



# ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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—8:00 PM**

### *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**



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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM

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# *A message from Father Carlos - Un mensaje de Padre Carlos*

Dear Parish Community of St. Faustina,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the prophetic voice of St. John tells us that the Lord is near and asks us to prepare His way through personal conversion. In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet tells us: Prepare the Way of the Lord! When God's people have suffered in exile, God comforts them through the prophet: God remains faithful to the covenant. God is once again ready to lead His people once again to freedom. In the Second Reading from the Second Letter of Peter, he encourages with the Hope of New Heavens and New Earth. We who listen today must not forget that we must actively prepare for the day of the Lord's coming and work with Him to create a new and just world. The Gospel of Mark insists: Prepare the Way for the Coming of Christ! John the Baptist prepared for the coming of Christ by his preaching and his example of life.



We live in difficult times, there are struggles and wars, injustices remain or even increase, as now the means to commit them are more powerful. There is little love and compassion among people. We know that Christ came a long time ago, so the question that should challenge us today is: What have we done about the Good News of Jesus about love, justice and peace? What efforts have we made to build paths that lead to God and to our brothers and sisters? Can we say, "Here is our God," in whose name we make this earth new?

It is assumed that, as Christians, we are a pilgrim people, a people constantly on the march towards God and towards our brothers and sisters. Today the voice of the prophet tries to awaken us. He calls us to prepare the way of the Lord, to make His paths plain and straight, so that they may be paths that lead to God: paths of conversion, righteousness, and freedom. Let us make our own this invitation that He, Jesus Himself, makes to us. Let us fearlessly and with great faith ask Jesus to help us carry out this mission. *Ánimo.*

St. Faustina... Pray for us

*Father Carlos J.*

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Querida comunidad parroquial de St. Faustina,

En este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, la voz profética de San Juan nos indica que el Señor está cerca y nos pide que preparemos Su camino mediante la conversión personal. En la Primer Lectura del Profeta Isaías, el profeta nos dice: ¡Preparen el Camino del Señor! Cuando el pueblo de Dios ha sufrido en el exilio, Dios lo consuela por medio del profeta: Dios permanece fiel a la alianza. Dios está dispuesto de nuevo a dirigir a Su pueblo una vez más a la libertad. En la Segunda Lectura de la Segunda Carta de Pedro, él anima con la Esperanza de Nuevos Cielos y Nueva Tierra. Nosotros que escuchamos hoy debemos no olvidar que tenemos que prepararnos activamente para el día de la venida segunda venida del Señor y que colaboremos con Él para crear un mundo nuevo y justo. El Evangelio de Marcos, insiste: ¡Preparen el Camino para la Venida de Cristo! Juan el Bautista preparó la venida de Cristo con su predicación y su ejemplo de vida.

Vivimos en tiempos difíciles, hay luchas y guerras, las injusticias permanecen o incluso aumentan, ya que ahora los medios para cometerlas son más potentes. Hay poco amor y compasión entre la gente. Sabemos que Cristo ya vino hace mucho tiempo, entonces, la pregunta que nos debe interpelar hoy es: ¿Qué hemos hecho con respecto a la Buena Nueva de Jesús sobre el amor, la justicia y la paz? ¿Qué esfuerzos hemos hecho nosotros para construir caminos que lleven a Dios y a los hermanos? ¿Podemos decir "¿Aquí está nuestro Dios", en cuyo nombre hacemos nueva esta tierra?

Se supone que, como Cristianos, somos pueblo peregrino, un pueblo constante en marcha hacia Dios y hacia los hermanos. Hoy la voz del profeta trata de despertarnos. Nos llama a preparar el camino del Señor, a hacer Sus senderos llanos y rectos, para que sean caminos que conducen a Dios: caminos de conversión, justicia y libertad Esa es nuestra tarea. Hagamos nuestra esta invitación que Él, el mismo Jesús nos hace. Pidámosle sin miedo y con mucha Fe a Jesús que nos ayude a llevar a cabo esta misión. *Ánimo.*

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros

*Padre Carlos J.*

## *Financial Stewardship*

Weekly Collection Weekend of November 26, 2023

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$13,824 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$6,173**

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of November 26, 2023: 1,595**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00 pm + Nonie Polley  
Requested by: Frank & Diane Maglione

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:30 am + Eliodoro Sousa  
Requested by: Oti Sousa  
9:30 am + Ralph Vieto  
Requested by: Ida Vieto  
11:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina  
5:00 pm + Jose Antonio Beltran  
Requested by: Myriam Beltran

### Monday, December 11, 2023

8:00 am Parish Staff in thanksgiving  
Requested by: Frank & Diane Maglione

### Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:00 am Living & Deceased of Casey Family  
Requested by: Mary Casey

### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:00 am + June Cesa  
Requested by: Gie Victoria

### Thursday, December 14, 2023

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

### Friday, December 15, 2023

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty  
Requested by: Thomas Doherty

### Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:00 am Deceased Members of Medina Pilariz Fam  
Requested by: Yolanda Innumerable  
4:00 pm + Mary Stokosa  
Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.

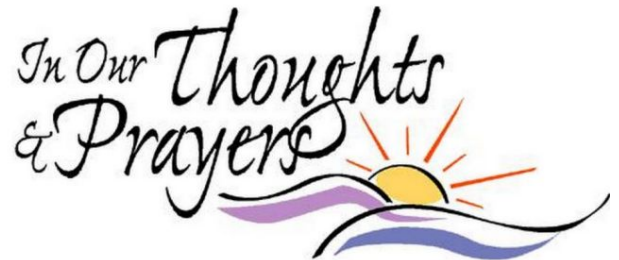
### Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:30 am + Stephen Zibby  
Requested by: Maureen & Wally Potter  
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina  
11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty  
Requested by: Thomas Doherty  
5:00 pm SI Fr. Ramon Bolatete  
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](mailto:office@stfaustina.org).



Deacon Hal Goodhue, David Venditti, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Becky Oosterveen, Trice Cayea, Jose De Pool, Magdalena Lezcano, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Paul Overeem, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Ed David, Jack Marchewks, Michael Daniel Boglino, Christine Gallagher, Timothy Leonard, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Michael Kelly, Jim Exnicios, Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, 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, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, 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.



# Updated Christmas Morning Mass Schedule

## A New Christmas Day Mass has been Added

Enhancing St. Faustina's Christmas Morning Mass schedule, we have added an additional Mass.

Our new Mass schedule on Christmas Morning

8:00 AM in English

9:30 AM in English, and

11:00 AM in Spanish

## Second Week of Advent Prayer

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, and ever. Amen

Dios de poder y misericordia, abre nuestros corazones en la bienvenida. Quita las cosas que nos impiden recibir a Cristo con gozo

para que podamos compartir su sabiduría y llegar a ser uno con él cuando venga en gloria, porque él vive y reina contigo y con el Espíritu Santo, una Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén



## This Week's Schedule of Events

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

<b>Saturday, December 9</b>	<b>Second Week of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday, December 10</b>	Children's Choir Practice, 10:50 am to 11:25 am in church <i>the children will be singing at the 11:30 am Mass</i> Youth Ministry Meeting, 2:00 to 4:00 in classroom
<b>Monday, December 11</b>	Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Choir / Festival Practice, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in church Legion of Mary, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom Penance Service, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in church
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>	Caring Crafters, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in classroom Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church Adult's Hand Held Bells Practice, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom
<b>Friday, December 15</b>	Grandparents Ministry Pilgrimage to the Shrine Simbang Gabi, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	<b>Third Week of Advent</b> Simbang Gabi, 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm in church
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	Children's Christmas Pageant, 2:00 pm in church Children's Choir Practice, 10:50 am to 11:25 am in church <i>the children will be singing at the 11:30 am Mass</i> Simbang Gabi, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in church

To see all of December's events in one place, please go to: <https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/>

Space in our church is limited. If you need a classroom or the worship area for your ministry meeting, please go to:

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/>

You will receive a confirmation email and then, after your request has been reviewed, an email from our own Kelly Mucci to either confirm or explain why she had to deny your request. *EVERYONE* who would like to reserve space at our church, **MUST** complete the form. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

## Advent Penance Service

**Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 12** -The parish's Advent Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. English

and Spanish-speaking priests will be available to hear your confession.

**Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento el martes 12 de diciembre** -- El Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento de la parroquia se llevará a cabo el martes 12 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. Sacerdotes de habla inglesa y española estarán disponibles para escuchar sus confesiones.

**SIMBANG GABI**, which literally means “evening or night Mass,” is a Filipino Christmas tradition. As a devotional practice in the tradition of the novena, it is a series of nine evening Masses usually celebrated during Advent from December 15-24, in preparation for Christmas Day. St. Faustina will celebrate Simbang Gabi with Masses on December 15 (at 6:00 pm), the 16th (at 5:45 pm), the 17th (at 5:00 pm), and from December 18-22 at 6:00 pm). All are welcome.



**St. Faustina's Annual Children's Christmas Pageant set for December 17**  
The Religious Education Department proudly present the children's annual Christmas Pageant, starring our Kindergartners, First and Second Graders, on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm in the church. We invite you to come and support our children. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served by our St. Faustina Youth Group afterwards. All are welcome!!

## SHOWING LOVE TO THOSE GRIEVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

**GRIEF SUPPORT** -- The holidays can be tough as we remember the loved ones who are no longer with us. If you need help navigating through this time of the year, please know that the St. Faustina's Grief Support group is here for you. For more information, please e-mail us at: [kmucci@stfaustina.org](mailto:kmucci@stfaustina.org)

**JUST A REMINDER ABOUT OUR GIVING TREE** — To ensure that each child from the South Lake Pregnancy center receives their gift, please be sure to return your unwrapped gift, along with the tag, anytime this week, **BUT NOT LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY, December 17**. The gifts need to be brought to the center on Monday, December 18, for their Christmas Party. *Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*Please contact Connie Stoops at (478) 955-0337 with any questions.*



**CHURCH CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS**—Celebrating the birth of our Savior at Christmas and to start the New Year, St. Faustina's campus *will close each day after the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>*. Please call our office with any questions. On behalf of Father Carlos and the entire St. Faustina staff, we wish you a Safe, Blessed, and Merry Christmas!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!! ST. FAUSTINA PARISHIONERS**—Once again you proved what a caring, loving parish we are. Our November 26th Thanksgiving blood drive produced **20 pints** of “liquid love” helping to save up to **60 lives**. Since the drive began in June of 2019, you have contributed **495 pints** of blood while saving over **1,485 lives** as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients in need. **“THANK YOU!!”**



**Our Gift Shop Offers Some Wonderful Christmas Ideas.** — If you are looking for a special Christmas gift that will surely be appreciated, take a moment to visit our gift shop. Mugs and tumblers featuring the Divine Mercy image, our patron saint, our parish and our new church building are currently among the various Christian items that are now on sale. If you have collected St. Faustina parish fund-raising memorabilia in the past, you won't want to miss adding these items to your collection. If you would like to learn more about our Gift Shop or how you can volunteer, to help, please go to their page on our new parish web site at:

[Gift Shop - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)



# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR SNOWBIRDS** — While many of you have probably kept up with the parish through our secure website and/or our bulletin, which can be found every week on our website, many of you are noticing the changes that have taken place over the past few months and weeks. Some of you are new to our St. Faustina Family and wondering how you can become registered parishioner.



**Registration forms can be downloaded** from our website at: [New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)) or you can take a registration form from the information 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.*

For those new to the area and parish, our 17-year history is a unique one. As you may, or may not know, we were established on September 30, 2006, when our first Mass was celebrated 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 being celebrated on February 4, 2023.

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

For those who are joining us for the first time, during our offertory at our weekend Masses, we have two collections at St. Faustina. Our first “basket” is designated for our General Offertory and our second “helmet” is for our Mortgage Debt Reduction associated with our new church building. Financial information is posted every week in the bulletin.

We look forward to catching up with our Snowbirds and we look forward to meeting everyone who is new to the parish. In either case, 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.*”

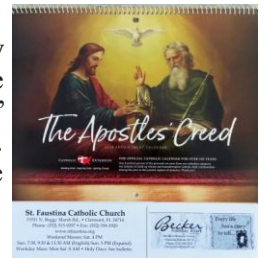


## Weekend Mass Praise & Tribute

If you would like to donate flowers as a *Weekend Mass and Praise Tribute*, please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office at: [jseddio@stfaustina.org](mailto:jseddio@stfaustina.org).

*This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions, especially during the Advent season.*

**2024 Calendars Available Next Week as Our Gift to You** — Please be sure to pick up your copy of the 2024 calendar, which is being given out next week, December 17, after all Masses. The calendars will be available while they last. It is a gift from the parish and is our way of “thanking” all of our parishioners for their continued support and generosity to St. Faustina and its ministries. In order to make sure that each active registered family receives a calendar, we ask that you please just take one per family.



**LOOK FOR THE FOOD WAGONS!!** “Thank You” for your continued support of our **Food for All Ministry**. To participate, simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in one of the two wagons that will be located in the narthex near the warming kitchen. Your donations will go directly to Hands of Hope America, *which supports our local Four Corners families* in their time of need.

Shopping bags, other than plastic, and empty egg cartons are also needed.

If you would like to provide financial support, you can do so by visiting our parish office during regular business hours.

To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to the website at:

[Home - Hands of Hope America](http://Home - Hands of Hope America)



# *Blessed János Anasztáz Brenner*

*By Marylu Mariniello*

János Anasztáz Brenner was born on December 17, 1931 in Szombathely, in the Vas Province of Hungary. His father was József Brenner and his mother was Ilona Wranovich. He was the second of three sons, his brothers also became priests and his nickname was Jancsi.

As a young boy, János was a boy scout, loved sports and was involved with the activities of the Congregation of Mary. He attended a Cistercian-run grammar school from 1941 to 1946 when the family moved to Pécs. Then he went to the grammar school that the Premonstratensian Canons managed and finally completed his education at the Cistercian school in Zirc. The Catholic schools were taken over by the communists in 1948, causing János to finish his high school studies in Zirc as an oblate of the Cistercian community. It was here that János began his novitiate with the Cistercians on August 19, 1950. He took the religious name "Anasztáz", meaning Anastasius.



While he was studying for the novitiate, János kept a journal, writing about his early adolescence and his involvement with worldly activities such as parties and dances, eventually realizing that he was seeking something better. Now his studies included the Introduction to the Theology of Spiritual Life, Rule of St. Benedict, Psalms, Liturgy, History of the Order and a philosophy course.

It was the time when the communists began suppressing religion in Hungary, causing János to interrupt his studies. On September 7, the government published a decree prohibiting all religious orders and set a deadline for the total abandonment of the Monastery by October 15. The Abbot was arrested on October 28. Lawrence was now the acting leader of the novices who tried to protect the young men undergoing studies by moving them from the abbey and placing them with families in apartments. They met clandestinely for formation and fellowship. Brother Anasztáz was also able to attend a diocesan seminary while staying in touch with Lawrence and studied in Budapest and in Győr.

On June 19, 1955, Brother Anasztáz was ordained in the diocesan cathedral of Szombathely by Bishop Sándor Kovács. He was appointed as the parochial vicar to Rábakethely, a small town near the Austrian border, along with three neighboring villages. Father János was now at St. Gotthard, a parish which had been run by the Cistercians for centuries. The people there loved him, always listening to him speak. He attracted the young, old, gypsies, beggars. He loved to chat with everyone and always wanted to serve. His kindness and personality brought many back to the faith.

After the communists made personal threats against the idealistic young chaplain, his bishop offered to send Father János somewhere else, but he said, "I'm not afraid" and affirmed his stance to remain where he was. The communist authorities still suspected him of being critical of their regime. Father was popular, which also made him a threat. One night, as he was riding home, someone threw logs on the road in front of his motorcycle, but Father managed to drive on. He later said that "They had no luck."

Father János said his last Mass on December 14, 1957. Near midnight on December 15, while Father was preparing his sermon for the next Sunday Mass, he was called to give last rites to a sick man in Zsida, a neighboring town. He didn't know that he was being set up. The seventeen year old boy who called him had been an altar server. Father took the anointing oils and Eucharist with him in his bag. As he was walking through the woods, he was overcome and stabbed thirty two times. That morning his body was found with the Eucharist still in held in his hands. He was then called the "Hungarian Tarcisius" since he died in similar circumstances as Tarcisius, who was a third century martyr. Tarcisius was stoned and beaten by a crowd while carrying the Eucharist. The young man who lured Father from the rectory with the fake sick call spent six years in prison.

Father János was buried in the family vault in the Salesian church of St. Quirinus on December 18. Large crowds appeared at this funeral. The communist authorities tried to disperse the people, but were unsuccessful. His ordination motto was inscribed on the tomb: "All things work together for good to those who love God." This was taken from Romans 8:28.

In 1981, a stained glass window was dedicated to him in St. Elizabeth's Church in his hometown and in 1989, the Chapel of the Good Pastor was built on the exact spot where Father had been murdered.

The diocesan investigations regarding canonization began on October 3, 1999. Pope John Paul II started the beatification process on February 14, 2001, with the Vatican later validating the process on September 18, 2009 and a commission of historians approved the cause on September 4, 2015. Pope Francis confirmed that Father Brenner died as a victim "in odium fidei" (in hatred of the faith) on November 8, 2017 and beatified Father János Brenner that day. A solemn liturgy then took place on May 1, 2018, in Szombathely's City Park.

The feast day of Blessed János Anasztáz Brenner is December 15.



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