour, the Christ.

As we pray today, let us ask the Lord to purify our spiritual senses. Let us ask the Lord to help us engage and activate them so we can navigate this world with eyes fixed on Jesus.

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will hange our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:16-17)*

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Al contemplar a Jesús nos ayuda a involucrar, activar y purificar nuestros sentidos espirituales. En nuestra primera Jesús tomó a Pedro, Juan y Santiago y subió a la montaña para orar. Mientras rezaba, su rostro cambió de apariencia y su ropa se volvió blanca deslumbrante. (Lucas 9:28b) Contemplar a Jesús nos ayuda a involucrar, activar y purificar nuestros sentidos espirituales. En nuestra primera lectura del Génesis, Dios saca a Abraham afuera y le pide que mire hacia el cielo para contar las estrellas, si puedes. Esas tres últimas palabras son importantes. No es que Dios esté siendo condescendiente con Abram. Dios está estirando a Abram para ver con los ojos de la fe. En otras palabras, Dios está activando los sentidos espirituales de Abram para que pueda entrar en una relación con él.

Lo mismo es cierto en nuestro Evangelio de hoy. Jesús lleva a Pedro, Juan y Santiago a la montaña para orar. Mientras rezaba, su rostro cambió de apariencia y su ropa se volvió blanca deslumbrante. Observe que los tres se habían quedado dormidos, tal vez una metáfora de no estar espiritualmente comprometidos. Cuando despertaron, vieron la gloria de Jesús. Sus sentidos espirituales habían sido activados y comprometidos y vieron a Jesús por lo que realmente era: el Mesías, el Salvador, el Cristo. Al orar hoy, pidámosle al Señor que purifique nuestros sentidos espirituales. Pidámosle al Señor que nos ayude a comprometernos y activarlos para que podamos navegar por este mundo con los ojos fijos en Jesús. Pero nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo, y de ella también esperamos un salvador, el Señor Jesucristo.

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*Pero nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo, y de ella también esperamos un salvador, el Señor Jesucristo. Él cambiará nuestro cuerpo humilde para que se ajuste a su cuerpo glorificado por el poder que le permite también someter todas las cosas a sí mismo. (Fil 3:16-17)*

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of February 28, 2022

Offerory / Ofertorio: \$8,702.50 Construction / Contruccion: \$6,715.00

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

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**Ash Wednesday Attendance: 1,281**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 12, 2022

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

### Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:00 am + Toni & + Lou  
Requested by: Barbara Lou

9:30 am + Elaine M. Cavese  
Requested by: John Cavese

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty  
Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

### Tuesday, March 15, 2022

8:00 am SI Juliana Cruz  
Requested by: Carmelita Flore

### Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for Graces Received  
Requested by: Mary Casey

### Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:00 am + Socorro Toth  
Requested by: Melvin & Elsa Gomez

### Friday, March 18, 2022

8:00 am + Denise Campeau  
Requested by: Family

### Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

### Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00 am + Donald Steinbacher  
Requested by: Margaret & Al Prosser

9:30 am + Edward Haley  
Requested by: Wife, Julie

11:00 am + Vincent & + Rose Giamo  
Requested by: John & Carmela Giamo

5:00 pm SI Alba Guerra (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
Requested by: Melvin & Elsa Gomez



## 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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org)

Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, Dennis Griffin, Albie Hahn, Betty Keough, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Becky Oosterveen, Jackie Overseen, 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,

and all those in need.

### A LENTEN PRAYER

LORD, I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME.

IT'S HARD FOR ME TO FEEL IT SOMETIMES,

BUT I KNOW YOUR LOVE IS ALWAYS WITH ME.

HELP ME TO USE YOUR LOVE AS A WAY TO

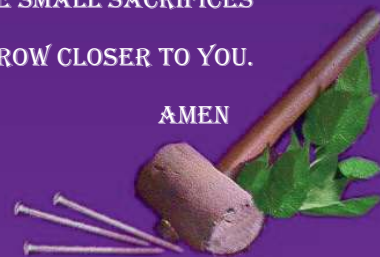
PERSEVERE IN MY LENTEN INTENTIONS.

I AM WEAK, BUT I KNOW WITH YOUR HELP

I CAN USE THESE SMALL SACRIFICES

IN MY LIFE TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU.

AMEN



# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Our Catholic Appeal 2022 – A Time for Reflection

Over the past few weeks, we have prayed about, thought about, and talked about the ministries supported by **Our Catholic Appeal**. Now it is time for all of us to share a portion of our treasure, so that these Ministries can continue.



If you received your 2022 **Our Catholic Appeal** packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you! If you have not made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so today. (If you need additional packets, or if

you have questions, let us know in the office...) By supporting the ministries of our diocese, every parish, including our own, is better equipped to carry out the work of Christ.

St. Faustina's parish contribution goal this year is \$76,804. Once we achieve our goal, the majority of the additional funds will be returned to our parish to support our own special needs, which primarily includes our new St. Faustina church building.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



**EASTER FLOWERS**—There is an envelope in your packet for an Easter Flower donation for you to remember/honor someone with the gift of Easter Flowers that will be used on the altar. The collection of those envelopes will be **NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 19-20**. Please place them in the first collection.

**The Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated bilingually every Friday during Lent at **6 pm** \* \*  
\* \* Las Estaciones de la Cruz se celebrarán bilingüe todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6 pm.



**SAVE THE DATE for the parish's Lenten Penance Service**, which will be held on Tuesday, March 29, at 7 pm in the church. More information forthcoming in next week's bulletin. \* \* \* \* \* **RESERVE LA FECHA** para el Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresmal de la parroquia, que se llevará a cabo el martes 29 de marzo a las 7 pm en la iglesia. Más información próximamente en el boletín de la próxima semana.

### The Promise of Divine Mercy / La Promesa de la Divina Misericordia

Reconciliation during Lent and Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will give the soul complete forgiveness. Jesus said to St. Faustina, *"The soul that will go to Confession (during Lent) and receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday), shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* (Diary of St. Faustina, page 699)

La reconciliación durante la Cuaresma y la Comunión en el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia le darán al alma el perdón completo. Jesús le dijo a Santa Faustina: "El alma que irá a la Confesión (durante la Cuaresma) y recibirá la Sagrada Comunión (el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia), obtendrá el perdón completo de los pecados y el castigo". (Diario de Santa Faustina, página 699)



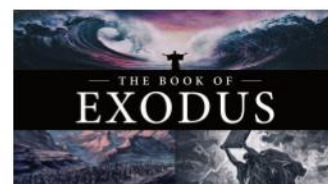


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“THANK YOU’ ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS!!! YOU NEVER cease to amaze!! YOU donated 33 pints (surpassing our goal of 25) of blood at our February 27 drive to help save up to 99 lives!! Since June of 2019, YOUR 284 donations have helped save up to 852 lives over the course of 15 drives. “THANK YOU!” Our next life-saving drive will be on the last Sunday of April, Sunday April 24. The 33 donations is a parish single-event record, breaking the old mark of 25...which we did twice.



**The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will be studying Exodus *starting on Tuesday, March 15, from 8:30 am until (promptly) 10 am.* The 10-week study, provided by the Diocesan Media Center at the Bishop Grady Memorial Library, is a DVD/discussion/Bible-based lesson featuring Doctor Tim Gray and Scott Powell. Attendees are urged to attend the 8 am Mass with the study being held in the office. All are welcome.



**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.



To learn more about Hands of Hope America, Inc., their mission, volunteer opportunities, and other ways you might be interested in helping them help the people of our Four Corners Community, please go to their website at:

[Home - Hands of Hope America](#)



**Our Parish Gift Shop Has Reopened!** — Our Gift Shop is now open after each weekend Mass and offers a wide array of Christian gifts and products. Stop by the gift shop to find that special Christian keepsake! *We are also looking for Volunteers; stop by the Gift Shop to see how you can help*



## THIS WEEKEND!



For daily devotions, Saint of the Day, parish news, and much, MUCH more!

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# REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY

**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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org)



Father Steve Phillips celebrated St. Faustina's first Mass on September 30, 2006, at the former Westgate Inn on Route 192. That first Mass was held in a room next to a bar and was attended by 64 parishioners. The duet of Willie Nelson and Conway Twitty could be heard though the door thus breaking Father Steve's concentration during the Consecration. Homemade chocolate chip cookies were offered as a "bribe" to the bartender, who was Catholic, by Father's sister, Mary, and the rest of the Mass went without incident. The parish outgrew Westgate within three months.

## THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



**KING OF THE HILL**—a bulldozer sits atop a VERY large pile of dirt at the construction site while a surveyor sets up his equipment between the mound and Route 27. (photo taken on March 2)

# ST. MATILDA

*By Marylu Mariniello*

Matilda of Ringelheim was a Saxon noblewoman born in 895 in Enger, Germany. Her parents were Count Dietrich of Ringelheim and his wife Reginhilde. Matilda was raised in the Eufurt convent by her grandmother.

In 909, she married Henry the Fowler, who was the Duke of Saxony. He then became the East-Franconian king, making her the first Ottonian queen. Matilda and Henry had five children, daughters Hedwig and Gerberga and sons Otto, Henry and Bruno. Bruno later became the Archbishop of Cologne.

Even though she was royalty, Matilda's lifestyle was simple, always saying daily prayers. She was given a large dowry from Henry which she donated generously to many causes. Matilda was very pious and did many charitable works, including visiting and comforting the sick and prisoners. She was not spoiled by her position but tried to reach out to people in need. Henry realized that his wife was extraordinary and told her many times that he was a better person and a better king because she was his wife. Although their marriage had been arranged, Henry and Matilda really loved each other.

Matilda founded many Benedictine abbeys, using the treasures of the kingdom for charity. Her husband championed this because he became more aware of the needs of people and realized that he had the power from his position to help those who suffered. They were happily married for twenty-three years.

In 936, her husband died suddenly. Matilda supported her son Henry to succeed his father, but her older son Otto was selected. Then Matilda asked him to name Henry as the Duke of Bavaria, even though Henry had led an unsuccessful revolt against his brother. Both of her sons did not like her generosity with charities, so she gave up her inheritance to them and retired to her country home.

When Henry revolted again, Otto's wife Edith asked Matilda to come back to court. Otto overcame this new uprising with cruelty in 941, but in 953 Henry rebelled once more. At this time, Matilda knew that Henry would die, which happened that year.

After this, she built convents and four monasteries in Quedlinburg, Nordhausen, Engern and Poehlden. In 962, Otto went to Rome to be crowned the Holy Roman Emperor, restoring the Holy Roman Empire and left Matilda to rule.

Matilda died on March 14, 968 at the Convent of Saints Servatius and Dionysius at Quedlinburg, where she was buried next to her husband.

St. Matilda is the patron saint of large families and also of St. Mathilde church in Laatzen, Germany, St. Mathilde church in Quedlinburg, Germany, the Melkite church in Aleppo, Syria and the Mathilden-Hospital in Herford, Germany.

Her feast day March 14.





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