

# ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

#### 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

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,

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudette Sunday, which means, Rejoice Sunday. The time of the Lord's coming

is very near. In today's Gospel we come in contact once again with John the Baptist, who is preaching and baptizing along the Jordan river. The baptism he is offering is one of repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, who's arrival is very much near. With a sense of urgency, John the Baptist is issuing a call: "Make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said.

The word "Grace" means Gift. This Supernatural Gift is not for John the Baptist to give. The only one that can offer this Gift is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. That is why John is simply issuing a loud cry in the wilderness of the Jordan dessert, to repent and prepare for Christ's coming.

The color of the vestments Father John, Deacon Chris and I are wearing this Third Sunday of Advent matches the rose candle in our Advent wreath. It accentuates the loud cry given by John in the desert. This wakeup call should stir in our hearts a desire to seek justice, truth, and peace, as we await the coming of the Lord.

Finding justice, peace, and truth in our daily lives is a blessed opportunity that connect us with the one and only lifegiving Gift. This Gift was given to us at our Baptism. The Gift is God's Grace! May we never lose sight of it as we echo the words of John in our own surroundings, inviting others to rejoice and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Ánimo.

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

Father Carlos J.

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Querida comunidad parroquial de St. Faustina,

El Tercer Domingo de Adviento es conocido como Domingo de Gaudette, que significa Domingo de Regocijo. El momento de la llegada del Señor está muy cerca. En el Evangelio de hoy nos ponemos en contacto una vez más con Juan el Bautista, quien está predicando y bautizando a lo largo del Rio Jordán. El bautismo que él ofrece es un bautismo de arrepentimiento en preparación para la venida del Mesías, cuya llegada está muy cerca. Con un sentido de urgencia, Juan el Bautista está haciendo un llamado: "Enderecen el camino del Señor", como dijo el profeta Isaías.

La palabra "Gracia" significa Regalo. Este Regalo Sobrenatural no es para ser dado por Juan el Bautista. El Único que puede ofrecer este Regalo es el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios Vivo. Es por eso que Juan simplemente está clamando en alta voz en el desierto del Jordán, para que la gente se arrepienta y se prepare para la venida de Cristo.

El color de las vestiduras que el Padre John, Diacono Chris y yo llevamos puestas este Tercer Domingo de Adviento combina con la vela color rosa de nuestra corona de Adviento. Este color acentúa el clamor que en alta voz hace Juan en el desierto. Este llamado a despertar debe incitar en nuestro corazón un deseo de buscar la justicia, la verdad, y la paz, al esperar la llegada del Señor.

Encontrar justicia, paz y verdad en nuestra vida diaria es una bendita oportunidad que nos conecta con el Único Regalo que da vida. Este Regalo nos fue dado en nuestro Bautismo. ¡El Regalo es la Gracia de Dios! Que nunca lo perdamos de vista al hacer eco de las palabras de Juan en nuestro derredor, invitando a los demás a regocijarse y a prepararse para la llegada del Señor. Ánimo.

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros

Padre Carlos J

#### Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of December 3, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$13.448.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$6,486.00 Mass Attendance for the Weekend of December 3, 2023: 1,598



Going out of town for Christmas?

Find a Catholic Church and Mass Schedule at: www.masstimes.org



### **Mass Intentions**

10:00 pm

Saturday, D	December 16, 2023		
4:00 pm	+ Mary Stokosa	Dear Parishioners and Friends, In order to properly update our parish "Prayer	
	Requested by: David Gutowski, Sr.	Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to <b>resubmit names</b> that you would like on our list	
Sunday, De	cember 17, 2023	by emailing: <u>office@stfaustina.org.</u>	
7:30 am	+ Stephen Zibby		
	Requested by: Maureen & Wally Potter	The Dura The accelente	
9:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina	In Our Thoughts	
11:30 am	+ Mary Ellen Doherty	& Provero	
	Requested by: Thomas Doherty		
5:00 pm	SI Fr. Ramon Bolatete		
	Requested by: Adrey Goez	David Venditti, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti,	
Monday, December 18, 2023		Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Trice Cayea, Jose	
8:00 am	+ Pope Benedit XVI	De Pool, Magdalena Lezcano, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Paul Overeem, Julie Sabon	
	Requested by: Gie Victoria	vanDyke, Ed David, Jack Marchewks, Michael	
Tuesday, Do	ecember 19, 2023	Daniel Boglino, Christine Gallagher, Timothy Leonard, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher,	
8:00 am	+ Ray Conn	Mike McGee, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson,	
	Requested by: Diane & Frank Maglione	Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Michael Kelly, Jim Exnicios, Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez,	
Wednesday	, December 20, 2023	Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Paulette	
8:00 am	+ Roberto Flores	Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, Lilian Hawkinson,	
	Requested by: Carmelita Flores	Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim	
Thursday, I	December 21, 2023	Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns,	
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving	Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Anita Boyd, Julie	
	Requested by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango	Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick,	
Friday, Dec	ember 22, 2023	Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, Mary Garl, Sue &	
8:00 am	Birthday Blessings: Fr. Ramon Bolatete	Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve	
	Requested by: Frank & Diane Maglione	Please keep in your prayers the Immortal Soul of Dea-	
Saturday, D	ecember 23, 2023	con Hal Goodhue, who	
8:00 am	+ Alice Humphrey	joined the Kingdom of God on December 1. Also please	
	Requested by: Edda Anderson	pray for comfort for his wife, Donna, and all their	
4:00 pm	+ Thomas Moseley	family and friends.	
	Requested by: Marilyn Moseley	<b>OUR MISSION</b> — St. Faustina is a parish family	
•	+Angelina Lopez	inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's	
	Requested by: Father Ramon Bolatete	Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.	
Sunday, De	cember 24, 2023		
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina	<b>NUESTRA MISION</b> — Santa Faustina es una fami- lia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llama- da 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.	
10:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina		
4:00 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina		

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

**Prayer Requests** 

### This Week's Schedule of Events

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

Saturday, December 16	<b>Third Week of Advent</b> Simbang Gabi, 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm in church
Sunday, December 17	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
Monday, December 18	Rosary Makers Ministry, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom Simbang Gambi, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the church
Tuesday, December 19	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Choir / Festival Choir, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in church Simbang Gambi, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Legion of Mary, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom
Wednesday, December 20	Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church Simbang Gambi, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Adult Hand Held Bells Practice, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in church
Thursday, December 21	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom Simbang Gambi, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church
Friday, December 22	Simbang Gabi, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church
Saturday, December 23	Fourth Week of Advent No events scheduled
Sunday, December 24	No events scheduled

Please see the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule ... as well as the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedules on page 5.

A reminder that the church campus will be closed following the daily 8:00 am Mass from Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29. Please see the announcement on page 5 for further details.

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

**PLAN AHEAD, SPACE IS LIMITED** – Do you have a parish meeting or event coming up and need to reserve one of our rooms or the church? Simply click on the following link, fill out the form (in either English or Spanish) and hit the submit button. 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, <u>MUST</u> complete the form at the following link: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/ministry-room-request-form/</u>





#### Third Week of Advent Prayer

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Señor Dios, que nosotros, tu pueblo, que esperamos el nacimiento de Cristo, experimentemos el gozo de la salvación y celebremos esa fiesta con amor y acción de gracias. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

To see the complete Advent Schedule, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/advent-schedule-for-2023/</u>

## **Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events**



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!

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Mass **Schedule**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 — 4:00 pm (English) and 6:00 pm (Spanish) Sunday, December 24 -- 8:00 am and 10:00 am (both in English)

Christmas Eve and Day

Sunday, December 24 — 4:00 pm (English), 10:00 pm (Bilingual) This is a Candelight Mass Christmas Carols begin at 9:00 pm



Monday, December 25 — 8:00 am (English), 9:30 am (English), 11:00 am (Spanish)

#### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL *FIRST* AT OUR NEW HOME LOCATION

Since moving into our N. Boggy Marsh Road location earlier this year, our parish has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and "firsts". The first weekend of this month, the parish held its first "Holiday Market", where parishioners had an opportunity to purchase unique crafts from donations, our Youth Group, and our Caring Crafters Ministry. Coming up is our first Christmas, our first New Year and, of course, the one-year celebration of our first Mass on February 4.



**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 SHOWING LOVE TO THOSE 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

**GRIEVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS** 



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A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.

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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITY** — During this year of Eucharistic Revival, St. Faustina will be honoring our Lord, Jesus Christ, every First Friday through 12 Hours of Eucharistic adoration. In order to have a constant vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we must make sure that each hour during the day is covered. Therefore, it is necessary for each person to commit to one specific hour each month. In this way, the hours can be organized so that someone is with Jesus all the time. If you would like to share some time with the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ. Please sign up in the adoration folder, located on the table in the Narthax. Within the quiet of our hearts, we find God. Within the whisper of our souls, He speaks. And it all begins by being present with God during Eucharistic Adoration. Please plan to Ha is ALWAYS there for us, Latus he there for Him

spend some special time with the Lord. He is ALWAYS there for us. Let us be there for Him.

Since the church will close each day after the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, *the Adoration sign-up folder will be in the Narthax the weekend of December 23 for the January 5th First Friday.* 

What a wonderful way to start the new year!

#### Lopez/Martinez Family Is Selected the K of C "Family of the Month"

The Lopez/Martinez family is our Knights of Columbus Family of the Month of November. They demonstrate one of the principals of our religion, teaching Catholic values to our children. They are proud parents of seven children. They participate in celebrating the Mass together as a family. Three of the children are altar servers and the other two are lecturers.

To see all of the Knights' Families of the Month, go to their web page at: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/family-of-the-month/</u>

(article and photo submitted by Ed Rabelas)



In the picture from left is Mike Muller who presented the award to the family on behalf of the Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council and the Lopez-Martinez family.

#### Gaudete Sunday, by Beth Price of Diocesan Publications

Rejoicing is the theme of today's readings on this Gaudete Sunday. We are filled with joy, because the Lord is coming and is almost here! "God is the joy of my soul," the prophet Isaiah says in the first reading. He truly is my joy, my God, my all.



I have joy because I know what is to come. My Savior, Jesus Christ, will soon be born again. Joy beams in the broad smile that instantly bursts onto my face when I see a friend or family member. I feel joy hearing a child giggle or an adult unexpectedly laugh out loud. I rejoice knowing that the love of the Lord is really present in my life and in the world.

Being human, there are many times that I forget that joy. The words proclaimed in the first reading remind me to make my ways straight, to prepare for His

presence in the world and most importantly, in my life. I need to be intimately aware of this Companion on my journey during the highs and lows and turns and twists of life, the gift of Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The "O Antiphons", which begin annually on the 17th of December, are seven ancient refrains that proclaim titles of the Messiah going back to the 4th century. They are sung or prayed during evening prayer before the Magnificat during the days leading up to Christmas Eve. Each speaks about the coming of the Messiah from prophets of the Old Testament.

"O Wisdom" is today's refrain before the Gospel. "O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!" I have joy in the wisdom and knowledge of what is to come: my Savior, Jesus Christ. I am aware of the joy of anticipation of a birth or new beginning. It is the gift of metanoia, a change of heart to begin anew with the graces given to me through His humble birth to Mary.

May my soul rejoice in my Lord and Savior! May I be granted a metanoia of heart and spirit to grow in wisdom and knowledge that leads me closer to the glory and wonder of God. Amen!

### **St. John of Kanty** By Marylu Mariniello

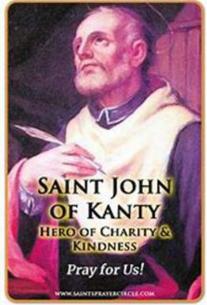
John Cantius was born in Kęty, a small town near Oświęcim, Poland. His parents were Anna and Stanisław Kanty.

Not much is known about his childhood, but as a young adult he attended the Kraków Academy, receiving a bachelor's

degree and then a Doctorate Degree in Philosophy in 1418. He was a philosophy teacher at the university level for the next three years, while preparing for the priest-hood.

After he was ordained, John became the rector at the school of the Canons Regular of the Most Holy Sepulcher in Miechow. Then he was offered a professorship of *Sacra Scriptura* (Holy Scripture) back at Kraków Academy, his alma mater. Years later the Academy would be renamed Jagiellonian University, where Pope John Paul II attended.

John attained a Doctorate in Theology and became the Director of the Theology department, maintaining this professorship until his death in 1473. He spent many hours copying manuscripts of the Holy Scriptures, theological writings and other religious works. Twenty six volumes have survived, with a total of eighteen thousand pages. He was also proficient in physics, helping develop Jean Buridan's Theory of Impetus, which predated the works of Galileo and Newton. At this time, he made one pilgrimage to Jerusalem, hoping to become a martyr and four pilgrimages to Rome, all on foot.



While he was at Kraków, Father John became well known for his generosity and compassion toward the poor, especially the poor students at the university. He ate

meagerly, giving his money to those in need. With all of his wonderful traits, he was also the victim of hate and gossip. Rivals resented John's popularity with the students and brought a false charge against him. Father John was thrown out of the university, not even being allowed to appear at his own hearing or to testify in his own defense. Now he was forty one years old and an apprentice pastor, sent to Olkusz in Bohemia in 1431.

The new congregation was suspicious of their new pastor, assuming that he was a big city professor who would not think well of their small town in the country. They also believed that they inherited a priest who was "in disgrace." But Father John was determined to win them over and not dwell on what was done to him. He was nervous, but his plan was to show love and concern to everyone. It took years to win their approval. He was never impatient or unkind, but the people were still hostile, eventually coming to love him.

Father was exonerated after eight years and went back to teach at Kraków. As he was leaving his Church, the oncehostile people followed him for several miles, begging him to stay.

Father John spent the rest of his life as a professor of Sacred Scripture at the university. He was well-liked and often was invited to dinner with nobility. Once he was sitting down to dinner when he saw a beggar walking outside. He stood up and ran out, giving the man the food in his bowl and then went back inside.

This was the philosophy that Father taught his students - "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

Father John died at the age of eighty three in December 1473. His remains were buried in the Collegiate Church of St. Anne, becoming a popular pilgrimage site. In 1992, he became the patron of the diocese of Bielsko-Żywiec and also for the students.

John Cantius was beatified by Pope Clement X on March 28, 1676. In 1737, Pope Clement XII named him the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania and he was canonized on July 16, 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

Pope John Paul II had a deep and lifelong devotion to St. John of Kanty, whose feast day is December 23. St. John Kanty is the patron saint of teachers, students, priests and pilgrims.

This is his prayer:

*St. John of Kanty, you were unjustly fired from your work. Please pray for those who are jobless or in danger of losing their jobs that they may find work that is fulfilling in every way. Guide us to ways to help those looking for work. Amen.* 

