

# St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23) Clermont, FL 34714

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 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 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.

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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

I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." So he got up and went back to his father. (Lk 15:18-19)

Being reconciled and becoming reconcilers can be a cause for rejoicing for all who seek, receive, and give forgiveness. Today we celebrate Laetare(latin, "to rejoice") Sunday, the rose-colored Sunday of Lent. In today's readings, a people, an Apostle, and a prodigal son all find cause for rejoicing, and so should we.

The son loved his father's money more than he loved his dad. But when this money and all else failed to make him happy, he had no choice but to come home. He feared being refused, being turned away, never being forgiven. What he did not count on was how long his father had been looking for him, waiting for the day to welcome him home, and then the celebration began...

This is why we refer to confession as the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. Being reconciled to God removes barriers, lifts burdens, and lightens the load we carry. As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, let us rejoice in being reconciled – that the gift of mercy we receive from God will indeed be a gift we are given to share.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2Cor 5:20)

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Me levantaré e iré a mi padre y le diré: "Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti. Ya no merezco ser llamado tu hijo; trátame como tratarías a uno de tus trabajadores contratados". Así que se levantó y volvió con su padre. (Lc 15,18-19)

Reconciliarse y convertirse en reconciliadores puede ser motivo de regocijo para todos los que buscan, reciben y dan perdón. Hoy celebramos el domingo de Laetare (latín, "regocijarse"), el domingo de Cuaresma de color rosa. En las lecturas de hoy, un pueblo, un apóstol y un hijo pródigo encuentran motivos para regocijarse, y nosotros también deberíamos hacerlo.

El hijo amaba el dinero de su padre más de lo que amaba a su padre. Pero cuando este dinero y todo lo demás no lograron hacerlo feliz, no tuvo más remedio que volver a casa. Temía ser rechazado, ser rechazado, nunca ser perdonado. Con lo que no contaba era con cuánto tiempo llevaba su padre buscándolo, esperando el día para darle la bienvenida a casa, y entonces comenzó la celebración...

Por eso nos referimos a la confesión como la celebración del sacramento de la reconciliación. Reconciliarse con Dios elimina barreras, levanta cargas y aligera la carga que llevamos. Mientras nos preparamos para la Semana Santa y la Pascua, regocijémonos en reconciliarnos, que el don de misericordia que recibimos de Dios será ciertamente un regalo que se nos da para compartir.

Así que somos embajadores de Cristo, como si Dios estuviera apelando a través de nosotros. Te imploramos en nombre de Cristo, que te reconcilies con Dios. (2 Corintios 5:20)

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of March 13, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$9,445.50 Construction / Contruccion: \$5,335.04

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

8:00 am + Estuardo Penedo

Requested by: Annie & Ingrid

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

8:00 am SI Vanessa Pilariza (Birthday Blessing)

Requested by: Yolunda Inumerable

Thursday, March 31, 2022

8:00 am + Tony Olivera

Requested by: Alba Guerra

Friday, April 1, 2022

8:00 am Birthday of Annarose Crisostomo

Requested by: Family

Saturday, April 2, 2022

4:00 pm + Jose Manuel Novella

Requested by: Wife & Family

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00 am + Frank Brocato

Requested by: Iris Brocato

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Maria Zapata

Requested by: Pamela Blattner



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

In order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are ask-ing you to resubmit names 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

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

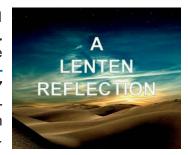


THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 29, the parish will hold the annual PENANCE SERVICE starting at 7 pm. There will be several priests on hand including those who speak Spanish.

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ESTE MARTES 29 DE MARZO, la parroquia llevará a cabo el SERVICIO ANUAL DE PENITENCIA a partir de las 7 pm. Habrá varios sacerdotes disponibles, incluidos los que hablan español.

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.

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Las Estaciones de la Cruz se celebrarán bilingüe todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las **6 pm**.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, April 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.



# THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CONSTRUCTION PHOTO



With the excavation at the construction site almost 90 to 95 percent compete, the next steps are to connect to the city water and pour the concrete slab that will support our new church. Unfortunately, or rather, fortunately, where the project is at this point does not make for interesting photographs. However, there was an interesting, and special, photo opportunity at the front of our current location. Someone put a \$20 donation on Father John's lego construction site. This once again shows that there are many meaningful ways to donate to our construction project ... and each and every donation is greatly appreciated.

# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

# **Holy Week Schedule**

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9 Sunday, April 10 Mass at 4:00 pm Mass at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am in English

Mass at 5:00 pm in Spanish

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass at 7:00 pm, Bilingual

Good Friday, April 15

Service at 3:00 pm in English Service at 5:30 pm in Spanish

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 16 Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Mass at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am in English Mass at 5:00 pm in Spanish

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 

Saturday, April 23 Sunday, April 24 Mass at 4:00 pm

Mass at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am in English

Mass at 5:00 pm in Spanish

Special Services Chaplet & Music at 3:00 pm



The Knights of Columbus Council 14217 will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after each mass the weekend of April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the monies (100%) collected will go to the Knight's Charities. The largest amount (80%) will go to the Bishop Grady Villas in St. Cloud. Bishop Grady Villas houses and assists Individuals with Disabilities and (20%) to other Knight's Charities. We thank you in advance for your support.

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** 



HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE



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.



# MARIAN FATHERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Invite You to a Time of Renewal

# **DIVINE MERCY LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

# Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 7 PM St. Faustina Catholic Church



FEATURED SPEAKER

Very Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, is Provincial Superior of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

A member of the Marian Fathers since 1980, and a priest since 1987, Fr. Kaz has served his community in various ministries and apostolic works ranging from seminary formation, parish work, evangelization and develop-ment, and the Association of Marian Helpers. His love for St. John Paul II led him to edit the English edition of *The Making of the Pope of the Millennium: Kalendarium of the life of Karol Wojtyla*, a compendium of primary sources chronicling the life and activities of the future pope. His involvement in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy led him to coordinate two of its North American Congresses.

Asked by Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, before entering the Marians in 1980, Fr. Kaz was tasked to proofread the original Polish version of the *Diary* as it was prepared for publication by the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, MA.

Describing St. Faustina and her writings, Fr. Kaz says, "Her extraordinary experiences of the Lord, His consoling message of love and mercy, her reflections, prayers and new forms of devotion, touched me so deeply and profoundly that my life has not been the same.

"The spiritual message conveyed by the *Diary* takes us into the heart of the Divine Revelation contained in the Sacred Scriptures. It helps us to understand God's infinite and merciful love for humanity manifested, especially, in our Lord's Paschal Mystery: in His suffering, dying and rising for us.

"Through the *Diary* Our Lord Jesus reminds us that He is very close to us, that He has offered everything that we need for our salvation, our glorious future and eternal happiness. He reminds us that He will always be there

for us, leading and guiding us. We don't ever have to be afraid that we are alone "

Fr. Kaz frequently says: "The Divine Mercy message is a great source of renewal for our Church and our broken world today, leading us closer to God, Our Merciful Father, to Our Lord Jesus, God's Incarnate Love and Mercy Itself, and to the Sacraments of the Church. This message and its forms of devotion offer today's humanity salvific healing and consolation and are preparing us for the Lord's second coming."

Discover more about the Marian Fathers and the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass. Visit www.marian.org.

For More Information Call 352-515-9297 or see www.thedivinemercy.org/events

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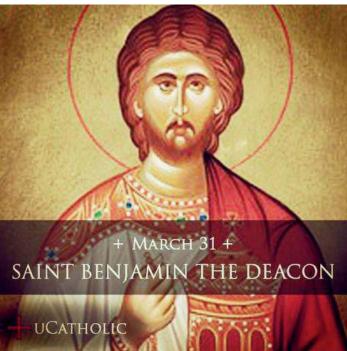


## ST. BENJAMIN

## By Marylu Mariniello

Benjamin was born in 329 in Persia. Not much is known about his early life, but he became a deacon as an adult.

Christians in Persia had twelve years of peace during the reign of Isdegerd, who was the son of Sapor III. Previously Sapor II inflicted cruel persecutions of Christians in that country. All of the peace came to an



end when Adbas, a Christian Bishop, burned the Pyraeum, which was the Temple of Fire, an important sanctuary for Persians.

King Isdegerd threatened to destroy all Christian churches unless Adbas rebuilt the Temple. Adbas refused, so the threat was carried out and all of the Christian Churches were abolished. Then the king had Adbas killed and began a persecution of Christians which lasted for forty years. Many brutal and harsh tortures were committed under Isdegerd and then continued from his son Varanes, after his father died in 421.

Benjamin was a deacon who preached in the streets and converted many to Christianity. He was put in prison one year for his evangelizing and faith. As the year was ending, an ambassador from the Eastern Roman Emperor Theodosius II was able to get Benjamin released as long as he would never speak of religion or preach again.

But Benjamin said that he had to preach about Jesus and would not be silent, so he would not acquiesce to the release condition and continued to evangelize. Varanes ordered Benjamin's arrest. Benjamin then asked the king "what opinion he would have of any of his subjects who should renounce his allegiance to him, and join in war against him," meaning that this would be the same as Benjamin renouncing his faith in the Lord. For this, the king had reeds put in between Benjamin's nails and toes and flesh and also into all of the most tender parts of his body. This torture was repeated several times. Then Varanes had a knotted stake inserted into Benjamin's body to rend and tear him.

Benjamin died from this horrible torture in 424. His feast day is March 31 and he is the patron saint of preachers and evangelists. He is often depicted holding a cross and a bible.

St. Benjamin truly believed in his faith, always reminding everyone of the gospel passage of Matthew 10: 32-33:

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

This is his prayer:

Pray for me that, through my daily actions and words, I will spread the Gospel of Jesus.

And this is a prayer to St. Benjamin:

Dear Jesus, May we never fear voicing our love for You. We pray that, like Saint Benjamin, we witness our faith always, even in the face of adversity. Amen

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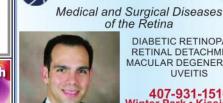


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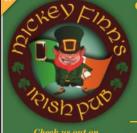
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