

St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23) Clermont, FL 34714

Third Sunday of Lent

March 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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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

He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." (Lk 13:9)

God loves us enough to invite us, again and again, to life with him. The readings today remind us that yes, our God is a God of second chances. But God's gracious offer is not imposed but proposed. It requires a response from us.

God's plan of salvation includes sending Moses to the Israelites, and while Moses has questions and doubts, we know he chose to answer God's commission and return to the land he had fled. The Gospel begins with an account of a tragic accident. Jesus reminds his hearer of the need to repent, for we do not know when death might come.

Jesus' parables often have surprising endings and this one on the fig tree does not disappoint. Why would you waste space, effort and fertilizer on a tree that has not borne fruit in three years? Why not cut it down and start all over with a new tree? On a human level, that is the course of action that makes the most sense. But not for God. God loves us enough to invite us, again and again, to life with him, to participate in his work of building the kingdom. Neither Moses nor the fig tree were to be thrown away, but are offered a second chance at life, at freedom, at salvation

God does not throw us away, either. Ever. He always loves us, calls to us, desires for us to grow in love and freedom in Christ, and to be with him in eternity.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. (Ps 103:11)

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Le dijo en respuesta: "Señor, déjelo también para este año, y cultivaré el suelo a su alrededor y lo fertilizaré; puede dar frutos en el futuro. Si no, puedes reducirlo". (Lc 13,9)

Dios nos ama lo suficiente como para invitarnos, una y otra vez, a la vida con Él. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que sí, nuestro Dios es un Dios de segundas oportunidades. Pero la oferta misericordiosa de Dios no es impuesta sino propuesta. Requiere una respuesta de nosotros.

El plan de salvación de Dios incluye enviar a Moisés a los israelitas, y aunque Moisés tiene preguntas y dudas, sabemos que eligió responder a la comisión de Dios y regresar a la tierra de la que había huido. El Evangelio comienza con un relato de un trágico accidente. Jesús le recuerda a su oyente la necesidad de arrepentirse, porque no sabemos cuándo podría venir la muerte.

Las parábolas de Jesús a menudo tienen finales sorprendentes y que está en la higuera no decepciona. ¿Por qué desperdiciarías espacio, esfuerzo y fertilizante en un árbol que no ha dado frutos en tres años? ¿Por qué no cortarlo y comenzar de nuevo con un nuevo árbol? A nivel humano, ese es el curso de acción que tiene más sentido. Pero no para Dios. Dios nos ama lo suficiente como para invitarnos, una y otra vez, a la vida con Él, a participar en su obra de edificación del reino. Ni Moisés ni la higuera debían ser desechados, sino que se les ofrecía una segunda oportunidad en la vida, en la libertad, en la salvación.

Dios tampoco nos echa a un lado nunca. Él siempre nos ama, nos llama, desea que crezcamos en amor y libertad en Cristo, y que estemos con Él en la eternidad.

Misericordioso y bondadoso es el SEÑOR, lento para la ira y abundante en bondad. Porque, así como los cielos están muy por encima de la tierra, tan superada es su bondad hacia aquellos que le temen. (Salmos 103:11)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of March 6, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,839.57 Construction / Contruccion: \$6,560.000 Ash Wednesday: \$3,230.00

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

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Attendance for the March 6 Masses: 1,639

MASS INTENTIONS

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 (90th Birthday)

Requested by: Melvin & Elsa Gomez

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

8:00 am + Tracy Keough

Requested by: Kathryn Johnson

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

8:00 am + Monsignor George Tomichek

Requested by: Carmelita Flores

Thursday, March 24, 2022

8:00 am + Carmelita Flores (2nd Anniversary)

Requested by: Gloria Monton

Friday, March 25, 2022

8:00 am SI Francis & Pam Freund

(Wedding Anniversary)

Requested by: Melvin & Elsa Gomez

Saturday, March 26, 2022

4:00 pm + Rae Autuori

Requested by: Joseph & Marie Dollard

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Anthony & + Dolores Masturzo

Requested by: Maiellano Family

11:00 am + Ken Schanen

Requested by: Daughter Lynda

5:00 pm + Nereyda Fernandez

Requested by: Ana Ruiz & Caridad Ponce



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

In order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to <u>resubmit names</u> that you would like on our list by emailing:

office@stfaustina.org.

Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, 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, the Ukrainian people and their country,

and all those in need.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN THE HUMAN RACE JESUS CHRIST. OUR SAVIOR,

AS A MODEL OF HUMILITY.

HE FULFILLED YOUR WILL BY BECOMING MAN

AND GIVING HIS LIFE ON THE CROSS.

HELP US TO BEAR WITNESS TO YOU

BY FOLLOWING HIS EXAMPLE OF SUFFERING

AND MAKE US WORTHY TO SHARE

IN HIS RESURRECTION.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD,

JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON.

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.

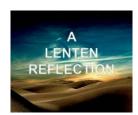


If you received your 2022 *Our Catholic Appeal* packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you! If you have not made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so today. (If you need additional packets, or if you have questions, let us know in the office...) By supporting the ministries of our dio-

cese, 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.



The parish will host a "Lenten Reflection" on Thursday, March 31 at 7 pm in the church. The topic is one very near and dear to our hearts... "St. Faustina and Divine Mercy", which will be presented by a priest from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Everyone is welcome. * * * La parroquia organizará una "Reflexión cuaresmal" el jueves 31 de marzo a las 7 pm en la iglesia. El tema es uno muy cercano y querido para nuestros corazones... "Santa Faustina y la Divina Misericordia", que será presentada por un sacerdote del Santuario de la Divina Misericordia en Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Todos son bienvenidos.

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.

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.

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)



PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



DONATION BOX SUPPORTS THE SOUTH LAKE PREGNANCY CENTER—At the present time, the Lake County Pregnancy Center, is accepting the following items: diapers, baby wipes, formula, infant/baby clothes (both new and gently used), however, only up to size 2T, please. They will also accept strollers. Before dropping off any other items, please contact the office. As always, "thank you" so much for your support of this important ministry. The South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center is a resource center offering free materials and services designed to help individuals faces with the challenges of pregnancy. We provide information and practical support for men and women facing a pregnancy or dealing with pregnancy or family issues.

They are a non-profit organization operated by trained and caring volunteers and supported by local individuals, churches and businesses.

For more information, please go to their web site at: www.slpfcc.org

The St. Faustina Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) advises the Pastor in areas affecting the spiritual, educational, social, and financial life of the parish. PPC responsibilities include:

Fostering a community of prayer, leadership, service, and pastoral action

Evaluating the needs of the parish, clarifying the parish vision, establishing goals, and fostering good communication

Advising the Pastor on Parish policy, priority setting, and planning

The PPC normally meets on the first Thursday of each month. Any parishioner may address the PPC by submitting a request to the PPC Chairperson (Phil Tackett, phtackett@gmail.com). The chairman will review the request with the Pastor. If the request is approved by the Pastor, the individual will be incorporated into a scheduled meeting agenda.



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 is **THIS WEEKEND**.

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.



PASTORAL

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



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.

REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY

(**Editor's note:** Many "thanks" to Kathy Murphy who has provided her memories and text for the last several bulletins (including today's) to the late John Mucci, whose photographs grace this week's memories of our history.)

Within three months we outgrew West Gate and moved into Homer's. IT WAS THE "PITS"!! ... actually, it



was a former bar-be-cue restaurant. Father Steve referred to it as "the church of Holy Smokes" or "St. Homer's."

Our seniors, men and women, rolled up their collective sleeves and scrubbed thick cooking oil from the walls, painted, built an altar, got rid of bugs. We all sat on metal chairs, which eventu-



ally got covers for the back of them, thanks to Loretta Murphy and her committee, so we could store our hymnal books and prayer missals.



Our seniors had time to give...and boy did they give it! They showed up with their own tools, paint brushes, and individual talents and just worked. The men created a terrace from the dirt floor of the open-air shed...yes it really was originally a shed that they



turned into another section of the church in order to hold our quickly growing congregation. A concrete floor was poured by a volunteer and the men enclosed the open space. A camera was set up in the main church



and a large-screen TV (one of the first of its kind...a huae. very heavv piece) ...and speakers were put in the space that was created so that roughly 100 to 125 parishioners could attend and see the Mass from the main church. Faith formation classes were also held in that area with teachers and



parents having to rearrange the folding chairs around the long picnic-style tables that were needed for the students.

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?

ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

By Marylu Mariniello

Margaret Middleton was born in 1556. She is also known as Margaret of York and was the daughter of the Sheriff of York. She was attractive, good natured and charming.



Margaret was raised an Anglican but became a Catholic as a young woman in 1574. Her husband was John Clitherow, a wealthy Protestant butcher who accepted her religion since his own brother was a Catholic priest. Margaret was first imprisoned in 1577 for failing to attend the Anglican church being labeled a recusant, which is a non-church attender. Her husband paid the fines for this. Then there were two more incarcerations at York Castle. Her third child William was born in prison.

Parliament passed the "Jesuits, etc. Act 1584" during the English Reformation. This act required all Catholic priests to either swear allegiance to the Queen of England or to leave the country within forty days. If not, they would be guilty of high treason.

Margaret started a school and created a safe house and hiding place for priests who remained in England to serve the faithful. In 1584, she was put on house arrest when it was discovered that she sent her son to study in a seminary in France. She helped priests, including her brother-in-law, by having Mass and Confes-

sions said in her home. Margaret witnessed the tortuous death of many of the priests. Whenever this occurred, she would publicly pray on the spot of their martyrdom. She kept at this and was imprisoned many times.

Finally Margaret was arrested and charged for harboring Catholic priests, but she refused to plead to the indictment. This led to her death on May 26, 1586, which was Good Friday. She was placed on the ground with a sharp rock on top of her and then crushed by the heavy wooden door from her own house, which was put over her, loaded with heavy rocks and stones weighing eight hundred pounds, breaking her back. She died with fifteen minutes, but her body was left there for six hours before the weights were removed. This type of execution is called peine forte et dure.

When Margaret found out that her death was imminent, she said "The sheriffs have said that I am going to die this coming Friday; and I feel the weakness of my flesh which is troubled at this news, but my spirit rejoices greatly. For the love of God, pray for me and ask all good people to do likewise."

She had three children who all entered the religious life, two priests and a nun.

Margaret was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929 and was canonized by Pope Paul VI on October 25, 1970. St. Margaret Clitherow is called the "Pearl of York" and is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

She is the patron saint of martyrs, the Catholic Women's League, businesswomen and converts. Her feast day is March 25 and she is also remembered on October 25 on the feast day of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

St. Margaret Clitherow is a prime example of a fearless woman who went to great lengths to defend her faith.

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