



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

June 25, 2023

Twelfth 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 @ 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

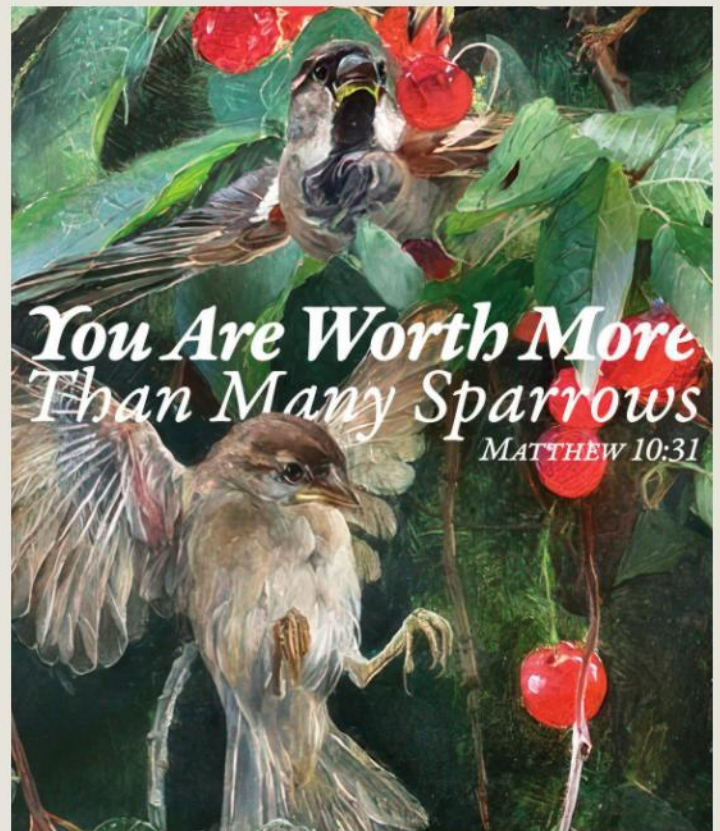
8:30 AM—9:30 AM

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 Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.(Mt. 10:26-27)

We let our faith, not fear, guide our choices to bring us closer to heaven. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah experienced terrible hardships, including arrest, disgrace, and exile. He had reason to lose hope, but he kept his faith in God. *The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion*, he says. *Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!*

Consider this prayer in the light of Jesus' words to the Twelve: *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna*. Jeremiah would have understood exactly what Jesus meant. Though he experienced fear and inner turmoil, he did not let those overpower his faith and trust in God. He knew that the Lord was with him and would always win in the end. The Lord, he knew, would save the faithful.

This lesson, however, is not just for the prophets and martyrs. Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to acknowledge, or deny, Christ before others. Each choice we make will be made known at the end of time. Our heavenly Father already knows our every thought and deed. Lord, help us to realize that our Father who loves us will grant us the graces we need. Holy Spirit, help guide us. Give us the long view of eternity, knowing that our choices today will affect our souls for eternity. Lord, lead us to everlasting life with you. Amen!

"...Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer. 20:13)

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Jesús dijo a los Doce: "No temáis a nadie. No se oculta nada que no se revele, ni se conozca el secreto. Lo que os digo en las tinieblas, hablad en la luz; Lo que escuchas susurrado, proclama en los techos de las casas. (Mt 10:26-27)

Dejamos que nuestra fe, no el miedo, guíe nuestras decisiones para acercarnos al cielo. En la primera lectura, el profeta Jeremías experimentó terribles dificultades, incluyendo arresto, desgracia y exilio. Tenía razones para perder la esperanza, pero mantuvo su fe en Dios. *El Señor está conmigo, como un poderoso campeón*, dice. *¡Canta al Señor, alabado sea el Señor; porque él ha rescatado la vida de los pobres del poder de los malvados!*

Considere esta oración a la luz de las palabras de Jesús a los Doce: *No tengan miedo de aquellos que matan el cuerpo pero no pueden matar el alma; más bien, tengan miedo de aquel que puede destruir tanto el alma como el cuerpo en Gehena*. Jeremías habría entendido exactamente lo que Jesús quiso decir. Aunque experimentó miedo y agitación interior, no permitió que esos dominaran su fe y confianza en Dios. Sabía que el Señor estaba con él y que siempre ganaría al final. El Señor, él sabía, salvaría a los fieles.

Esta lección, sin embargo, no es sólo para los profetas y mártires. Cada momento de nuestras vidas es una oportunidad para reconocer o negar a Cristo ante los demás. Cada elección que hagamos se dará a conocer al final de los tiempos. Nuestro Padre celestial ya conoce cada uno de nuestros pensamientos y obras. Señor, ayúdanos a darnos cuenta de que nuestro Padre que nos ama nos concederá las gracias que necesitamos. Espíritu Santo, ayúdanos a guiarnos. Danos la visión a largo plazo de la eternidad, sabiendo que nuestras elecciones de hoy afectarán nuestras almas por la eternidad. Señor, guíanos a la vida eterna contigo. ¡Amén!

"... ¡Canta al Señor, alabado sea el Señor, porque él ha rescatado la vida de los pobres del poder de los impíos!"

(Jer. 20:13)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of June 11, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$12,995.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$2,779.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of June 11, 2023: 1,435



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 24, 2023

4:00 pm + Robin Schaeffer
Requested by: St. Faustina Parish Staff

Sunday, June 25, 2023

7:30 am + John Mann, Jr.
Requested by: Mann Family

9:30 am Blessings for: Adriana Blanco
Requested by: Adriana Blanco

11:30 am + Irene Fisher
Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick

5:00 pm + Maria & + Luis Zapata
Requested by: Maria Guarneri

Monday, June 26, 2023

8:00 am + Sissi Sousa
Requested by: Oti Sousa

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

8:00 am + Maria Cantu
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

8:00 am + Clarina Barreto
Requested by: Barreto Family

Thursday, June 29, 2023

8:00 am + Ivette & Marcel Bouchard
Requested by: Family

Friday, June 30, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr.
Requested by: Dad

Saturday, July 1, 2023

8:00 am + Darlene Kohn
Requested by: Pat & Marge Tagler

4:00 pm + Tony Borges
Requested by: Jo Borges

Sunday, July 2, 2023

7:30 am + Elmer & + Elsie Kwech
Requested by: Cathy Kwech

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 am + Cleotilde Macalintal
Requested by: Silvia Espulgar

5:00 pm + Bertha & + Eduardo Cueva
Requested by: Julio Cueva

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.



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, 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



CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY ... and ST. JOSEPH — Last week prior, to all the Father's Day Masses, parishioners were invited to fill out a prayer card to St. Joseph. They then participated in the opening procession, dropping those cards in the basket that was before the statue of St. Joseph. After the 4:00 pm Mass, Father John blessed lapel pins that were given to all the father's, grandfathers, Godfathers, and father-figures. Last week also concluded the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive, which benefits the South Lake Pregnancy Center.



DIVINE WILL GROUP
SECOND SATURDAY, JULY 8TH @ 9AM—IN THE CHURCH

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:
"WHAT ONE COMPLETE ACT OF DIVINE WILL MEANS"

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!

FOR MORE INFORMATION 863-353-1673



For more information on the Divine Will Ministry, please see their web page on our secure parish website at:

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/divine-will/>

NEW STUDY GROUP EVERY THURSDAY from 9:00 am until 10:15 at the church in classroom 1. Please join us for the study and refreshments!!



Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

If you would like to donate flowers as a

Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute,

please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office

at jseddio@stfaustina.org.

This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions!

YOU'VE ASKED.....WE'VE LISTENED

We are very excited to announce that we will be having our Ministry Fair *on the weekend of October 7th & 8th after all the Masses.*

Hint, Hint— *there will be some additional surprises as we celebrate St. Faustina's Feast Day, (which is October 5) that weekend.*

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



Bereavement & Consolation Ministry — The Bereavement/Consolation Ministry is in need of English and Bilingual ministers. The primary goal of this ministry is to comfort and support those left behind. If you feel that you are being called to serve those in need and have compassion, patience, empathy, understanding and are a good listener, please reach out to kmucci@stfaustina.org or call her at 352-525-9297 (ext. 102) for more information and/or visit our website at:

[Bereavement and Consolation - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

For those who are grieving loss, this ministry supports, and will journey, with all who need assistance with making funeral arrangements, planning the liturgy, as well as long-term support. Our Consolation Ministry, Heart Links In Faith, can help you during this difficult time.

GRIEF SUPPORT -- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one, a job, or if you are a caregiver. **GRIEF IS LOVE**

St Faustina's Grief Support group is here for you. Please reach out to us.

For more information, please e-mail us at kmucci@stfaustina.org and someone will contact you.



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** 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.

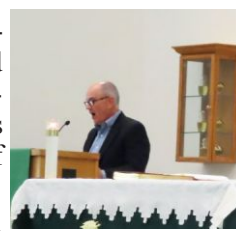
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STREAM OUR ST. FAUSTINA MASSES...LIVE!!! If you can't come to Mass... week day or weekend... our parish offers you the opportunity to Live Stream our St. Faustina Masses simply by going to our secure parish web page at:

<https://stfaustina.org/livestream-of-mass/>



The music ministry is looking for cantors. Now that our Snowbirds have returned home, there is a big need for help in the various ministries that are required to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass. Besides needing cantors, ushers, sacristans, altar servers, readers, and choir members, for both the adult and children's Masses, are needed. If you can help, please contact Kelly Mucci, our Director of Music and Liturgy, at: 352-515-9297 or email her at: kmucci@stfaustina.org.



For more information on the above-mentioned needs, as well as others, please see our secure parish website at: <https://stfaustina.org/worship-and-liturgy/>



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.



Weekly Reflection

The Paradox of Faith

by Tom Schmidt , Diocesan Publications Writer

“Fear no one,” Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses before this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for that persecution and says that since it was done to him (Jesus), it would be done to his followers.

But what happened to Jesus? He was crucified, but rose from the dead. So he triumphed over his persecutors; they could not stop him. And that is what he promises us. Whatever persecution, ridicule, or discrimination we suffer for our faith, we cannot be destroyed as long as we keep that faith.

Now the best way to keep that faith is to give it away. That sounds like a paradox, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows, too. Sure, it takes courage to talk about our faith to another, but when we share our stories about what God means to us, we relive those experiences; we remind ourselves what God has done for us. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we are encouraged and supported. That is why Jesus says that what is hidden will be made known: True faith never stays hidden; it needs to be shared.

Sometimes we may hesitate to talk about our faith. If we let ourselves be tempted to silence, we are letting the devil have his way. That is the only thing to fear: not Satan’s power, but our weakness. That’s why Jesus said whoever denies him will be denied by him. Yet Jesus died for our sins, so even they cannot destroy us if we turn back to the Lord. Just as God knows every sparrow that falls, so he knows us when we fall and values us more than sparrows.

So thank him for his forgiveness, but don’t forget to spread the news that you are forgiven. You might give someone else the courage to come back to the Lord, and so score another victory for faith over fear.

Faith
is contagious

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a Snowbird, we say, “welcome to our family.”

As you may, or may not know, we were established on September 30, 2005, when our first Mass was said in a hotel room before 64 parishioners. Since then we have moved three times before settling at our permanent home here at 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road with our first Mass having been celebrated on February 4.

You can read all about our journey and discover what opportunities are available to you by taking a few minutes to look over our [secure website at: www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org).

We encourage everyone who wishes to become part of our family to register with the parish...and there are two ways you can do that.

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at: [New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://www.stfaustina.org) or you can take a registration form from the rack in the back foyer (as you enter the church) and drop it off 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.*

We sincerely pray that you find us to be the warm and friendly parish that you have been searching for and that you will join us as we continue our legacy to “to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all.”



Registration Form



JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our next Hospitality Weekend is set for NEXT WEEK-END, Saturday, July 1, following the 4:00 pm Mass, and Sunday, July 2 after the morning Masses of 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 Masses. Coffee, juice, water, cookies, cupcakes, and, of course, doughnuts, are among the goodies being offered.

If you would like know how you can help out at this monthly event, please go to the Hospitality web page on our

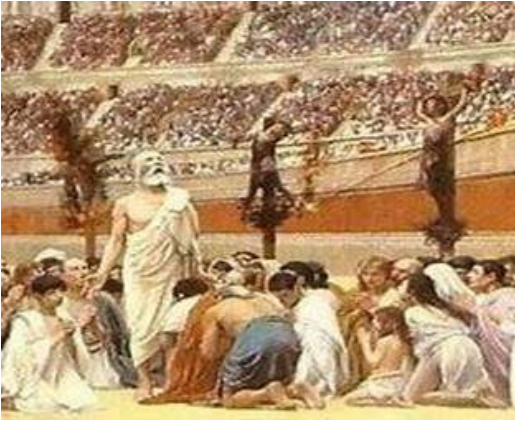
secure parish website at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/hospitality/>



First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

By Marylu Mariniello

In 64 AD Nero was the Emperor of Rome. Early Christians were living there as well as many Jewish people. It was a city of wealth and poverty. Wooden tenements were the homes of the poor.



Fires soon occurred, beginning on July 18, with the blame placed on Nero. He had the city reconstructed in the Greek style and began building a huge palace, called the Golden House. It was never completed but if it had been, it would have covered a third of Rome. Nero was at his villa at Antium thirty five miles from Rome and was not responsible for the burning of the city, but the Roman people believed that he started the fires, which lasted six days and seven nights, destroying almost three-quarters of Rome, including fourteen districts and severely damaging seven other areas. Nero in turn blamed the Christians and ordered them to die that August. He was one of the most evil of Rome's Twelve Caesars. The Christians were called "Chrestians."

Why did Nero blame the Christians? Partly because they were living near the place where the fires started in the eastern part of the Circus Maximus, which was the Roman chariot racing stadium and the area for mass entertainment.

The first Roman Christians were Jews who lived with the other Jews. One of the Jewish quarters in Rome was just east of the Circus, near the Capena Gate. It was considered a slum area - "Now, the grove with its sacred spring and the shrine [of a water goddess] are rented to Jews, whose worldly goods are no more than a basket and some hay. The woods has become the haunt of beggars."

According to the historian Tacitus, who wrote in *The Annals*, many Christians were put to death "not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind." These were Christian men, women and children from all areas of life. They were killed by wild animals, nailed to crosses or burned alive, serving as torches for nightly illuminations. Nero used his gardens for the spectacle, while he mingled with the people or stood further away watching. The total number killed is unknown, but estimates are in the thousands. The events were recorded by both Pope Clement I and Tacitus.

Peter and Paul were also the victims of Roman wrath, with St. Paul being decapitated and St. Peter was crucified. According to tradition, Paul was a Roman citizen so he had the right be beheaded by a sword, but Peter suffered the fate of Christ, crucifixion, but with his head downward.

These holy men and women are also called the "Protomartyrs of Rome." In 1969, the General Roman Calendar was reformed and this feast day was added to it. The placement of this holy day is the day after the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, who are the principal patron saints of Rome.

Tertullian was an early Christian writer from Carthage who said "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" (*Apologeticus*, Chapter 50).

The church of Santi Protomartiri a Via Aurelia Antica in Rome is dedicated to these first martyrs. It was built on the site of Nero's Circus and the location of St. Peter's martyrdom and is marked by the Piazza dei Protomartiri Romani (Square of the Roman Protomartyrs) in the Vatican next to St. Peter's Basilica.

The martyrs were called the "Disciples of the Apostles." They faced gruesome deaths which were a powerful testimony that led to many conversions in the early Roman Church.

Their feast day is on June 30

This is their prayer:

Anonymous first martyrs of Rome, your blood is still wet, and your sufferings still felt, in the same Church of Christ to which you belonged through baptism. Through your intercession, help the baptized of today be as courageous as you in all things.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 AD at the age of 31.

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