



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter / HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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 @ 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**

A mother is she who can
take the place of all
others but whose place
no one else can take.

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



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

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. (John 14:15)

Through it all, Jesus promises that we will not be left alone. In today's Gospel, we are with Jesus and his Apostles in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. With only hours to live, Jesus speaks of the cross, the resurrection, his ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Nine times in this brief passage of six verses, John the Evangelist uses the word "will" to show all the good that God has in store for us in Christ.

Jesus makes many promises that he will fulfill if only we fulfill one promise in return - to show our love for him by keeping his commands.

Jesus refers to his ascension that we will celebrate in the Church next Sunday: *In a little while the world will no longer see me.* Through it all, Jesus promises that we will not be left alone or abandoned, for the Advocate, the Holy Spirit of God, will come to us to be our consolation and our strength. This is *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you...* Jesus was, is and will always be the reason for our hope.

The same Holy Spirit that inspired Philip, Peter, and John dwells in us. This is all part of God's will for us, and he asks us to use our will to choose love for him first, to love him most, and to love him forever, as he loves us.

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence... (1Pet 3:15)

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Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Si me amáis, guardaréis mis mandamientos. Y le pediré al Padre, y él os dará otro Abogado para que esté siempre con vosotros, el Espíritu de verdad, a quien el mundo no puede aceptar, porque ni lo ve ni lo conoce. (Juan 14:15)

A pesar de todo, Jesús promete que no nos dejarán solos. En el Evangelio de hoy, estamos con Jesús y sus apóstoles en el Cenáculo de la Última Cena. Con sólo unas horas de vida, Jesús habla de la cruz, la resurrección, su ascensión al cielo y el descenso del Espíritu Santo. Nueve veces en este breve pasaje de seis versículos, Juan el Evangelista usa la palabra "voluntad" para mostrar todo el bien que Dios tiene reservado para nosotros en Cristo.

Jesús hace muchas promesas que cumplirá si solo cumplimos una promesa a cambio: mostrar nuestro amor por él guardando sus mandamientos.

Jesús se refiere a su ascensión que celebraremos en la Iglesia el próximo domingo: *Dentro de poco el mundo ya no me verá.* A pesar de todo, Jesús promete que no nos dejaremos solos o abandonados, porque el Abogado, el Espíritu Santo de Dios, vendrá a nosotros para ser nuestro consuelo y nuestra fuerza. Este es *el Espíritu de verdad, a quien el mundo no puede aceptar, porque no lo ve ni lo conoce. Pero tú lo conoces, porque él permanece contigo, y estará en ti...* Jesús fue, es y siempre será la razón de nuestra esperanza.

El mismo Espíritu Santo que inspiró a Felipe, Pedro y Juan mora en nosotros. Todo esto es parte de la voluntad de Dios para nosotros, y él nos pide que usemos nuestra voluntad para elegir el amor por él primero, amarlo más y amarlo para siempre, como él nos ama.

Amados: Santifiquen a Cristo como Señor en sus corazones. Siempre esté listo para dar una explicación a cualquiera que le pida una razón para su esperanza, pero hágalo con gentileza y reverencia ... (1 Pedro 3:15)



Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of April 30, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$11,407.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$6,155.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of April 30, 2023: 1,365

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13, 2023

- 4:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
5:45 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 14, 2023

- 7:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
9:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
11:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
5:00 pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 15, 2023

- 8:00 am + Rufina Innumerable
Requested by: Yolanda Innumerable

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

- 8:00 am + Josephine Gutowski
Requested by: Lorraine Pacyna

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 8:00 am SI Mike & Molly Riley & Family
Requested by: Mary Ellen Burke

Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 8:00 am + Donna Schneider
Requested by: Pat & Dan Metz

Friday, May 19, 2023

- 8:00 am Intentions for Anthony Thay Luy
Requested by: Family

Saturday, May 20, 2023

- 8:00 am + Prudence Dozier
Requested by: Family
4:00 pm + Jorge Dominguez
Requested by: Kathy Murphy
5:45 pm + Francisco Arango
Requested by: Adrey Goez

Sunday, May 21, 2023

- 7:30 am + Irene Fisher
Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick
9:30 am + Luis Ramos
Requested by: Miriam Ramos
11:30 am + Nicholas Dinanno
Requested by: Anna Dinanno
5:00 pm + Alexander Bermudez
Requested by: Lorena Machado

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, George Walker, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Heriberto Rodriguez, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, Lisa Flaherty, Maryn Poggi, James Niccum, Kristina Starr, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Sue Puffs, David Valerian, Josefina Bacosa, Daniel Tomberg, Gloria Nestel, Russell Perine, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, 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

Dave and Judy Gutowski Named April “Family of the Month”

Dave and Judy Gutowski were named the Knights of Columbus March “Family of the Month” prior to the 4 pm Mass on April 30.

Both long-time parishioners, Dave was a member of the Fund-Raising Committee back when the parish was in the plaza on Route 192 and served two terms on the Parish Council while we were in Glenbrook Plaza. He has also participated in Father Dave Gillis’ 50/50 raffle, the parish picnic basket raffle, the Friday Lenten Soup Supper, the bake sale, and the clean-up crew when we moved from the plaza on 192 to the plaza on Route 27. Dave is also responsible for the daily spiritual postings on our parish Facebook page.

Judy started and ran the Welcoming Committee when the parish was in 192 plaza and served on the parish’s first Building Committee with Father Steve. She has been a Eucharistic Minister and has worked in the gift shop. Judy helped get the Marian Fathers to our 192 location for a Parish Mission on St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Family of the Month honors, please send an email to office@stfaustina.org with any information you might have on your nominee.



Photo Caption: Judy and Dave are with Grand Knight Ed Rabelas and Knight John Giamo.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month program, please go to their secure parish web page at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/family-of-the-month/>



As is the case this time of year, our Snowbird parishioners have migrated home thus cutting our weekend attendance at all Masses.

With this being the case, St. Faustina will be suspending the Saturday 5:45 Mass, beginning next week, May 20 (this Saturday, May 13, will be the LAST 5:45 Mass, for now).

We pray that those leaving us have a safe journey and a Blessed summer with family and friends.

THE ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE BEGINS TODAY!! Baby Bottles are available, starting today, for the Knights of Columbus annual Baby Bottle Drive, which supports the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. To participate, simply put your loose change into the bottle and return it to the parish on or before Father’s Day. If you don’t get a bottle, you can use a container of your choice or make a check out to the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive, (**NOT St. Faustina**) and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.



The Bake Sale returns **NEXT WEEKEND** after the 4:00 and 5:45 pm Saturday Masses and after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. 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.

NEW ST. FAUSTINA YOUTH GROUP — Students in the Confirmation Class and Grade eight, please attend the first St. Faustina Youth Group meeting **NEXT 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.



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY BY GIVING BLOOD---Wear Red, Give Red!!—Our next parish blood drive will be on Pentecost Sunday, **May 28, between the hours of 7:30 am and 1:00 pm.** For your convenience, the Big Red Bus will be parked right outside the entrance of the church.



Our parish began this bi-monthly blood drive on June 19, 2019. During that time, parishioners and visitors have **contributed 396 pints of blood while saving over 1,188 lives** as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients in need. Our drive has met its OneBlood-assigned goal in all but one drive and has surpassed 25 donors three times with our record being 33 pints contributed.

Besides your ability to help those with medical needs, you will receive a wellness check-up, which includes: a COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, an iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening. OneBlood is also giving away a \$20 e-gift card, a Bonefish Grill coupon, and a water bottle in “thanks” for your donation.

For more information on who can donate, please go to our parish web page at; <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bi-monthly-blood-drive/>

While over 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can make an appointment by going to: [OneBlood](#)

On Pentecost Sunday, WEAR RED!!! ... GIVE RED!!!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH MINISTRY — We are excited to announce that we have a new ministry called the “*CARING CRAFTERS.*” These talented individuals will hand make items to comfort and support the needs of our church and local community. We will begin by making prayer shawls for the bereavement ministry and lap blankets for the homebound. We will keep you posted throughout our journey.



We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am–12:00 pm at the church.

The Pray Shawl on the left, is given at the Celebration of Life to families who have lost a loved one.

If you would like to share your talents and be a part of this amazing ministry, please come join us. All are welcome. ***The next meeting is Wednesday, June 14th.***



STREAM OUR ST. FAUSTINA MASSES...LIVE!!! If you can't come to Mass...weekday or weekend... our parish offers you the opportunity to Live Stream our St. Faustina Masses simply by going to our secure parish web page at: <https://stfaustina.org/livestream-of-mass/>

From there, select the Mass you wish to stream and you will have it on your computer or device.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER—There are several opportunities for us to pray together as a parish family during the course of the day, the week, and the month. To see what is available to meet your schedule, please go to our website home page at: [Are you looking for a Catholic Church near Disney World?](#) (stfaustina.org) and scroll down the right side of the page.



Weekly Reflection

Background Music: Life, Love and Prayer

by Kathryn Mulderink, Diocesan Publications Writer

“I live and you will live,” Jesus tells his disciples. You and I are both alive right now, so this seems easy to wrap our heads around. This is life, right? I’m living it right now. Is there more to life?

The fullest life that Jesus reveals is so much more profound than we could have known without His revelation to us: “I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.” Jesus is in the Father, and we are IN Jesus, and Jesus is IN us! The One Who is the Way, the Truth, and Life itself dwells in us, and we dwell in Him, in the Father. This “mutual indwelling” that is true life is harder to wrap our heads around. But Jesus was very clear that this is the whole point of the Kingdom, and that God’s joy is to dwell with us, because He loves us and created us precisely for this.

What is love? How do we love the Lord we cannot see? Jesus tells us that the one who keeps His commandment loves Him. What is Jesus’ commandment? To love one another as He loved us. And if we love Jesus and love one another for love of Him, we will be loved by the Father and we will truly know Jesus. Loving one another as Jesus loved us is a tall order – He loved us infinitely, loved us all the way to the Cross and beyond, pouring Himself out utterly for us. He “loved me and gave himself for me,” as St. Paul says (Gal. 2:20), and continues to take care of me in every single moment.

The world in which we live and the busywork of much of our lives does not easily resonate with the vibration of divine life and love. Sin has obscured this and made it hard to keep in mind. But praying and loving (true, self-sacrificing love) re-tune our hearts and minds so that they again vibrate with the eternal rhythm of the divine, so that it can become the “background music” of all we think and say and do! The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, poured into our hearts remains with us always, and keeps us open to the will of the Father in every circumstance and situation.

How do we attune ourselves to this Holy Spirit? Prayer. In prayer, we are still enough to listen for love and conform our heart to its demands. In prayer, we give the Spirit opportunity and permission to continue and complete His work in us, so that we walk generously in His ways of love. As we advance in loving obedience and true, self-sacrificing love of others, all our thoughts and words and actions will become attuned to the will of the Father, and our lives will at last resonate with the beat of the very Heart of God.

*Tomorrow may never come
As that is for God to say
But a mighty gift I have been given
In the form of this very day
I will make the most of it with those that I love
as another may never again come my way
so to honor that which I have been given
I will
love, live, and pray*

Do you have about five minutes a day to pray a “DECADE A DAY”? This is a program in which 20 people each say one decade of the Rosary every day of the year, for one year. Each member signs up for one decade, and prays that decade every day. For example, if my decade/mystery was the Visitation, then that is the Decade I would say each day.



Decade A Day

The ministry seeks to gather parishioners who would like to commit to praying one decade of the Rosary every day, anywhere you are, whether at home, at work, at recess, in a car, on a trip, walking your dog...anywhere. It only takes three to five minutes of your time.

For more information, please go to the Decade A Day web page on our secure parish website at:

[Decade A Day - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

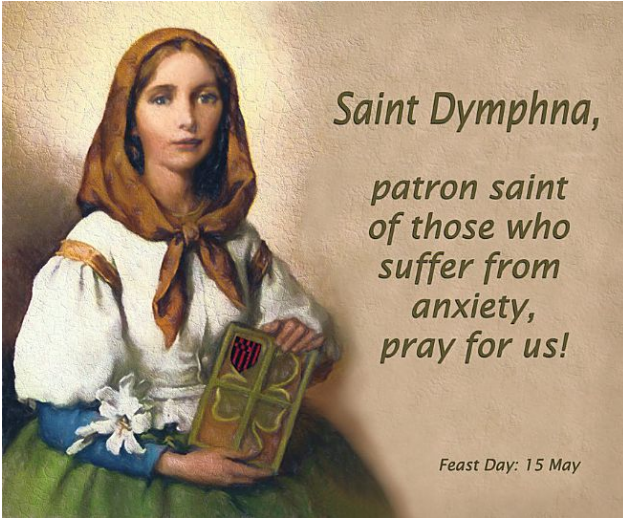


St. Dymphna

By Marylu Mariniello

Dymphna was the beautiful child of King Oriel, a pagan Irish chieftain and a Christian noblewoman born in the seventh century. As a child, Dymphna was raised as a Christian and wanted to be consecrated to Christ.

When her mother died, her father was inconsolable to the point of being mentally unstable. He was counseled to find a new wife and visited many countries for this special woman, but none met his standards. Then he realized that Dymphna resembled her mother, both in beauty and charm and decided to marry her.



Dymphna was devastated at this thought and went to Belgium with her priest, Father Gerebran, who was her tutor and confessor. Also attending with them was the court jester and his wife. They settled in the village of Gheel, where they were welcomed and began to make plans for establishing their home there. Dymphna built a hospital for the poor and sick, using her wealth.

Her father followed them and eventually discovered their location by tracing the foreign money that they used to go to Belgium. He killed Father Gerebran for telling him that marriage with his daughter was wrong and then begged Dymphna to return with him to Ireland to be his wife. She refused so he cut off her head in a psychotic rage. At first their remains were put in a cave, but years later, the villagers went to the cave and found two beautiful tombs carved from stone. The coffin of St. Dymphna was opened and there was a red tile with an inscription stating: "Here lies the holy virgin and martyr, Dymphna."

Her remains were then placed in a small church. People came to pray there and miracles and cures began to occur. She was canonized in 620. Gradually St. Dymphna's fame as the patron saint of victims of nervous diseases and mental disorders was spread from person to person. Many mentally afflicted people were brought to the shrine by relatives and friends from distant countries.

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St. Dymphna's relic was applied to the patients and novenas were made, creating remarkable cures. In 1532, the larger and grander Church of St. Dymphna was built on the site where the bodies were first buried. St. Dymphna's relics repose there in a beautiful golden reliquary. Some of her remains are also at the Shrine to Saint Dymphna at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Massillon, Ohio. Father Gerebran was canonized a saint and his remains are buried in Xanten, Germany. He is the patron saint of the Rhineland area.

At the beginning, patients stayed in a small annex built onto the church. Then the patients were placed in the homes of families living in Gheel. From this, Gheel developed into a town who cared for the insane and mentally afflicted. The Sisters of St. Augustine created the Infirmary of St. Elizabeth for the care of patients, ultimately sending them to live with families in Gheel, where they then began to lead a normal life. Generations of experience have given the people of Gheel intimate and tender skills for their charges. They have a great spirit of charity and love for the afflicted, helping to give a regular outlook on life. Many psychiatrists agree with this and say that more patients could leave mental institutions if they could be assured of a sympathetic reception in the world, such as the people of Gheel take pride in showing.

St. Dymphna is the patron saint of those with neurological disorders, mental illnesses, victims of incest and mental health professionals. Her feast day is May 15 and she is known as the "Lily of Fire,"

St. Dymphna is often portrayed wearing green, holding a book and white lilies.

Happy Mother's Day to everyone!

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