



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday at 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

5:00 PM *en Espanol*

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00—4:00 PM

First Friday Exposition

8:30 AM —9:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM

or by appointment



Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM

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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him. (Matthew 4:10-11)



My dear parishioners, welcome to the Lenten season, which we will start to observe together this Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday! What a beautiful year to celebrate the Lenten liturgies in our brand new, and beautiful church building! We are entering into a liturgical season that calls us to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

There are many different ways in which to pray. Which prayer has been helping you to grow closer to God? Is there a new type of prayer you would like to try? Fasting takes on many forms as well. We fast not only on food, but on habits that may have hindered us from getting closer to God. Almsgiving reminds us that everything is a gift from God. We are called to share our gifts with others, especially those in most need.

As we continue celebrating our Lenten liturgies, let us remember that our Lenten practices require nourishment at this Eucharistic table. God is always with us and calls us to grow closer to him as we journey these next 40 days. Have a happy Lent, everyone!

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

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Ante esto, Jesús le dijo: "¡Aléjate, Satanás! Está escrito: El Señor, tu Dios, adorarás y sólo a él servirás". Entonces el diablo lo dejó y, he aquí, los ángeles vinieron y le ministraron. (Mateo 4:10-11)

Mis queridos feligreses, bienvenidos al tiempo de Cuaresma, que comenzaremos a observar juntos este miércoles 22 de febrero, ¡Miércoles de Ceniza! ¡Qué hermoso año para celebrar las liturgias de Cuaresma en nuestro nuevo y hermoso edificio de la iglesia! Estamos entrando en un tiempo litúrgico que nos llama a acercarnos más a Dios a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna.

Hay muchas maneras diferentes de orar. ¿Qué oración te ha ayudado a acercarte más a Dios? ¿Hay algún nuevo tipo de oración que te gustaría probar? El ayuno también toma muchas formas. Ayunamos no solo en la comida, sino en hábitos que pueden habernos impedido acercarnos a Dios. La limosna nos recuerda que todo es un regalo de Dios. Estamos llamados a compartir nuestros dones con los demás, especialmente con los más necesitados.

Mientras continuamos celebrando nuestras liturgias cuaresmales, recordemos que nuestras prácticas cuaresmales requieren alimento en esta mesa eucarística. Dios siempre está con nosotros y nos llama a acercarnos más a él mientras caminamos estos próximos 40 días. ¡Que tengan una feliz Cuaresma todos!

Porque así como por la desobediencia de un solo hombre los muchos fueron hechos pecadores, así también, a través de la obediencia del uno, los muchos serán hechos justos. (Romanos 5:19)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of February 5, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$16,716.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$6,480

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of February 5, 2023: 2,239
Blessing Mass, 750+**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18, 2023

4:00 pm + Jean Vodvarka
Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:00 am + Christine Buguszewski
Requested by: Pat & Marge
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:00 am + Luis Ramos
Requested by: Miriam Ramos
5:00 pm + Ana Victoria Reynoso
Requested by: Carmen Pagan

Monday, February 20, 2023

8:00 am + Joseph Gornik
Requested by: Wife & Son

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

8:00 am + Josephine Gutowski
Requested by: Mike Smeraglia

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am + Ronald Lenkiewicz
Requested by: Kathy Murphy
12 noon Service
4:00 pm Service
7:00 pm + Irene Fisher
Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick

Thursday, February 23, 2023

8:00 am + Gaudencio Pugat
Requested by: Patrick & Ellen Crisostomo

Friday, February 24, 2023

8:00 am + Tina & + Mikey Maroge
Requested by: Debbie Santos

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
Requested by: A Parishioner
4:00 pm + Michael Babwah-Singh
Requested by: Son, Shawn Dozier, Sr.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:00 am + Chona Esquivel
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green
9:30 am + Thomas Foster
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
5:00 pm + Juan Duran
Requested by: Regina Duran

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.



Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Dave and Judy Gutowski, Sr., Darlene Masturzo, Ron Henefer, Joe Arnello, Hadley Epps, Ken Hellman, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Becky Oosterveen, Deacon Dennis Gillan, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Angel Pagan, Yolanda Inumerable, Robert Kasper, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell, Mike McGee, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Jo Ellen Foti,

Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Cynthia Santulli, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, the people of the Ukraine and their people, and all those in need.



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

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



Ash Wednesday is February 22. Our Parish will hold Masses at 8:00 am and again at 7 pm. A service, in which ashes will be distributed, will be held at 12 noon and again at 4 pm.

On another Ash Wednesday note, religious education classes are cancelled for that evening.

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 Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org). Registration forms are also available in the back of the church and at the parish office *during regular business hours...Monday thru Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm and on Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.*



OUR HISTORY — If you are new to our parish and would like to learn about our 16 and a half year journey to our new home here on 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, please go to our website at: [St. Faustina History - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY returned on February 4 for our Blessing Mass with Bishop Noonan and will operate the first Sunday of every month (unless it conflicts with a major holiday). Our next hospitality get-together will be Sunday, March 5, following the Masses at 8:00, 9:30, and 11 am.



Coffee, doughnuts, munchkins, iced tea, bottled water, and juice for the kids are among the goodies that the ministry is planning to serve.

THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

One or two men are needed to help setup tables and chairs before the 8:00 am Mass and one or two men are needed to break down and put away those items following the 11:00 am Mass. Volunteers are also needed after every Mass to help in the warming kitchen to make coffee, putting doughnuts on platters, transferring items to the outside tables, and helping to clean up after each Mass.

If you are interested, please email: office@stfaustina.org and include what your availability is and what you would like to do to help.



COMING SOON



LIVE STREAM OUR MASS on OUR SECURE WEBSITE

Now that we are in our own church building, many new and exciting events are being planned. One of the first will be a live stream of our Mass, **direct from our secure website.**

We will let you know when this will make its debut through all of our parish media outlets...the bulletin, our website, and our parish Facebook page.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

TO ATTEND OUR FIRST PARISH MISSION IN OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING!

Join us on Sunday March 19th from 1:00 -3:00 pm and Monday, March 20th from 6:00-8:00pm for a **TWO DAY** Mission on The Eucharist presented by Dr. Mary Amore.

Title: **Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: *Becoming the Very Mystery We Receive***

Throughout the gospels, Jesus dined with saints and sinners alike. In all of these meal stories, there is a common thread; everyone who dined with Jesus walked away transformed, healed of their sin, and eager to share their story with others. Is this your experience of the Eucharist?

Join us as Dr. Mary Amore plumbs the depths of the greatest mystery of our Catholic Faith and the ways in which our lives can be spiritually transformed by our Encounter of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Time will be given for discussions.



Come and be refreshed and renewed this Lent as we reflect on our GREATEST GIFT, Christ in the Eucharist.

Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. Dr. Amore is the author of three books: *Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation*, *Every day with Mary*, and *Every Day with Joseph*, as well as the creator of two DVD Series: Eucharist: Pathway of Transformation, Healing and Discipleship, and From Mary's Heart to Yours, published by Pauline Media. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Mary has been a presenter at the LA Congress, University of Dallas Ministry Conference, Diocese of New Hampshire Ministry Conference, as well as conducting parish missions, retreats, and adult faith formation programs. Dr. Amore is also the creator and host of two cable television shows, Soul Snack with Dr. Mary Amore and A Willing Spirit, and has hosted a radio show on Radio Maria. Dr. Amore serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.

Dr. Mary Amore is a proud member of the [Catholic speakers bureau, CMG Booking](#).

THE MONUMENT IS HERE!! The Knights of Columbus memorial monument commemorating the unborn was installed last week on the south side (parking lot side) of our new church building, as were many of the bricks that have been ordered.



To date we have received orders for 154 bricks and 27 replicas. If you do not see your brick don't worry as once an order is placed, it takes 5 to 7 weeks for production. If you ordered a replica brick, please contact Bill Mattingly to receive your brick. As always, the Knights of St. Faustina and the Parish thank you for your ongoing support of this fund raiser (which benefits both the parish and your St. Faustina Knights), and tribute to the unborn.



If you have not yet ordered your brick and would like to be part of this historic event, don't worry, there is still plenty of room for you to remember a loved one with your participation. Order forms are by the gift shop.

To learn more about this event, and about your St. Faustina Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, please go to our web page on our secure parish website at: [Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))



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A Reflection of Our Journey

Where did the time go?

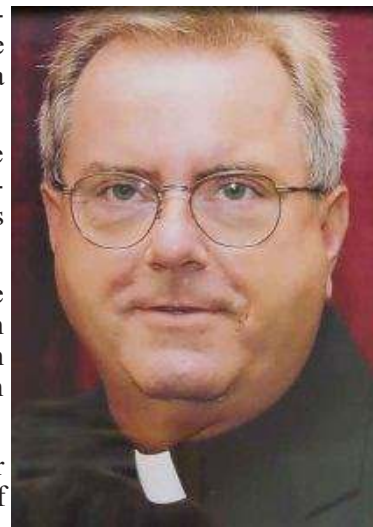
On September 30, 2006, Father Stephen Phillips celebrated the Sacrifice of the Mass in a conference room at, what was, Westgate Hotel, in front of 64 parishioners. That day St. Faustina Catholic Parish was born and a dream...and a journey...began.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Bishop John Noonan Blessed a new church building in honor of our patron saint, St. Faustina. More than 750 parishioners, family, friends, visitors, and surrounding community residents...many outside the church, some peeking in the windows... joined the Blessing Mass that saw the next step in the dream...and the journey...of St. Faustina Catholic Parish.

Shortly after Bishop Noonan's departure, Father Ramon celebrated the Sacrifice of the Mass at 4 pm, the parish's first regularly scheduled Mass, with 498 in attendance. Combined with the parish's four other scheduled Sunday Masses, a total of 2,239 were witness to the fact that Father Stephen's dream had become a reality.

Before the Blessing Mass, numerous photos were taken with the Bishop. However, the most meaningful photograph, at least to the parishioners who sat before Father Stephen in that conference room almost 16 and a half years ago, was when Michael Williamson from RD Michaels, the contractors that built our church building at 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, presented the keys to Father Ramon.

At the Blessing Mass, Bishop Noonan recalled the story of Exodus and the Jews' 40-year journey to the Promised Land. "Parishioners of St. Faustina maybe felt like the people of Israel," he said. "You have been wandering, searching for a home."



**Father Stephen Phillips
Our Founding Pastor**



Like that journey, not all our parishioners made it to the Promised Land. No doubt those who have been on the St. Faustina journey, who were present to realize the dream, shed a tear for loved ones who were watching from their Heavenly Home in God's Kingdom.

Bishop Noonan went on to thank and recognize the "dedication, participation, sacrifices, and steadfastness" that enabled St. Faustina Catholic Parish to finally obtain its own "spiritual home".

At the 4 o'clock Mass, Father Ramon, the fourth priest to lead the St. Faustina flock, gushed as he thanked all those who have contributed to the success and growth of the parish. He recognized those who were not with us physically, but in spirit, and he hinted at things to come now that the parish had its own permanent address.

This, however, is not the end of our St. Faustina parish journey. Plans are already underway to construct a larger church building to accommodate the rapidly growing communities that surround the parish. When will those plans become a reality?...only God knows. However, our parishioners know, that through our parish's

more than 16-year experiences, the answer to the question will be found when God is ready to reveal it.

Until then, the new church building celebrates all those parishioners, visitors, family, and friends, who have been on the journey, and those who will join it, as St. Faustina Catholic Parish continues to build its legacy as a parish that serves God through service to His people.

Where did the time go?



To see the photo essay of our Blessing Mass with Bishop Noonan as well as the link to Glenda Meekins' Florida Catholic story, please go to: [Blessing Mass with Bishop Noonan - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](https://stfaustina.org)



Saints Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto

By Marylu Mariniello

Francisco de Jesus Marto was born on June 11, 1908 and his sister Jacinta de Jesus Marto was born on March 11, 1910 in Aljustrel, a small town near Fátima, Portugal, one hundred ten miles north of Lisbon.

They were the youngest children of Manuel and Olimpia Marto. Their cousin was Lúcia dos Santos. Together these three children witnessed three visions of the Angel of Peace in 1916 and several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Cova da Iria in 1917. Their families were poor shepherds, with the children also tending the sheep. Both Francisco and Marta were illiterate. Francisco had a placid disposition, loved music and liked to be by himself to think. He preferred to pray alone, saying that this would "console Jesus for the sins of the world." Jacinta was an affectionate girl who loved to dance and sing.

When Francisco was eight years old and Jacinta was seven, they were in the fields with their cousin Lúcia when they saw the first apparition of Mary on May 13, 1917. They said that the "Lady more brilliant than the sun." At that time, Europe was involved in a war and Portugal was in a political turmoil because the monarchy was overthrown in 1910. Then the government dissolved religious organizations soon after.

When Mary appeared the first time on May 13, she asked the children to come back each thirteenth day of the month, where she appeared every month on that date until October. She also asked them peace for the world and the end of the war." Mary said to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and would become an atheistic, communist country. Mary told them that "You are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort."

Jacinta said she was deeply affected by a terrifying vision of hell which she saw at the third apparition and was convinced of the need to save sinners through penance and sacrifice as the Blessed Mother had told them to do. The three children, particularly Francisco and Jacinta, practiced severe self-mortifications until they died. More than ninety thousand people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

The siblings were victims of the great flu epidemic which swept through Europe in 1918. That October, Jacinta told Lúcia that Mary had appeared to her and promised to take them to heaven soon. Both Francisco and Jacinta lingered for many months, insisting on walking to church and kneeling in prayer for hours, with their heads on the ground as they said the angel had instructed them to do. Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza at home and was buried in the parish cemetery. Then he was re-buried in the Fátima Basilica in 1952.



Just before she died, Jacinta told Lucia "When you are to say this, don't go and hide. Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at his side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God entrusted it to her." Jacinta developed pleurisy and was moved to Ourém Hospital. She was operated on with little anesthesia suffering terribly, offering it up for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world and for the Pope. She died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920. She was also re-buried in the Fátima Basilica in 1951.

Their cousin Lúcia became a Carmelite nun. She was still alive when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, dying five years later. Pope John Paul II called them the "privileged children of the Father." The Pope was shot on May 13, 1981. When Pope John Paul first went to Fátima in 1982, he said that he had come "because, on this exact date last year in St. Peter's Square, in Rome, there was an attempt on the life of your Pope, which mysteriously coincided with the anniversary of the first vision at Fátima, that of 13 May 1917. The coincidence of these dates was so great that it seemed to be a special invitation for me to come here."

Pope Francis canonized Francisco and Jacinta on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the first apparition at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima on May 13, 2017. Francisco and Jacinta are the youngest saints who did not die as martyrs, with Jacinta being the youngest. Their feast day is February 20 and they are the patron saints of bodily ills, Portuguese children, and sick children.

Lúcia died on February 13, 2005. She was given the title of Servant of God, as the first step toward her canonization.

The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by more than twenty million people a year.

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