



ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

August 27, 2023

Twenty-First 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

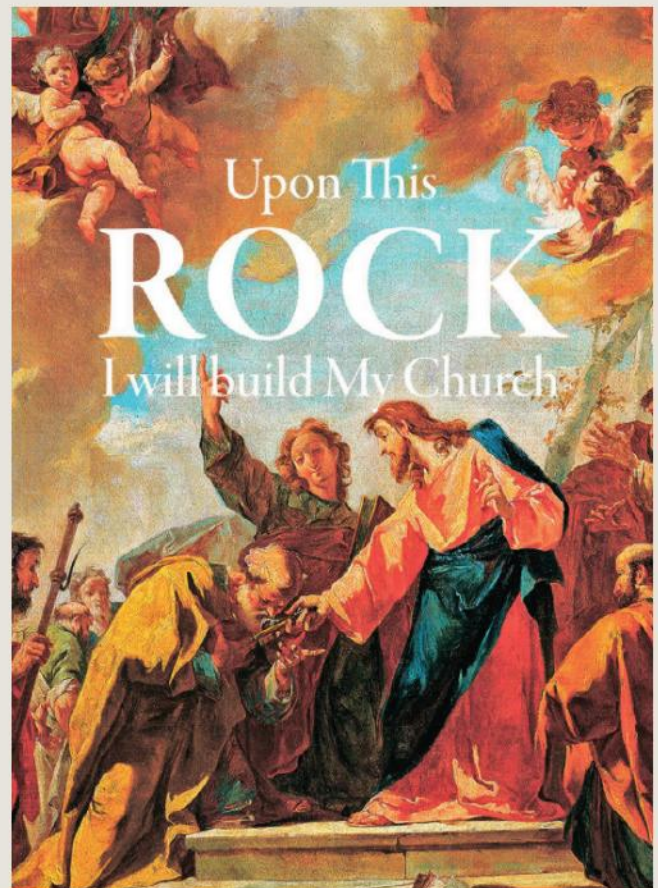
8:30 AM—9:30 AM

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

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19)

The papacy has elicited controversies lately, given the delicate position of the Pope over relevant issues affecting the church and the world we live in. All I pray is for the Pope and us Christians to "give to Cesar what belongs to Cesar and to God what belongs to God." Easier said than done but here we are today remembering the call of St. Peter to be the first Pope and representative of Jesus Christ here on earth.



Peter was truly human and is called to a lofty, spiritual role that no one on earth can imagine or ever dream to have. In the end, it is only the Holy Spirit, through the conclave, that 'elects' the Pope. Do we see Christ through the present pope that we have? Do we believe the Pope's encyclicals and statements to be coming from the Lord Jesus? Is the present Pope humbly declaring Jesus as "...the Christ, the Son of the living God?"

We pray for the faith and trust that Peter had in facing life's pressing and oftentimes, stressful issues!

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

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Y entonces te digo: tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta roca edificaré mi iglesia, y las puertas del inframundo no prevalecerán contra ella. Te daré las llaves del reino de los cielos. Todo lo que atéis en la tierra será atado en el cielo; y todo lo que desates en la tierra será desatado en el cielo". (Mateo 16:18-19)

El papado ha provocado controversias últimamente, dada la delicada posición del Papa sobre temas relevantes que afectan a la iglesia y al mundo en que vivimos. Todo lo que rezo es para que el Papa y nosotros los cristianos " demos al César lo que le pertenece al César y a Dios lo que le pertenece a Dios". Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo, pero aquí estamos hoy recordando el llamado de San Pedro a ser el primer Papa y representante de Jesucristo aquí en la tierra.

Pedro era verdaderamente humano y está llamado a un papel elevado y espiritual que nadie en la tierra puede imaginar o soñar tener. Al final, es sólo el Espíritu Santo, a través del cónclave, el que "elige" al Papa. ¿Vemos a Cristo a través del actual Papa que tenemos? ¿Creemos que las encíclicas y declaraciones del Papa provienen del Señor Jesús? ¿Está el Papa actual declarando humildemente a Jesús como "... el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente?"

¡Oremos por la fe y la confianza que Pedro tuvo al enfrentar los problemas apremiantes y, a menudo, estresantes de la vida!

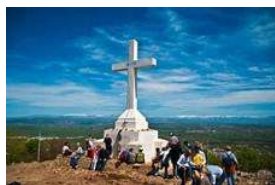
¡Oh, la profundidad de las riquezas, la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios! ¡Cuán inescrutables son sus juicios y cuán inescrutables sus caminos! (Romanos 11:33)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of August 13, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,705.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3.309.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of August 13, 2023: 1,533



JOIN FATHER RAMON on THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!! Next year, 2024, Father will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Warsaw, and Medjugore, Poland, September 9-19, 2024, to visit the convent of Saint Faustina and the home and church of Saint John Paul II. Visits to the Shrine of Our Mary Immaculate, the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa, as well as the Divine Mercy Shrine and St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral in Krakow are just a few more of the many highlights of this life-changing trip. For the complete itinerary, cost, and all other information, please go to our

secure parish web page at:

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/pilgrimage-to-poland/>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00 pm + Jeanne Rogers
Requested by: Tony Jean & Reynold Franco

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am Blessings for: Mario Savino
Requested by: Cecelia & Al Novak
11:30 am Blessings for: Fr. Dave Gillis
Requested by: Donna & George Cuttita
5:00 pm Blessings for: Fr. David Vargas
Requested by: Adrey Goez

Monday, August 28, 2023

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

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:00 am Healing for: Brad Elliott
Requested by: Pamela Quiroz

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:00 am SI John Gabriel Victoria
Requested by: Gie Victoria

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:00 am + Carl Prescott
Requested by: Debbie

Saturday, September 2, 2023

8:00 am + Teotino & + Ruffi Goez
Requested by: Barreto Family
4:00 pm + Robin Schaeffer
Requested by: Donna & George Cuttita

Sunday, September 3, 2023

7:30 am + Felipe Flores
Requested by: Carmelita Flores
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:30 am + Edith DiLeo
Requested by: Lois & Jim McGuire
5:00 pm + Ismael & + Wilfredo Alvarez
Requested by: Adrey Goez

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, Mike McGee, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, Terry Stanley, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Fr. Jean Desir and his mother, Mariette Mondelus, Michael Kelly, Jim Exnicios, Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Sue Puffs, David Valerian, Josefina Bacosa, Daniel Tomberg, 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



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.

This Week's Schedule of Events

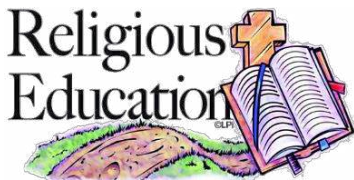


Daily Mass, Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am followed by the Holy Rosary

- Sunday, August 27** No events scheduled
- Monday, August 28** Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom
Spanish Bible Study, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in church
- Tuesday, August 29** Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom
Children's Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm in church
Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church
- Wednesday, August 30** Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church
- Thursday, August 31** Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom
- Friday, September 1** First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am to 9:30 am in church
El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in church
- Saturday, September 2** Immaculate Heart of Mary First Saturday Rosary, 8:30 am to 9:30 am in church
Hospitality Weekend, after 4 pm Mass
- Sunday, September 3** Hospitality Weekend after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

There are currently 47 parish-related activities on our Events Calendar for the month of September. To see them all in one place, please go to: <https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/>

Ministry leaders, if you would like to be included on the calendar and in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stfaustina.org



Get Ready for the Upcoming Faith Formation Year!! The first week of the 2023-24 Faith Formation school year begins on Wednesday, September 20. If you still need to register your child/children, please contact our parish Director of Faith Formation, Marylu Mariniello at 352-515-9297 or email her at mmariniello@stfaustina.org.



For the 2023-24 Class Schedules, please go to:

<https://stfaustina.org/faith-formation/religious-education-classes/>



**Legion
of Mary**

Legion of Mary to Resume at St. Faustina -- Are you interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Mary? Exciting News! We will begin meeting again on **Monday, September 11, from 9:30-11:00 am in a classroom.** Please come and join us. For more information, please email: office@stfaustina.org

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, September 1, 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.

Join us in praying the “First Saturday Rosary” on Saturday, September 2, 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.



We cordially invite you to join us 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, September 7.

Please join us on Friday nights at 7:00 pm as we pray the Holy Rosary in both Spanish and English.





DIVINE WILL GROUP

SECOND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 9AM—IN THE CHURCH

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

“THE SOUL, ROYAL PALACE OF GOD”

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/>

STUDY GROUP EVERY THURSDAY from 9:00 am until 10:15 am at the church in classroom 1.

Please join us for the study and refreshments!!



HONORING SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE — On Grandparents’ Day weekend, *September 9-10*, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of our Blessed Mother, Mary, and grandparents of Jesus.

Before each Mass, parishioners will be invited to write down their prayer intentions and offer them to these saints for their grandparental 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. Joachim and St. Anne, are asked to join Father

during the opening procession and place their card in the basket placed below the picture of our Saints.

As we celebrate the gift of grandparents and honor St. Joachim and St. Anne, we also recognize that Grandparents’ 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.

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**St. Faustina Catholic Parish
Would like to recognize and “thank”**

The following men and women for their service:

Updated August 16, 2023

Kevin Adams, *Firefighter* New York and National Guardsmen, Rebecca Adams, *Paramedic*, NY,
Brandon Allen, *Lt. Firefighter*, Jordan Allen, *Firefighter/Paramedic*, Ryan Allen, *Firefighter*,
Angela M. Cadwell, *Major General*, US Air Force, Dr. Edmund G. Clayton, *Lt. Col.*, Marines,
Frederick E. Clayton +, *PFC* Army, Dr. George A. Cuttita, Jr.+, *1st Lt.*, Marines,
Donald Doncaster, *Cpl*, US Army, Hilary Doncaster, *Captain*, US Air Force Nurse Corp,
John Friedrich+, *Machinist Mate MMFN*, Navy, Melvin G. Gomez, *Master Sergeant*, Air Force,
Samuel H. Jones Jr.+, *Col.*, USAF, Samuel H. Jones, III, *Col.*, US Army,
Dougal L. Kear, Sr.+, *E-3 Seaman* (US Navy) & *NYS Trooper*, John R. Lord, *Capt.*, Army Air Corps,
Frank Maglione, *Capt.*, Bloomfield, NJ, Fire Dept., Frank Montagnino, *Spec 4*, Army, Vietnam 1969,
Patrick Moran, *Firefighter/Paramedic*, Douglas J. Mato, *Staff Sargent*, USAF,
Gerard Murphy, *Chief*, South River, N.J. Fire Department, 2021,
Michael J. Murphy, *Petty Officer 2nd Class*, Navy, 2 Tours Persian Gulf War, '86-87,
Tyler Murphy, *Firefighter*, Independent Fire Company, East Brunswick, N.J.,
Kristey Nelson, *SP4*, Women's Army Corps, John Ryan+, *Police Officer*, Mass.,
Matthew J. Serignese, *Petty Officer 2nd Class*, Navy, Daniel Tomberg, *2nd Lieutenant*, US Army,
John H Tyree, Jr.+, *PFC* Marine Corp, Vietnam, 61-66,
Michael A. Venditti + *EM2* US Navy, Korean War, 1948-1952,
Donald Villeneuve, *Spec 5*, Army Corp of Engineers

NEW WEB PAGE — While the bulletin article (above) that honors our St. Faustina Heroes will rotate along with the other ministry and announcement articles that you see, this tribute now has a page on our parish's secure website. To see the names of the men and women who have served our country or have been First Responders, as well as how you can submit names, please go to: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/honoring-our-st-faustina-heroes/>



JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Our next Hospitality Weekend is set for NEXT WEEKEND, Saturday, September 2 following the 4:00 pm Mass, and Sunday, September 3, after the morning Masses of 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 Masses. Coffee, juice, water, cookies, cupcakes, and, of course, doughnuts will be served.

This popular ministry could really use some extra sets of hands to help set up, break down, and serve the goodies. If you would like to help out at this monthly event, please go to the Hospitality web page on our secure parish website at: <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/hospitality/>



The Passion of St. John the Baptist

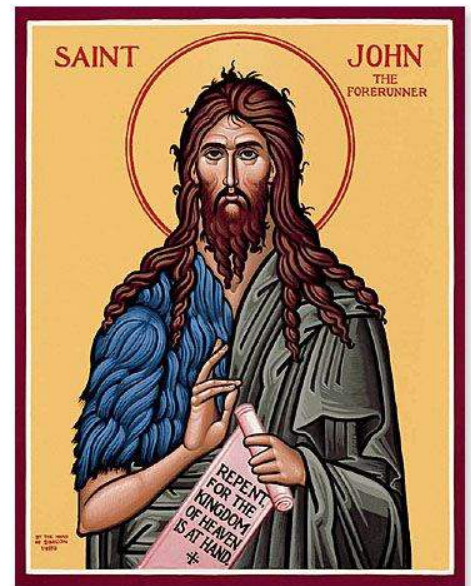
By Marylu Mariniello

King Herod Antipas divorced his wife to marry Herodias, his sister-in-law, who was still married to his half-brother Philip. John the Baptist told him that this was wrong and was killed for saying this.

Herod Antipas was a tetrarch, one of four rulers who co-governed ancient Palestine under the oversight of a Roman governor. He was a cruel man, having learned this behavior from his father, Herod the Great, who had two of his own sons strangled to death, murdered his favorite wife and ordered the deaths of all the male babies in Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth.

Jesus called Herod Antipas a "fox" when some pharisees told Christ that Herod was planning to kill him. After interrogating Christ, Pontius Pilate thought that the complaints of the Jewish people regarding Jesus fell more under Herod's jurisdiction. When Christ met Herod, it was Good Friday. Herod wanted Jesus to perform a miracle for him, but Christ wouldn't speak to the man who killed his cousin, so Herod had Jesus sent back to Pilate for death.

Herod was to choose John the Baptist's fate just like Pilate did to Jesus. Neither one wanted to execute John or Jesus, but cowardice and fear overshadowed them until commanding the death of an innocent man was more convenient than defying the ridicule and threats of subordinates. Herod knew that John was a holy man and liked to hear him speak, although Herod didn't take the lessons to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of John's popularity, but Herod was afraid to kill him, so he had John put in prison.



St. Mark said that "Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him." (Mark 6:20)

Per the Gospels, John was imprisoned because he spoke about the marriage to Herodias. At Herod's birthday party, his stepdaughter Salome danced for him. Herod was so pleased, he told her that he would give her whatever she wanted. She asked her mother for what she could want and was told to get the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

Herod was appalled by the request but agreed and had John killed in prison in 30 AD. John was beheaded and his head was placed on a platter and given to Herod's stepdaughter. Herod was upset because he had to order John's death.

"The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her." (Mark 6:26)

Herod didn't actually have to order John's death. If he were truly grieved, he could have said "I made a stupid promise which I now regret," and granted Salome some other gift instead of a blood-splattered plate, but he beheaded John to avoid embarrassment and to say "I made a mistake." Soon Herod suffered a military disaster at the hands of Aretas his father-in-law, causing many to believe that this was God's punishment for his wickedness.

The Passion or Beheading of St. John the Baptist is one of the very oldest liturgical feasts on the Church's calendar, with his birth record being the oldest feast day. It was likely that the event of John's death was remembered along with the activities of Holy Week as soon as the Church started commemorating holy days. In addition to the feast of the birth of St. John the Baptist on June 24, the feast day of John's death has been celebrated since the fourth century. His body was buried in Samaria. In 362 AD pagans desecrated his grave and burned his remains. Only a small portion of his relics were saved by monks who sent them to St. Athanasius at Alexandria, Egypt.

Besides Jesus and the Blessed Mother, St. John the Baptist is the only other person whose birth and death are celebrated by the Church. The feast day of the Passion of St. John the Baptist is commemorated on August 29.

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