



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

April 30, 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday

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

The Church is Open for Personal Prayer
Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



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 whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. (Jn 10:2-4)



We all know we should follow Jesus. We have been told how he longs to lead us to the goodness for which we were created. But many of us struggle with the next part - actually hearing his voice and following. How do we recognize his voice? How do we quiet all of those voices of "strangers" that Jesus mentions? How do we learn to follow as we ought?

Just as sheep learn the voice of their shepherd - through time, proximity, and practice. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice every day, time and time again. Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. That is why we celebrate Mass. We take time to read and reflect on Scripture. And perhaps we intentionally seek out holy friends, and make the effort to speak about God and faith with them.

Even if, like sheep, we have gone astray, we gather together at Mass; *we have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.* May Christ, in the Eucharist, teach us to hear his voice more clearly, draw us closer to him, and protect us from all evil.

By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1Pet. 2:25)

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Pero quien entra por la puerta es el pastor de las ovejas. El portero lo abre para él, y las ovejas oyen su voz, mientras el pastor llama a sus propias ovejas por su nombre y las conduce. Cuando ha expulsado a todos los suyos, camina delante de ellos, y las ovejas lo siguen, porque reconocen su voz. (Jn 10,2-4)

Todos sabemos que debemos seguir a Jesús. Se nos ha dicho cómo anhela llevarnos a la bondad para la cual fuimos creados. Pero muchos de nosotros luchamos con la siguiente parte: escuchar su voz y seguirlo. ¿Cómo reconocemos su voz? ¿Cómo acallamos todas esas voces de "extraños" que Jesús menciona? ¿Cómo aprendemos a seguir como debemos?

Así como las ovejas aprenden la voz de su pastor, a través del tiempo, la proximidad y la práctica. Las ovejas oyen la voz del pastor todos los días, una y otra vez. Jesucristo, nuestro Buen Pastor, nos llama hoy. Por eso celebramos la Misa. Nos tomamos el tiempo para leer y reflexionar sobre las Escrituras. Y tal vez intencionalmente buscamos amigos santos, y hacemos el esfuerzo de hablar acerca de Dios y la fe con ellos.

Incluso si, como ovejas, nos hemos extraviado, nos reunimos en la Misa; *Ahora hemos regresado al pastor y guardián de nuestras almas.* Que Cristo, en la Eucaristía, nos enseñe a escuchar su voz con mayor claridad, nos acerque a Él y nos proteja de todo mal.

Por sus heridas has sido sanado. Porque os habíais extraviado como ovejas, pero ahora habéis vuelto al pastor y guardián de vuestras almas. (1Pedro 2:25)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of April 16, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$12,501.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$4,374.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of April 16, 2023: 1,852

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29, 2023

4:00 pm DCN. Dennis Gillian
Requested by: Fr. Ramon & St. Faustina Parishioners
5:45 pm + María Rodríguez
Requested by: Jeanette Rubino

Sunday, April 30, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am SI Fr. David Gillis
Requested by: Jan Nilsen
11:30 am + Luis Ramos
Requested by: Miriam Ramos
5:00 pm + Estela Hernandez
Requested by: Regina Duran

Monday, May 1, 2023

8:00 am + Angeline Gutowski
Requested by: Friends & Family

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

8:00 am + Barbara Jachimiak
Requested by: Pat & Dan Metz

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:00 am Birthday Wishes for Paul Casey
Requested by: Mary Casey

Thursday, May 4, 2023

8:00 am + Irene Fisher
Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick

Friday, May 5, 2023

8:00 am + Alberto Vogl
Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

Saturday, May 6, 2023

8:00 am In Thanksgiving
Requested by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango
4:00 pm + Tony Borges
Requested by: Jo, Borges
5:45 pm + Hal & + Donna Goodhue
Requested by: Harold & Donna Goodhue

Sunday, May 7, 2023

7:30 am + Mary Symons
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
Requested by: Thomas Doherty
5:00 pm + Juan Villafane
Requested by: Evelyn Garcia

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.



David Venditti, Ed David, Angela and Exevior Bojda, Lisa Flaherty, Maryn Poggi, James Niccum, Kristina Starr, David Bartkus, Glen Mahnken, 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, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, 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, 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, and all those who need our prayers.



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.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

NOW THAT WE ARE IN OUR NEW HOME The HOSPITALITY and BAKE SALE MINISTRIES ARE RETURNING!!

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate our first *monthly* Hospitality Weekend here after both the Saturday afternoon Masses as well as the Sunday morning Masses. **B U T!!! ... we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!**



People are needed to help set up tables and chairs before the Saturday 4 pm Mass as well as before the Sunday 7:30 am Mass and to break down and put away those items following the 5:45 Saturday Mass and the 11:30 Sunday Mass. Volunteers are also needed after every Mass to help in the warming kitchen to make coffee, put the goodies on platters, transfer items to the outside tables, and help to clean up after each Mass.

If you are interested in helping, please go to our Hospitality web page at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/hospitality/> or email: office@stfaustina.org and include what your availability is and what you would like to do to help.

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Meanwhile, the **Bake Sale returns the weekend of May 20 & 21** after the 4:00 and 5:45 pm Saturday Masses and after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. As is the case with Hospitality, **we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Of course we need bakers and sellers, but we also need people to help set up and put away.

If you are interested in helping, please go to our Bake Sale web page at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/> or email: office@stfaustina.org and include what your availability is and what you would like to do to help.



As always, **“THANK YOU”** for everything you do for the parish.



THE BELK FUNDRAISER IS BACK at St. Faustina -- **Once again THIS weekend**, 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 on 192, and it was a great success for both the parish and parishioners.

NEW ST. FAUSTINA YOUTH GROUP — Students in the Confirmation Class and Grade eight, please attend the first St. Faustina Youth Group meeting on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM. Come join others to make friends and tell us what your ideas are about areas that you would like to create and goals that you want to achieve. We will have food and games. All meetings will count towards your Confirmation service hours.



THE NEW INSTALLMENT OF BRICKS HAS ARRIVED The next round of bricks for the Memorial commemorating the unborn have arrived. This joint fundraiser between our Knights of Columbus and our parish has already raised more than \$4,000 for St. Faustina.

You can join your fellow parishioners by purchasing a commemorative brick to honor your family and friends. A total of **229** bricks have already been placed. There is no time limit or deadline to purchase bricks as the site outside the south side of the building will accommodate 700 bricks. The latest 50 bricks were recently placed...and we “thank you” for your patience.

This joint Saint Faustina Knights of Columbus and the St. Faustina Parish fundraiser is highlighted by a Memorial Monument commemorating the unborn. The cost of each of the 4×8 bricks is \$100.00 and the cost each of the 4×4 tile is \$25.00. Your tile would have the same lettering as your brick.

The pamphlets to place your order can be found on the literature rack in the rear of the church. For additional information, please go to the Knights’ web page on our secure St. Faustina website at: [Memorial to the Unborn Fundraiser - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](https://stfaustina.org/Memorial-to-the-Unborn-Fundraiser-St-Faustina-Catholic-Church-Clermont) or contact Bill Mattingly at 352-988-7000 or wmattingly@cfl.rr.com.

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



MOTHER'S DAY is coming on May 14th. If you would like to remember your mother, grandmother, or any other special mother-figure in your life, please fill out and *return your envelope no later than May 7* so it can be counted and placed on the Altar. An envelope has been included this year in the packet or you can take an envelope from the literature rack or use a plain envelope marked "Mother's Day". On Mother's Day weekend, all the envelopes will be placed on the Altar and we will pray for all the mothers in our lives.

CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS—With heartfelt love and gratitude to *ALL MOTHERS*, living or deceased, join our parish in offering **CARNATION FLOWERS** at our **MOTHER'S DAY MASSES**, the weekend of May 13-14 at all of our regularly-scheduled Masses. Our suggested donation is \$3.00 for each carnation stem and \$5.00 for two carnation stems Your continued support makes our parish family stronger in faith and love!



OUR ST. FAUSTINA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4217's annual Baby Bottle Drive is here again. *We will be distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day* in support of South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. This drive will end on Father's Day.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 5 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.



Lo invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en la Iglesia Católica Santa Faustina el primer jueves de cada mes, a nuestro ministerio Maria Rosa Mística, de 1:00 PM a 2:00 PM. Rezaremos por el Papa, los sacerdotes, los diáconos, los religiosos y por el aumento de las vocaciones religiosas. ¡Esperamos verte y que te unas a nosotros!



We cordially invite you to join us at St. Faustina Catholic Church on the first Thursday of each month, to our Maria Rosa Mystica ministry, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We pray for the Pope, priests, deacons, the religious, and for the increase of religious vocations. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us! **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4.**

Join us in praying the "First Saturday Rosary", (Saturday, May 6, after the 8:00 am Mass, until 8:30) to pray for peace, understanding, comfort, and the healing of all people. Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on First Saturday is for peace in the world, and peace in the Church. The promise attached to the First Saturday of five consecutive months is for the individual. Our Lady promised to Sister Lucia to assist with the graces necessary for salvation, those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company for fifteen minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her. The fifteen minutes meditation is done individually on your private time with Our Lady.



South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center — Our Parish support for the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center continues. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes 4 & 5), wipes and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers and other small items can also be accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon located by our gift shop. For more information, please contact Tom and Nancy Madden at tomnancy94@msn.com. To learn more about the South Lake Pregnancy and

Family Care Center, please go to their website at:

[South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center \(slpfcc.com\)](http://SouthLakePregnancyandFamilyCareCenter(slpfcc.com))

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Weekly Reflection

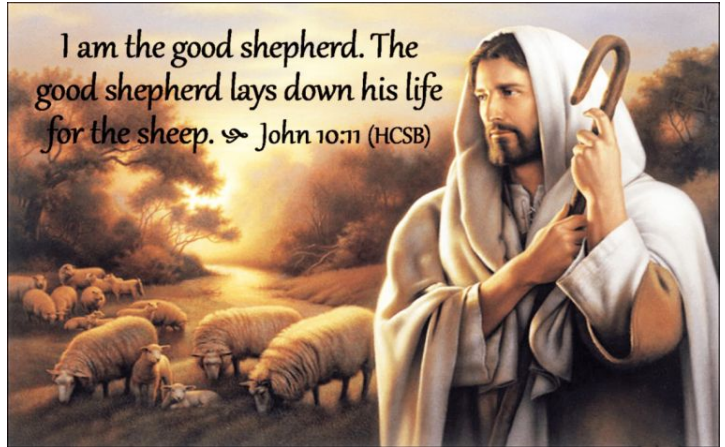
Good Shepherd Sunday

by Beth Price, Diocesan Publications Writer

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd calls to us in every one of today's readings. We are the sheep, He is our Master, our Savior, and forgiver of sins.

The apostle Luke is quite direct in the First Reading from Acts. "...God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:14) Luke then reports that Peter called on all to repent and have their sins forgiven. He tells them to follow the call of our Lord God, Jesus Christ.

Follow the call of the Lord. This phrase reminded me of a fantastic animated short video about David the shepherd. A very young lamb is seen frolic about and gets itself into a very precarious situation. David, an expert with a slingshot and a faith-filled youth, is able to rescue the lamb. The two wind up very far from the rest of the herd. The scene cuts to a late evening shot of the now sleeping herd while a very impatient ewe paces, stops, turns her ear and hears a familiar voice singing a song of praise and worship while carrying the lamb in his tunic.



I'm reminded how we are all the lambs and sheep. Some easily recognize the voice of the One who cares for them. There are many others, possibly even our youthful selves, our kids [pun intended] or a person with not as much wisdom or experience as I may have, who don't or can't recognize that there is danger or harm in their path.

The Gospel is clear: "I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:7,9)

I have to be very intentional in all aspects of life; thoughts, words and deeds. It is up to me to be vigilant in my desire to hear the Master's voice in every situation throughout the day and night. I need to hear His voice in my mind so I am not stolen away by a thief or robber, who would lead me astray and abandon or slaughter me. The Good Shepherd is there for me to turn to in every situation. He is there to forgive my erring way and to heal me. He is the Truth, the Way, the gate to everlasting life. Blessed be God in all His designs! Amen! Alleluia.

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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.

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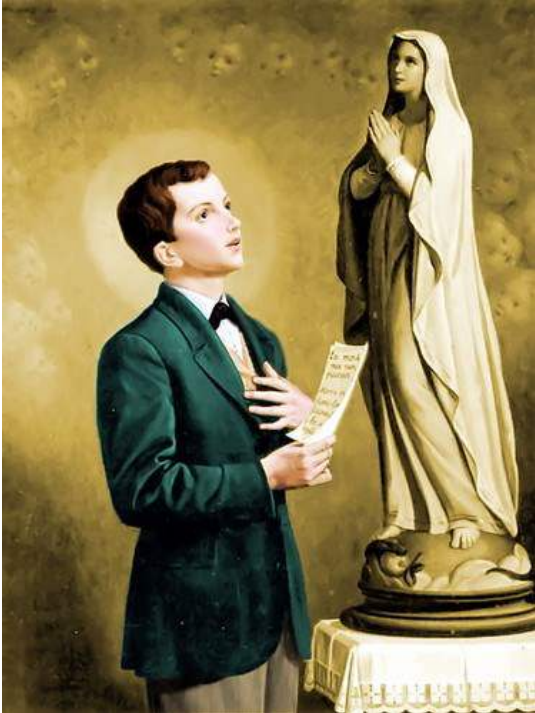
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St. Dominic Savio

By Marylu Mariniello

Domenico Savio was born on April 2, 1842 in Chieri, Sardinia Italy, one of ten children. His parents were Carlo and Brigitta Savio, both poor and pious hard workers. They returned to their native town, Murialdo near Castelnuovo d'Asti when Dominic was two. He was very devout as a child, praying by age four, saying Grace at mealtimes and helping with chores. When he was five, Dominic attended daily Mass and became an altar server. He made his First Communion at age seven when the norm at that time was age twelve and went to Confession often. He said that his of First Communion Day - *"That was the happiest and most wonderful day of my life."*



The following words are from Dominic's book for First Communion:

Resolutions made by me, Dominic Savio, in the year 1849, on the day of my First Communion, at the age of seven.

- 1. I will go to Confession often, and as frequently to Holy Communion as my confessor allows.*
- 2. I wish to sanctify the Sundays and festivals in a special manner.*
- 3. My friends shall be Jesus and Mary.*
- 4. Death rather than sin*

At age ten, Dominic went to a school three miles away. He was an outstanding student and was recommended to speak with Father John Bosco, meeting together in October of 1854. Dominic told Father John that he wanted to become a priest. Father gave him a copy of the Catholic Readings and asked him to recite a certain page by heart and explain the meaning for the next day, but Dominic did this in the next ten minutes. John then realized that Dominic was remarkable and agreed to take him to Turin for studies at the Oratory. Dominic studied and obeyed the rules, listened to sermons and asked for more information on subjects he found challenging. He was respectful to his teachers and chose good friends, who were also diligent.

Dominic was always at prayer, making visits to Church and was noted for his good ways. Six months later, Dominic heard a speech about sainthood. He concluded "That it is God's will that each one should become a saint, that it is easy to become a saint and that there is a great reward waiting in heaven for those who try to become saints." Now he was inspired to become a saint but wasn't sure how to do this. John told Dominic to just be himself.

When he learned the words "belonging to God," Dominic increased his desire to achieve sainthood. His spiritual growth grew under John's guidance, showing him common sense and ordinary heroism.

Dominic wanted to do physical penances, but John told him to stop this for health reasons. He said the best penance would be to do his work with humility and perfection, doing everything for the glory of God. From that day, Dominic never complained, but did what was needed. Dominic knew that he would die young, so he started the Sodality of Mary Immaculate to obtain Mary's protection in life and at death.

When Dominic died on March 9, 1857, he was almost fifteen years old. Pope Pius XII beatified him on March 5, 1950 and he was canonized also by Pope Pius XII on June 12, 1954. Dominic was declared a saint because he lived a holy life. He was not a martyr but was noted for his devotion and piety. John Bosco, who would also become a saint, thought very highly of Dominic and wrote a biography about him. This book, *The Life of Dominic Savio*, was an important factor for Dominic's sainthood. Another student of St. John Bosco was Luigi Orione, who is also a canonized saint.

St. Dominic Savio is the patron saint of choir boys, juvenile delinquents & falsely accused people. His feast day is May 6.

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