

Our Mothers



St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23) Clermont, FL 34714

Fourth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day

May 8, 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

Monday – Saturday, 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 – Misa de lunes a sábado en inglés 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.

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

of a flower... The majesty of a tree... The gentleness of morning dew... The calm of a quiet sea... The beauty of the twilight hour... The soul of a starry night... The laughter of a rippling brook... The grace of a bird in flight... Then God fashioned from these things A creation like no other, And when his

God took the fragrance

~Herbert Farnham

masterpiece was through

He called it simply -

Mother.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. (Rev. 7:9)

Eternal life is not an abstract concept but a concrete reality that we can joyfully anticipate. As Christians, we always have reason to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. During the Easter season, this celebration is all the more emphasized. The above scripture reading describes *a vision of a great multitude* from every nation, race, and language on earth standing before the throne of God.

Is it any wonder why the great multitude worships God day and night? He has fulfilled all his promises. He has healed all of their wounds, lifted all of their burdens, and given them fullness of joy forever. And not only that, but God has given them himself in his fullness. They see God face to face. One day we also will see him face to face. One day our sufferings will end, and our joy will be full.

Even in the midst of great sufferings, nothing can take us out of the Father's hand. Whether we are in heaven or on the earth, God's hand holds us always. Therefore, let us celebrate the presence of God in our lives today while joyfully awaiting the eternal life that is to come.

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. (Jn 10:27-28)

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Yo, Juan, tuve una visión de una gran multitud, que nadie podía contar, de cada nación, raza, pueblo y lengua. Estaban delante del trono y ante el Cordero, vestidos con túnicas blancas y sosteniendo ramas de palma en sus manos. (Apocalipsis 7:9)

La vida eterna no es un concepto abstracto, sino una realidad concreta que podemos anticipar con alegría. Como cristianos, siempre tenemos razones para celebrar la victoria de Jesucristo sobre el pecado y la muerte. Durante la temporada de Pascua, esta celebración se enfatiza aún más. La lectura de las Escrituras anterior describe una visión de una gran multitud de todas las naciones, razas e idiomas en la tierra de pie ante el trono de Dios.

¿Es de extrañar por qué la gran multitud adora a Dios día y noche? Ha cumplido todas sus promesas. Él ha sanado todas sus heridas, ha levantado todas sus cargas y les ha dado plenitud de gozo para siempre. Y no sólo eso, sino que Dios mismo los ha dado en su plenitud. Ven a Dios cara a cara. Un día también lo veremos cara a cara. Un día nuestros sufrimientos terminarán, y nuestra alegría será plena.

Incluso en medio de grandes sufrimientos, nada puede sacarnos de la mano del Padre. Ya sea que estemos en el cielo o en la tierra, la mano de Dios nos sostiene siempre. Por lo tanto, celebremos la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas hoy mientras esperamos con alegría la vida eterna que está por venir.

Jesús dijo: "Mis ovejas oyen mi voz; Los conozco y me siguen. Les doy vida eterna, y nunca perecerán. (Jn 10,27-28)



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection as of April 24, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,444.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$12,118.00

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

Attendance for the April 23-24 Masses: 1,253

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7, 2022

8:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

11:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

5:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 9, 2022

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

8:00 am + Ken Schanen

Requested by: Daughter, Lynda

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:00 am + Lucille Marsh

Requested by: Mattingly Family

Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:00 am + Margoth Paredes

Requested by: Annie & Ingrid

Friday, May 13, 2022

8:00 am + Melida de Guerra

Requested by: Alba Guerra

Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:00 am + Rosa Martha Guadalupe

Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable

4:00 pm + Ermilando Monton

Requested by: Gloria

Sunday, May 15, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am Healing for Rose Williamson

Requested by: Winifred Rafferty

11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Roberto Rengel



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.**

Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Frances Pastore, Bob Schultes, Tom Jaglowski, Jose DePool, Osvaldo Bolano, Orestes Hernandez, Magdalena, Lezcano, Ray Conn, Jo Ellen Foti, Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, 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 People of Ukraine and their country, and all those in need.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you... In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

FAITH FORMATION



FIRST COMMUNION IS MAY 15TH AT 12:30 PM

CONFIRMATION IS MAY 21ST AT 6:00 PM



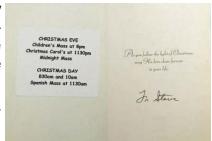
REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY—

The following St. Faustina Parish memory was sent in by A G and included the first Christmas card that was



signed by Father Steve. "I have been a member since day one. I was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers and my daughter, Ashley, was one of the first Altar servers! Attached please find the pictures of the Christmas card that was sent out by the parish in 2006.

I just want our parishioners to know the effort and love of Magdalena Lezcano for this parish as she is now bedridden.



If you have a memory or would like to send in photos of something from our parish history, please email:

office@stfaustina.org

IT'S A BOY!! ... IT'S A GIRL!! ... ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!!--The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Baby Bottle Drive starting TODAY, Mother's Day, May 8, and continue through Father's Day, June 19. Baby bottles are available at the doors. Please take one, fill it with your spare change, and return it on Father's Day. All proceeds will go to the South Lake Pregnancy Center. We thank you in advance for your support of our fund raisers for the community and parish.





Mass volunteers needed! The parish is in need of parishioners who are willing to serve. Among other positions, we are currently looking for Sacristans, Altar Servers, 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

LAST CHANCE to purchase tickets for the "Carrabba's Mother's Day Basket". Ticket donations are one for \$5, three for \$10, and 5 for \$20. Two \$20 Carrabba's gift cards, a bottle of wine and two wineglasses are among the many items included in the gift basket, which has a value of over \$75. Proceeds from the raffle will go to improving the equipment in the church associated with the music ministry. The drawing will take place after today's 11:00 Mass.



PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



"THANK YOU....A G A I N!!!...ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS!!!....YOU DID IT AGAIN!!! YOU helped our parish celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by donating 21 pints of blood, thus saving up to 61 lives.

Since this ministry started at our parish, with the first drive on June 30, 2019, we have now donated 305 pints of blood thus saving up to 915 lives. This was our 16th drive...one was canceled due to covid. We have hit our goal all but one time and our record is 33 pints (set this past February), surpassing the previous record of 25, which we have attained twice

Again..."THANK YOU!"

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS, BUYERS AND EATERS!!! The parish's monthly Bake Sale will be held after all Masses **NEXT weekend**, **May 14-15**.

We are continually looking for volunteers to offer their baking talents, and/or to volunteer to help with sales. Contact Becky Racine at (863) 424-8782 to see how you can help.





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)

Did you know that HANDS OF HOPE AMERICA, Inc., is more than a food pantry serving our Four Corners Community? Besides giving food to those in need, a good portion of it donated weekly by YOU, our St.

Faustina parishioners, Hands of Hope American, Inc. is a resource center that provides case management, assistance with employment, educational opportunities, technology training, medical referrals, youth mentorship and a variety of other social services that are needed.

As previously mentioned in our bulletin, **YOU**, our St. Faustina parishioners have donated more than 20,000 non-perishable food items that go directly from our wagons in the usher's room to the pantry shelves at the 9230 US Highway 192 location (which is adjacent to where our parish was at the Zak's strip mall). Many of you have also provided financial support, and, a few of our parishioners donate their time.



Hands of Hope America, Inc. is currently in need of volunteers who have the ability to teach English as a second language as well as volunteers looking to work with youth (ages 6 to 16) after school. If you are able to help, please contact Evelisse at 607-376-1124 or email her at evelisse@handsofhopeamerica.org.

To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to their website at:

Home - Hands of Hope America



THE IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

(reprinted from the Divine Mercy website: www.thedivinemercy.org)

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two

large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (*Diary*, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.



Many different versions of this image have been painted, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. When St. Faustina first saw the original image that was being painted under her direction, she wept in disappointment and complained to Jesus: "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" (313).

In answer, she heard these words: "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace" (313).

So, no matter which version of the image we prefer, we can be assured that it is a vehicle of God's grace if it is revered with trust in His mercy.

To see a 20-minute video, please go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kZw3GAsn9c&t=20s

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

By Marylu Mariniello

Matthias was born in Judea in the first century. He studied God's law under St. Simeon and his name means "gift of God."

Matthias was chosen by the Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot, who committed suicide after his betrayal. Matthias is unique in this fashion because all of the other Apostles were recruited by

Christ, but he was a replacement after Jesus ascended into heaven and before the descent of the Holy Spirit. This is documented in the Acts of the Apostles.

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room. Then Peter stood up to propose a way to make the replacement choice. He had one condition which was that this person had to be a disciple from the beginning, one who witnessed the life of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and Ascension and was a follower of all of Christ's teachings.

He is not mentioned in the three Synoptic Gospels, which are from Matthew, Mark and Luke or the Gospels of John, but from the Acts where we learn that Matthias had followed Christ from his Baptism until his Ascension. He was one of the seventy two disciples of Jesus sent out to preach. Soon after Peter called the assembled disciples and said that he wanted to replace Judas. The two candidates chosen were Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. The eleven Apostles prayed on this and cast lots to select the replacement. The winner was Matthias.

Acts of the Apostles 1: 21-26:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection."

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles."

Outside of knowing that he was the replacement Apostle, much of what we know about St. Matthias is vague and conflicting. Tradition says that he preached in Cappadocia and near the Caspian Sea, as well as in Judea and Jerusalem. He then went to Aethiopia, where he was stoned to death.

One story is in The Synopsis of Dorotheus, which contains this tradition: "Matthias preached the Gospel to barbarians and meat-eaters in the interior of Ethiopia, where the sea harbor of Hyssus is, at the mouth of the river Phasis. He died at Sebastopolis, and was buried there, near the Temple of the Sun."

Fourteenth-century historian Nicephorus said that Matthias died by crucifixion in Colchis, which is now in the modern nation of Georgia. Seventeenth-century historian Louis-Sébastien Le Nain de Tillemont stated that Matthias was stoned and then beheaded in Jerusalem, while another story was that he died of old age.

According to another legend there are claims that St. Matthias' remains were brought to Italy through Empress Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, also known as St. Helena of the Cross because she found the True Cross on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Some of the relics were interred in the Abbey of Santa Giustina in Padua and the remaining relics were placed in the Abbey of St. Matthias in Trier, Germany.

There was some evidence that Matthias wrote a gospel, but Pope Gelasius declared this unverified, while some people knew about the writing and spoke about it.

Matthias taught about self-control where people should put their spiritual desires above their physical wishes, giving them joy and peace. He said that the physical body is temporary, but the spiritual soul is permanent and spoke about the Holy Spirit who empowers this in everyone.

St. Matthias is the patron saint of recovered alcoholics, carpenters, tailors, people who need hope for overcoming addictions and caregivers of addicts. His feast day was included in the Roman Calendar in the eleventh century and is celebrated on May 14.

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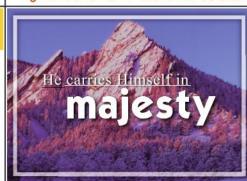
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