



# ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

June 11, 2023

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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*

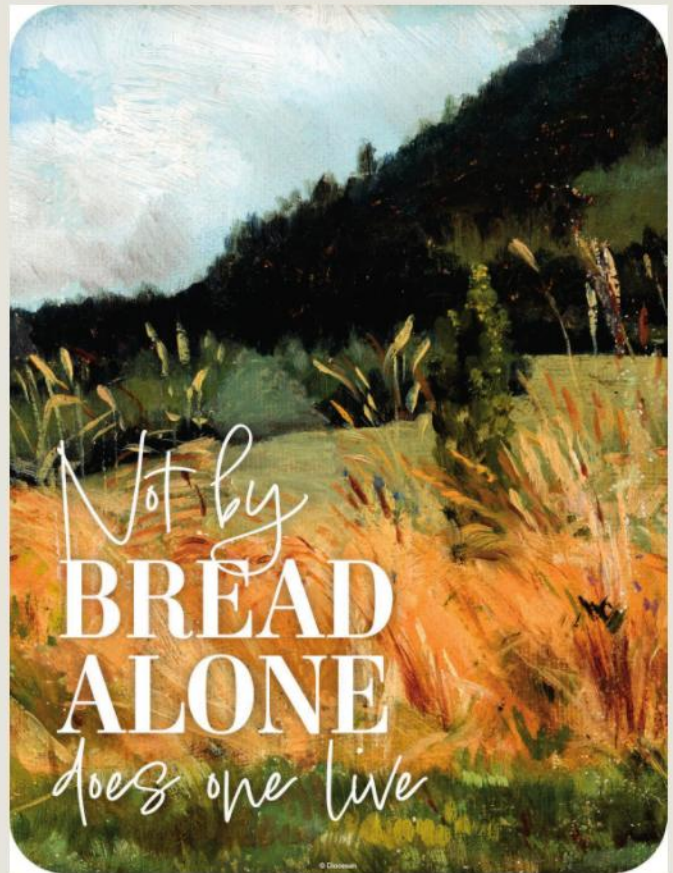
8:30 AM—9:30 AM

### *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



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 the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn. 6:51)



This is what the church celebrates today in its Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: "Corpus Christi." It is a celebration of God's saving grace given to us in his word, promise and hope for eternal life - all in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus, who gives us his body and blood in the Eucharist, is the perfect satisfaction of all desires and all hunger. He is the satisfaction of hunger for one's life to have meaning, to have forgiveness, and to have acceptance.

These hungers can only be satisfied by spiritual "food" - the food that is ultimately an encounter with God through Christ Jesus. Or as Jesus says in the Gospel, *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.* What a blessing that the Church provides us with many opportunities to be fed by Jesus. We are fed through the love we share with one another, through our shared acts of service and justice, through our shared prayer, and especially in our sharing of the Eucharist. Let us give thanks for these gifts!

*Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1Cor. 10:17)*

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*Jesús dijo a las multitudes judías: "Yo soy el pan vivo que descendió del cielo; el que coma este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo". (Juan 6:51)*

Esto es lo que la Iglesia celebra hoy en su solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo: "Corpus Christi". Es una celebración de la gracia salvadora de Dios dada a nosotros en su palabra, promesa y esperanza para la vida eterna, todo en la persona de Jesucristo. Jesús, que nos da su cuerpo y sangre en la Eucaristía, es la satisfacción perfecta de todos los deseos y de toda hambre. Él es la satisfacción del hambre de que la vida de uno tenga sentido, tenga perdón y acepte.

Estas hambres sólo pueden ser satisfechas por el "alimento" espiritual, el alimento que en última instancia es un encuentro con Dios a través de Cristo Jesús. O como dice Jesús en el Evangelio, *quien come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él.* Qué bendición que la Iglesia nos brinda muchas oportunidades de ser alimentados por Jesús. Somos alimentados a través del amor que compartimos unos con otros, a través de nuestros actos compartidos de servicio y justicia, a través de nuestra oración compartida, y especialmente en nuestro compartir la Eucaristía. ¡Demos gracias por estos regalos!

*Debido a que la hogaza de pan es una, nosotros, aunque muchos, somos un solo cuerpo, porque todos participamos de la única hogaza. (1 Corintios 10:17)*

## Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of May 28, 2023

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,225.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3,144.00**

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of May 28, 2023: 1,815**



*It is with utmost respect that we share this friendly reminder with you.* Our Church is a Holy place. While in the building, both before, during and after Mass, please be reverent and keep conversations soft and at a minimum, as others are in prayer.

Thank you for your consideration to others and our Lord.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, June 10, 2023

4:00 pm + Jack Murphy (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

Requested by: Loretta

## Sunday, June 11, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Ralph Vieto

Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm + Shane Andre Dozier

Requested by: Dozier Family

## Monday, June 12, 2023

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Requested by: A Parishioner

## Tuesday, June 13, 2023

8:00 am + Crowley Family

Requested by: Mary Casey

## Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:00 am + Linda May

Requested by: Joe May

## Thursday, June 15, 2023

8:00 am + John Mucci

Requested by: Family

## Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 am + Tom & + Ev Lazaruis

Requested by: Cathy Kwech

## Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00 am Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

## Sunday, June 18, 2023

7:30 am Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

9:30 am Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

11:30 am Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

5:00 pm Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

# 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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).



Deacon John, Deacon Dennis, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, David Venditti, Dave Gutowski, 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, 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, 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



**HONORING ST. JOSEPH** — *On Father's Day weekend*, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph.

Before each Mass, parishioners will be invited to write down their prayer intentions and offer them to St. Joseph for his fatherly care and intercession. There will be a table set up in the narthex, where you will be able to obtain your card and write down your special intention. Those offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph, are asked to join Father during the opening procession and place their card in the basket placed at St. Joseph's feet.

As we celebrate the gift of fathers and honor St. Joseph, we also recognize that Father's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by the occasion.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!! ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS**—Once again you proved what a caring, loving parish we are. Our May 28th blood drive not only surpassed our OneBlood-goal, it produced 24 pints of "liquid love" helping to save up to 72 lives.

What's more, we surpassed 400 pints of blood donated...our total is now at 420...since this ministry began on June 19, 2019. To save you the math, we are now responsible for saving up to 1,260 lives!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!! and THANK YOU!!** Our next drive is scheduled for *July 30, the last Sunday of the month.*



## HONORING OUR ST. FAUSTINA HEROES

We would like to honor our St. Faustina Heroes, those individuals who serve...or served...in the military and/or those who are...or were...First Responders.



If you, or a family member, would like to be recognized in our bulletin and on our parish web site, **please email names to:** [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org) in the following format:

Name, rank, branch of service ... if the individual was killed in action or died as a result of combat, please indicated with a \*. If the individual is deceased, please indicate with a +.

Unfortunately, *in order to make sure that the information printed / posted is 100 % correct, we are unable to accept any phone calls.* The information contained in your email will be copied and pasted in both our bulletin and our website.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation.

**Dr. George A. Cuttita, Jr.+, 1st Lt., Marines, John Friedrich+, Machinist Mate MMFN, Navy, Melvin G. Gomez, Master Sergeant, Air Force, John R. Lord, Capt., Army Air Corps, Frank Maglione, Capt., Bloomfield, NJ, Fire Dept., Frank Montagnino, Spec 4, Army, Vietnam 1969, Samuel H. Jones Jr.+, Col., USAF, Samuel H. Jones, III, Col., US Army**

**ST. FAUSTINA YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**—Ten teens attended the first Youth Group meeting at our new church on May 21.

They are Arianna Campodonico, Carlos Campodonico, Elle Espinal, Sean Oliva, Ethan Oliva, Frank Rodriguez, Ghislene Rodriguez, Hannie Rodriguez, Robert San Filippo and Fredi Vilasenor. Some students were past Confirmandi, some are current and a few will make their Confirmation next year.

Father John McNalis and teachers Mary Lou Cavallini, Angela Francisco, Toni Franco, Reynold Franco, Cristina Lopez and Maggie San Filippo were also in attendance. They enjoyed pizza, chips and sweets. Kindergarten teacher Diana Gomez made a special cake and donated it to the meeting. Father Ramon came by to say hello.

Plans were made for meetings to begin in September with many activities mentioned.



# First Holy Communion



May 28 was a very special day for our parish. Not only did we celebrate our first Pentecost Sunday in our new home, thirty of our children and adults received their First Holy Communion during a very special 1:00 PM Mass, presided over by Father Ramon.

*Congratulations to:* Christopher Colon, Stephane Dulcio, Eli Eddy, Rory Hall, Edna Heaney, James Heaney, David Hernandez, Sophia Hernandez, David Hindman, Isabella Londono,

Alanna Mann, Andres Meza, Valeria Meza, Luis Montenegro, Daniela Montilla, Angel Moreno, Santiago Quezada, Genesis Ramos, Emyrieliz Rivera, Edrian Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Josue Saloman, Salome Saloman, Ashley Sanchez, Pedro Valderrama, Martin Villalobos, Manuela Villegas, Christina Watkins, Gabriela Watkins, and Mariangel Urdaneta.

Mailan Dangtran, Mclam Dangtran, Vasti Martinez and Gianna Pickens were not able to attend this Mass and will make their First Communion in June.

The parish would also like to recognize and thank our Director of Faith Formation, Marylu Mariniello, as well as our teachers, Christina Lopez and Mary Lou Cavallini (Second Grade), Josephine Pantina (Fourth Grade and Prep), George Cuttita (Fifth Grade), Angela Francisco (Sixth Grade), Tina Pingalore (Seventh Grade) and Israel Santiago (RCIA), as well as our Director of Music, Kelly Mucci and her son, Matthew.

To see the photos, please go to our parish home page at: <https://stfaustina.org/> and scroll down under the Announcement section.

## Knights of Columbus Updates

**FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14** –The Knights of Columbus now have American Flags (3x5) for sale, made in America. Is your flag worn out? Would you like to replace your flag for Flag Day or Independence Day? These American flags are on sale for a special cost of only \$25.00. The Knights will also take your worn flags for proper disposal. For more information about flag etiquette please go to [www.vfw.org/flag/](http://www.vfw.org/flag/).



**Our Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, yearly donates proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive to the Bishop Grady Villas.** Their mission is to provide residential, employment, youth transition, life skill development and advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities through Central Florida. Unfortunately, this year, our council was not able to get the Tootsie Roll Drive into fruition, so the council voted and approved to donate \$1,000.00 to this great organization. (Shown from left: Bro. Andy Racine, Bro. Ron Teixeira, David Schumacher (Bishop Grady Villas) and Bro. John Bailey)

**A REMINDER THAT THE KNIGHTS' ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS ON FATHER'S DAY.** The annual Baby Bottle Drive supports the South Lake Pregnancy center. If you didn't get a bottle, simply put your loose change into a container or write a check made out to: South Lake Pregnancy Center (*please do not make the check to St. Faustina or to the Knights of Columbus*).



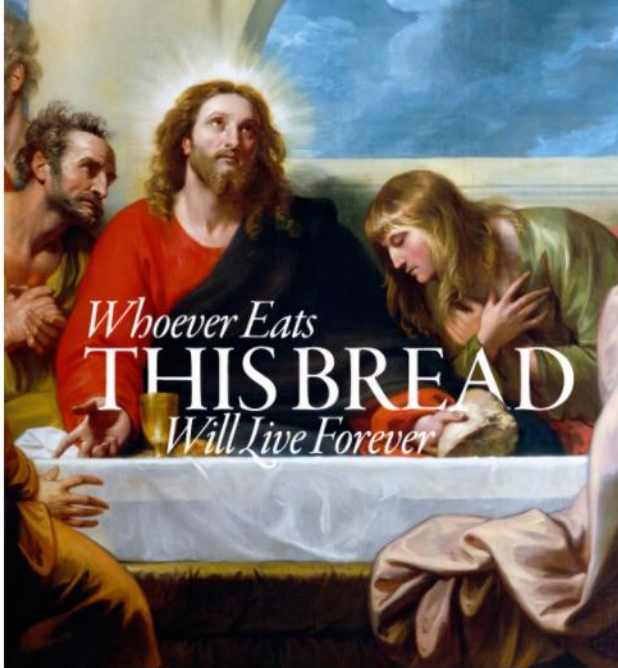


## Weekly Reflection

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ *You Are What You Eat*

by Tom Schmidt , Diocesan Publications Writer

In John's Gospel, Jesus gives a long discourse on the Bread of Life. The first part talks of bread as a sign of God's loving care for the people. Like the manna in the desert, Jesus represents God caring for the people in a new way.



But the part we hear in today's Gospel is more specific. He says the bread he will give is his flesh. The leaders of the Jews don't understand. Hopefully, we can do better.

In the pagan world at the time of Christ and before, a sacrifice was also a meal. An animal was ritually killed and burnt (i.e., cooked) to be shared at a meal with the people. The sacrifice was a gift to the god(s) that joined the people to their deity and also to each other. So Jesus used that understanding of sacrifice to explain his gift of self. He would die on the cross as a sacrifice to the Father and we would share in the meal by consuming bread and wine, which are his Body and Blood. That meal is shared today in the Eucharist.

Better than the pagan sacrifice, the Eucharist unites us with God because Jesus is both human and divine. His humanity allowed him to represent us to the Father, as a lawyer represents a client to the court. Jesus' divinity allowed his sacrifice to be worthy of the Father, as no merely human gift could be. So giving his life on the cross was the best and only way that he could offer a true sacrifice to the Father.

The Eucharist also unites us to one another. We share this meal with other Christians as a sign of our common faith. Christ who gave himself to the Father on the cross also gives himself to us in the

Eucharist. And because the food we share is the Body and Blood of Christ, we in a sense become what we eat. So we are all members of the Body of Christ. We show this by our love, by sharing our faith, by forgiving each other, and by our service to each other. If we believe that Jesus is divine, we must believe his word that the Eucharist is truly his Body and Blood, given for us.

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If you like to sew, knit, or crochet, then **CARING CRAFTERS** may be for you. *This new ministry meets the second*



*Wednesday of the month, from 10 am until 12 pm, in the church classroom* with the purpose of creating hand made items to comfort and support the needs of our church and local community.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any fabric, thread, yarn, etc. that you no longer have a use for, would you please consider donating them to this ministry. If you don't have these items but would like to contribute gift cards from Hobby Lobby, Jo Anns or Michaels for us to purchase specific materials not donated, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can drop off your donation at the church any time during normal business hours.



# *St. Barnabas*

*By Marylu Mariniello*

Barnabas, whose birth name was Joses, was born in the First Century to a wealthy family on the island of Cyprus. He was known for selling his land and giving the money to the Apostles in Jerusalem. Then they gave him the name of Barnabas.



He was a cousin of St. Mark the Evangelist, a Cypriot Jew who accompanied Paul on missionary journeys, converting people. They also attended the Council of Jerusalem in 49 AD. They preached in Pamphylia, Pisidia and Lycaonia. When Paul and Barnabas were expelled from Pisidia, they were “filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” His name is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and in some Epistles. Barnabas introduced Paul to Peter and the other Apostles and served as a mediator between Paul and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

In Lystra the people there thought of Barnabas as Zeus and Paul as Hermes and wanted to offer sacrifices to them as gods, but Paul and Barnabas said, “Men, why are you doing this? We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them.” (Acts 14:15).

Paul and Barnabas, were now seen as charismatic leaders and were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the Gentiles. Antioch was the third-most important city of the Roman Empire at that time, the capital city of the Syria province. Today we know it as Antakya, Turkey. Many early Christians were affected by the martyrdom of St. Stephen in Jerusalem, so they went to Antioch to live. They were mostly those of the merchant class who supported the church.

After Paul and Barnabas returned from Antioch, they went to Jerusalem to discuss the relationship of the Gentiles to Christianity, admitting them to the church without the Gentiles having to adopt Jewish practices, such as circumcision. While back in Antioch, Peter came and met with the Gentiles, eating with them but his behavior was criticized as “being against Mosaic law by” some disciples of James.

Peter yielded to them and Barnabas did also, but Paul said that this was wrong, calling it hypocritical, stating that they “And the rest of the Jews [also] acted hypocritically along with him, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all, “If you, though a Jew, are living like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?” (Galatians 2:13-14).

Paul then asked Barnabas to go on another trip. Barnabas wanted to take his cousin John Mark along, but Paul did not. This led them to separate. Paul took Silas as his companion and went to Syria and Cilicia and Barnabas and John Mark went to Cyprus.

Little is known of Barnabas after this. He was still living and working as an missionary in 56 or 57 AD. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians (9:5-6) at that time mentioning Barnabas, implying that their friendship was unimpaired. Later Paul, Barnabas and Mark reconciled. When Paul was a prisoner in Rome from 61 to 63 AD, John Mark was attached to him as a disciple, which suggested that Barnabas was no longer living (Colossians 4:10).

Barnabas was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus. He was bound with a rope at his neck and then dragged to the site where he was burned to death in 60 AD.

There is a major shrine at the Monastery of St. Barnabas in Famagusta, Cyprus. He is often depicted wearing red, carrying a Pilgrim’s staff and holding an olive branch and the Gospel of St. Matthew.

St. Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus, against hailstorms and is invoked as a peacemaker.

His feast day is June 11.



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