



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

April 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

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, 5:45 PM

Sunday @ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

5:00 PM *en Espanol*

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00—4:00 PM

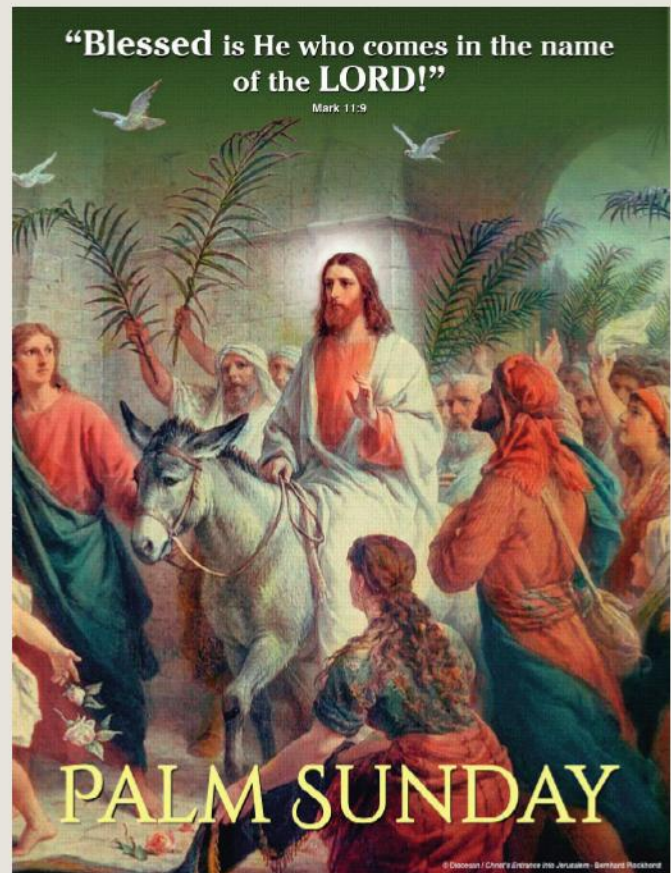
First Friday Adoration

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

But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:49-51)

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the days in the Church year when we celebrate Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Before we get to Easter, though, the Church invites us to ponder the meaning of Jesus' death. And we should start by recognizing that his death was neither an accident nor was it an unfortunate misunderstanding. No, Jesus was murdered by the religious and political leaders of his time who would not tolerate his challenges to their greed, power, and hypocrisy. Jesus' words and actions made them angry, and they initiated actions to bring about his demise.



Jesus' willingness to accept suffering and even death is part of his saving work. His obedience should inspire us to stay faithful to our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. This means loving others, even when they don't return our love. It means speaking the truth, even when others do not want to hear it. It means asking for forgiveness when we have been wrong. It means caring for others, even when that is difficult or inconvenient. And it means doing all of these things with humility. It isn't easy, but Jesus does not leave us alone in our efforts. Every time we come to the Eucharistic table, he gives himself to us, strengthening us to follow his example.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. (Phil 2:6)

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Pero el resto dijo: "Espera, veamos si Elías viene a salvarlo". Pero Jesús volvió a clamar en voz alta, y entregó su espíritu. (Mateo 27:49-51)

Hoy marca el comienzo de la Semana Santa, los días del año de la Iglesia cuando celebramos la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Sin embargo, antes de llegar a la Pascua, la Iglesia nos invita a reflexionar sobre el significado de la muerte de Jesús. Y debemos comenzar por reconocer que su muerte no fue ni un accidente ni un desafortunado malentendido. No, Jesús fue asesinado por los líderes religiosos y políticos de su tiempo que no toleraban sus desafíos a su codicia, poder e hipocresía. Las palabras y acciones de Jesús los enojaron, e iniciaron acciones para provocar su fallecimiento.

La disposición de Jesús a aceptar el sufrimiento e incluso la muerte es parte de su obra salvadora. Su obediencia debe inspirarnos a permanecer fieles a nuestra misión de proclamar el reino de Dios. Esto significa amar a los demás, incluso cuando no devuelven nuestro amor. Significa decir la verdad, incluso cuando otros no quieren escucharla. Significa pedir perdón cuando nos hemos equivocado. Significa cuidar a los demás, incluso cuando eso es difícil o inconveniente. Y significa hacer todas estas cosas con humildad. No es fácil, pero Jesús no nos deja solos en nuestros esfuerzos. Cada vez que venimos a la mesa eucarística, él se entrega a nosotros, fortaleciéndonos para seguir su ejemplo.

Cristo Jesús, aunque estaba en la forma de Dios, no consideraba la igualdad con Dios como algo a lo que aferrarse. (Filipenses 2:6)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of March 19, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$13,072.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,656.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of March 19, 2023: 2,081

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1, 2023

- 4:00 pm + Tony Borges
Requested by: Jo, Borges
- 5:45 pm + Kenny Holtz
Requested by: Andy & Kitty Holtz, Estok

Sunday, April 2, 2023

- 7:30 am + Leoncio & + Doris Guillen
Requested by: Henry & Aydith
- 9:30 am + Ralph Vieto
Requested by: Ida Vieto
- 11:30 am Parishioners of St Faustina
- 5:00 pm + Marie Torres Mora
Requested by: Mora Family

Monday, April 3, 2023

- 8:00 am + Romeo & + Lydia Lanting
Requested by: Rey Lanting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

- 8:00 am + Linda May
Requested by: Joe May

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- 8:00 am + Elizabeth Venditti
Requested by: David Venditti

Thursday, April 6, 2023 No Morning Mass

HOLY THURSDAY-- Bilingual

- 7:00 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

Friday, April 7, 2023 — No Morning Mass

GOOD FRIDAY NO MASSES

- 3:00 pm English Passion Service
- 5:30 pm Spanish Passion Service

Saturday, April 8, 2023 — No Morning Mass

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

- 8:00 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 9:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 11:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

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.



Mary Ann Cunningham,
Jeannie Burns, Linda
Patrick, Michael Patrick,
Sue Puffs, David Valerian,
Josefina Bacosa, Daniel
Tomberg, Gloria Nestel, Russell Perine, Anita
Boyd, Lisa Hurley, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr.,
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, Brown
Stegall, Tommy White, Robert Kasper, Arturo
Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The
Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell,
Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele
Middleton, 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, 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.



If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, 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... WELCOME!

OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday, April 6

(NO daily 8:00 am Mass)
Mass at 7:00 pm, Bilingual

Good Friday, April 7

THERE WILL BE NO 8 AM DAILY MASS
THERE WILL BE NO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Passion Service at 3:00 pm in English Passion Service at 5:30 pm in Spanish
Stations of the Cross Services at 11:30 am in Spanish and at 1:00 pm in English

Divine Mercy Novena Service at 2:30 pm — Good Friday is the first day of the Chaplet of Mercy Novena that Jesus requested be said, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. To see each of the specific intentions of the Novena, please go to:

[The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy Novena - Day 1](#) | [The Divine Mercy](#)

**THE OFFICE
IS CLOSED**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8 pm

THERE WILL BE NO 8 AM DAILY MASS
Blessing of the Easter Food will be held at 10:00 am

Easter Sunday, April 9

Regular Mass Schedule: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
5:00 pm in Spanish

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 1 pm
Followed by the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Benediction at 3 pm

Saturday, April 15, Masses at 4:00 pm and 5:45 pm

Sunday, April 16, Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
5:00 pm in Spanish



Members of this year's Rite of Christian Initiation class were blessed by Father Ed during the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, March 19. They will be among those RCIA students who will be welcomed into the Catholic Faith at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass.

The eight Catechumen are: (adults) Ben Alvarez, Jeanette Cuevas, Namdar Hosseinzadeh, and Rafael Negron, as well as children, Aaliyah Figueroa, Eliena Morillo, Jaelynn Rosario, and Adriana Torres.

Israel Santiago teaches both classes on Sunday.

For more on our Faith Formation RCIA program, please go to:

[Rite of Christian Initiation \(RCIA\) - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

**There will be no Faith Formation classes
on April 2, 5, 8 and 9 for Holy Week and Easter.
Have a Blessed Easter.**



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



THE BELK FUNDRAISER IS BACK at St. Faustina -- After being absent for several years, the Belk Fundraiser has returned to our parish. *Starting the weekend of April 15*, members of our Fundraising Committee will be at all Masses to sell Belk coupons for \$5.00. *On the weekend of May 5-6*, take your coupon to Belk and redeem it on any purchase. **Oh, by the way, the parish keeps the entire \$5.00 from EVERY ticket sold!** St. Faustina participated in this fundraiser back when we were located in the plaza on 192 and it was a great success for both the parish and parishioners.

NEW EVENTS CALENDAR – Our St. Faustina website has a new page, an *Events Calendar* that features all the parish’s monthly activities on one page. A total of 23 items have already been posted for April...and you can see them all at one time on one page by going to:

[Events at St. Faustina - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)



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Since moving into our new home on February 4, our St. Faustina parish has been working on streaming live Masses, both the 8 am Daily Mass as well as the various weekend Masses. While there may still be a few “kinks” to work out as we go forward, we are ready to present this new ministry to our parishioners and our entire Catholic Community.

***The big question to be considered by everyone is:
“Does viewing Mass on the Internet satisfy our Sunday obligation?”***

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, “viewing a Mass, whether via television or on the Internet, is certainly a worthwhile activity, but it doesn’t fulfill one’s Sunday obligation regarding the Lord’s Day and the Third Commandment. However, if one is sick or physically unable to attend, one would be dispensed from the obligation.” **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Attending mass should not be looked at as an obligation. Jesus wants us to want to be with Him and His community each and every Sunday in order to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass together as a Catholic Family.

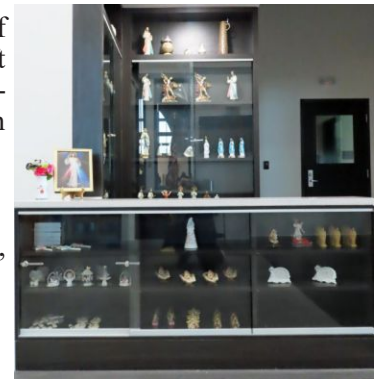
In order to live stream our St. Faustina Masses, please go to our secure website at: www.stfaustina.org and click on the icon to the right of the page.

VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP FOR THAT PERFECT RELIGIOUS EASTER GIFT If you are looking for that perfect Easter religious gift, look no further than our parish gift shop. Are you shopping for your child’s teacher, a neighbor, a good friend, a family member? You are sure to find something that will bring extra meaning to the Easter season while helping the parish. New items are available every week.

The gift shop is open following every weekend Mass.

If you would like to learn more about our Gift Shop or how you can volunteer to help, please go to their page on our new parish web site at:

[Gift Shop - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)



During our Offertory at our weekend Masses, we pass two plates at St. Faustina: Our first “basket” is designated for our General Offertory. Our second “Construction Helmet” is for our Mortgage Debt Reduction associated with our new church building.

“Thank You” very, very much for your generous contributions.



Parish Lenten Mission with Dr. Mary Amore

On Sunday, March 19, and Monday, March 20, our parish held its first Lenten Mission in our new location. To say that the Holy Spirit was smiling down upon us would be an understatement.

A total of 176 attendees over the two nights heard Dr. Mary Amore speak *about our ability to encounter Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.*



Some of the other topics that Dr. Amore talked about during the two-day, almost four-hour mission, were:

Forgiveness...If Jesus could forgive from the cross, shouldn't we be able to forgive?

To be present to everyone you come in contact with because you never know when God is using you, even if it's a word you said.



An invitation to *Spiritual Transformation,*

Cultivating a spirit of self-offering through the Paschal Mystery,

*Good Friday--The Cross---*The crosses that we carry: loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a relationship with a family member, angry with GOD due to a loss, stray away from our faith...leave them all on the altar,

Holy Saturday--A Time of Waiting: God has a bigger and better plan for us. We must have faith and patience, and

*Easter--New Life Experience--*Perhaps an event or occurrence we didn't see coming.

In regard to sin, Dr. Amore pointed out that sin is like breaking up with God.

Our St. Faustina parish Bereavement and Consolation Ministry, which hosted the mission, held a reception each night after Dr. Amore's talk.



OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS 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.

Do you have any questions regarding the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church? Are you looking to get married? Perhaps you are looking to schedule a Baptism for someone in your family. To answer any questions regarding the Sacraments, please go to our new website at: [Sacraments - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Sacraments - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org))



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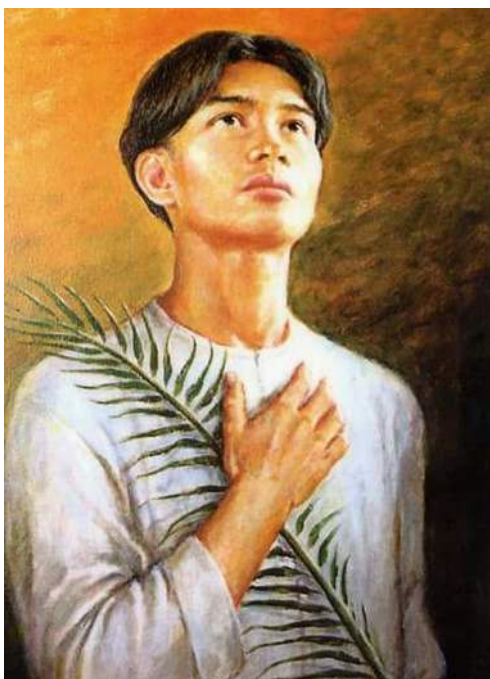
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St. Pedro Calungsod

By Marylu Mariniello

Pedro Calungsod was born in Iloilo, Philippines on July 21, 1654. There is little information about his early life. Different cities claim his birth location, but no one knows which one. All of the towns are in the Diocese of Cebu. His heritage was Filipino and Visayan. The thought was that the term Visayan exclusively belonged to the those from the island of Panay or the neighboring islands of Negros and Romblon but not from Cebu, which was considered Pintados. This was later disputed saying that regardless of location, anyone in the region could be called Visayan.



Pedro received his primary education at a Jesuit boarding school, studying catechism and learning to speak, read and write in Spanish. His interests included drawing, painting, singing, acting and carpentry skills. He used all of these talents for his missionary work.

In 1668, when he was fourteen, Pedro was chosen to work with Spanish Jesuit missionaries, headed to the “Isles of Thieves”, known as *Islas de Los Ladrones* in Spanish. Later this land would be renamed the Mariana Islands in honor the Blessed Mother and the woman who sponsored and paid for the expenses of the missionaries, Maria Ana of Austria who was the Queen Regent of Spain.

The Marianas are a crescent shaped archipelago, which is a group of islands. Ferdinand Magellan was the first to explore the area in the early sixteenth century. Spanish expeditions continued, with Spain annexing and colonizing the area, establishing their capital in Guam, the largest island. The Chamorro people were the indigenous inhabitants. As a young adult, Pedro became a sacristan and a missionary catechist. He accompanied Diego Luis de San Vitores to the Islands. They brought many to the Catholic faith, baptizing and teaching the people. Life on the islands was difficult

because supplies did not arrive regularly, the jungles and terrain were difficult to navigate and there were frequent typhoons, but they persevered in catechizing the local people.

A Chinese man named Choco was a criminal from Manila who was exiled in Guam. He gained influence over the medicine men of the islands called the *Macanjas*. He lied, saying that the missionaries were spreading poison by pouring water at baptisms and at Mass. There were some sickly Chamorro infants who were baptized and died, leading many to believe the story and held the missionaries responsible

Both Pedro and Luis were murdered after baptizing an infant and her mother who had converted. The husband of the woman was furious that his daughter was baptized and began throwing spears at Pedro, who dodged them. Witnesses said that Pedro could have escaped the attack but did not want to leave Luis. It was also said that Pedro could have defeated the aggressors with weapons, but Luis would not let his companions carry arms.

Pedro was finally hit in the chest by a spear, falling to the ground, then was killed by a machete blow to the head. Luis blessed Pedro before he was also killed. Pedro was seventeen when he died on April 2, 1672 in Tumon, Guam. Both bodies were thrown into the water.

Pope John Paul II beatified Pedro on March 5, 2000. The recognized miracle date for canonization was on March 26, 2003 regarding a woman from Leyte who had a heart attack and was pronounced clinically dead by the doctors. Two hours after the attack, she was revived by an attending physician who sought Blessed Pedro’s intercession.

Pope Benedict canonized Pedro Calungsod on October 21, 2012. He is the second Filipino saint after St. Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila.

St. Pedro Calungsod is often depicted with a palm, spear, bolo, rosary or crucifix and is the patron saint of Filipino youth, Catechumens, Altar servers, Overseas Filipino Workers, Cebuanos, Visayans, Pury, San Antonio, Quezon Province and the secondary patron saint of the Archdiocese of Cebu. His feast day is April 2.

Pope John Paul II beatified Diego Luis de San Vitores in Rome in 1985.

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