

# ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

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

January 28, 2024

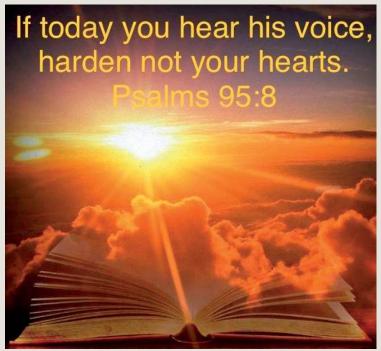
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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-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



#### 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

#### My Dear Family of St. Faustina,

We have now reached the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Already the Child Jesus appears to us great, he appears as the Messiah, the Master, the Prophet who speaks on behalf of God to humanity. This week's readings tell us about the power of God's Word and the authority with which Jesus spoke.

Through Moses, in the first reading, God announces that the Perfect Prophet will come, who will speak with the same authority as God because he will make God himself present. We should ask ourselves: How does our heart receive this news? Do we let it transform us?

St. Paul today gives us an assessment of the vocation of the married and the single; making a special appreciation for those who dedicate their singleness to take care of the things of the Lord. In his zeal for the spread of the Gospel, Paul exhorts his readers to consecrate themselves to celibacy in order to be fully available to God. We should ask ourselves: What goes on in our hearts as we listen to this Word? Do we create an environment among our sons and daughters where they can speak of a vocation to the total service of God and his Church?



The evangelist Mark assures us that Jesus is the greatest expositor of God's Word. He teaches with his own authority and not vicarious or delegated, so that even demons have to admit his holiness and the power of his word. The authority in Jesus' teaching contrasts with the usual verbiage of scribes and doctors accustomed to talking a lot and saying little. Jesus of Nazareth had a direct, strong and accessible teaching capacity. The gospel teaches us to believe in the supreme authority of Jesus, our Master.

Today, tomorrow and always, the Word of Jesus astonishes those who listen to him, liberates and rescues those who listen to him. All the power of His Word lies in its effectiveness, in its capacity for transformation as we listen, read, study, meditate and put it into practice. It is by listening to the Word that God becomes present and heals. Let us open our ears, minds, and hearts, let us look at how Jesus speaks to us, and how we listen to him. Animo!

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ Father Carlos

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Mi querida familia de San Faustina,

Ya hemos llegado al Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Ya el Niño Jesús, se nos presenta grande, aparece como el Mesías, el Maestro, el Profeta que habla de parte de Dios a la humanidad. Las lecturas de esta semana nos hablan del poder de la Palabra de Dios y de la autoridad con que hablaba Jesús.

Por medio de Moisés, en la primera lectura, Dios anuncia que vendrá el Profeta Perfecto, que hablará con la misma autoridad de Dios porque hará presente a Dios mismo. Deberíamos preguntarnos: ¿Cómo recibe nuestro corazón esta noticia? ¿Dejamos que nos transforme?

San Pablo nos hace hoy una valoración de la vocación del casado y el soltero; haciendo una valoración especial por aquellos que dedican su soltería para encargarse de las cosas del Señor. En su ardor por la difusión del Evangelio, Pablo exhorta a sus lectores a consagrarse al celibato para estar, así, totalmente disponibles a Dios. Deberíamos preguntarnos: ¿Qué pasa en nuestro corazón mientras escuchamos esta Palabra? ¿Creamos un ambiente entre nuestros hijos e hijas donde se pueda hablar de vocación al servicio total de Dios y de su Iglesia?

El evangelista Marcos nos asegura que Jesús es el más grande expositor de la Palabra de Dios. El enseña con autoridad propia y no vicaria o delegada, de modo que hasta los demonios tienen que admitir su santidad y el poder de su palabra. La autoridad en la enseñanza de Jesús contrasta con la palabrería habitual de escribas y doctores acostumbrados a hablar mucho y a decir poco. Jesús de Nazaret, tenía una capacidad de enseñanza directa, fuerte y asequible. El Evangelio nos enseña a creer en la suprema autoridad de Jesús, nuestro Maestro.

Hoy, mañana y siempre la Palabra de Jesús, asombra a los que lo escuchan, libera y rescata a los que le hacen caso. Todo el poder de la su Palabra radica en su eficacia, en su capacidad de transformación mientras la escuchamos, leemos, estudiamos, meditamos y la ponemos en práctica. Es al escuchar la Palabra donde Dios se hace presente y sana. Abramos el oído, la mente y el corazón, fijémonos en cómo Jesús nos habla, y en cómo nosotros lo escuchamos. ¡Ánimo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo, Padre Carlos

### **Financial Stewardship**

Weekly Collection Weekend of January 14, 2024

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$12,734.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$19,164.00 Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 14, 2024: 1,853

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:00 pm + Robin Schaeffer Requested by: Toni Jean & Reynold Franco

#### Sunday, January 28, 2024

- 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 9:30 am + Tommy Fouke (Fowk)
- Requested by: Lil Nicoletti 11:30 am + Carlos Hernández
  - Requested by: Luz Acevedo
- 5:00 pm + Mariela Severo & + Javier Suarez Requested by: Lida Suarez

#### Monday, January 29, 2024

8:00 am + Elizabeth & + Michael Venditti Requested by: David Venditti

#### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:00 am + Raul Lorini

Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

#### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:00 am + Avelina Inumerable Requested by: Yolanda Inumerable

#### Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:00 am + Robert J. Hueston Jr. Requested by: Mom & Dad

#### Friday, February 2, 2024

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

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024

- 8:00 am Memorial Mass
- 4:00 pm Special Birthday Wishes for Frank Maglione Requested by: Diane Maglione

#### Sunday, February 4, 2024

- 7:30 am + Tommy Fouke (Fowk) Requested by: Lil Nicoletti
  9:30 am + Hugh F. McManus Requested by: Maiellano Family
  11:30 pm + Dennis Gillan Requested by: Nanette Gillan
- 5:00 pm + Alfreda Rivera Requested by: Evelyn Garcia

## **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.* 



Jan Nilsen, Brenda Brubaker, Roger Darnell, Sandy Darnell, Tina Cyr, Patrick J Cyr, Barb Nelson, Ed David, Jack Marchewka, David Venditti, Elizabeth Cocco, Cecilia Fanelli, Arabella Zeglovskis, Felisa Parker-Gibson, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Trice Cayea, Jose De Pool, Magdalena Lezcano, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Paul Overeem, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Michael Daniel Boglino, Christine Gallagher, Timothy Leonard, Deborah Hollis, Christina Gallagher, Mike McGee, Frank Sebastian, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Michael Kelly, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Paulette Sparlik, Lilian Hawkinson, 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.

## This Week's Schedule of Events

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

Saturday, January 27	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, January 28	Blood Drive, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm in parking lot
Monday, January 29	Rosary Makers, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom
Tuesday, January 30	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Adult Choir, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Cantor, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church
Wednesday, January 31	Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church Hand Bells, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm in church
Thursday, February 1	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom Taller De Oracion Y Vida, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in classroom
Friday, February 2	First Friday Adoration, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm (see schedule on page 6) Elsanto Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church Tallar Oracion following the Rosario
Saturday, February 3	Feast of St. Blaise Throat, Blessing after 4:00 pm Mass Hospitality Weekend following the 4:00 pm Mass Celebration of the first Anniversary in our Church
Sunday, February 4	Feast of St. Blaise Throat, Blessing after all Masses Hospitality Weekend following all Masses Celebration of the first Anniversary in our Church Children's Choir Practice, 10:50 am to 11:25 amthe choir will sing at the 11:30 am Mass Wall of Priests Dedication following the 11:30 am Mass



### WEEKEND MASS PRAISE & TRIBUTE

This week's Altar Flowers are graciously donated by Jean Conn, celebrating her wedding anniversary with Marvin+

on January 31st.

The following are the Feast Days that will be celebrated at this week's Masses: Wednesday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest, Friday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord, Saturday, February 3, *First Friday of the Month*, Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

**Bessing of the Throat, which celebrates St. Blaise,** will take place at the end every Mass <u>NEXT WEEKEND.</u>

**CELEBRATING ONE YEAR IN OUR CHURCH** — Join us <u>NEXT</u> weekend as we celebrate one year at our 15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road home. Bishop Noonan celebrated the Blessing Mass at 10:00 am on February 4, 2023, followed by the first weekend Mass, which was celebrated by Father Ramon at 4:00 pm. Hospitality Weekend will be serving Birthday Cake, instead of the usual cookies and doughnuts, after all Masses.



**AFTER THE 11:30 am Mass**, join us in the back hallway as we dedicate the wall of priests with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Portraits of all our Pastors, Father Steve, Father Jean, Father Dave, Father Ramon, and Father Carlos, will be on display. Also being recognized will be assisting priests, Father Gil, Father Ed, and Father John.

To revisit the construction of our church, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/photo-albums/photo-album-construction-update/</u>

For photos of the Blessing Mass, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/photo-albums/blessing-mass-with-bishop-noonan/</u>

For photos of the first weekend Mass, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/photo-albums/new-church-first-mass/</u>

## **Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events**

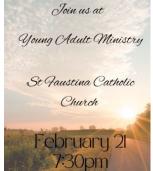
During this year of Eucharistic Revival, as declared by Pope Francis, our parish will be honoring our Lord, Jesus Christ, every First Friday, *this month on February 2*, with 12 hours of Eucharistic Adoration through June, 2024.

#### The schedule is as follows:

8:30 am	Exposition with the Rosary in English
9:00 to 11:30	Silent Adoration
11:30	The Wounds of Christ in both English and Spanish
12:00 pm	Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be
12:00 to 3:00	Silent Adoration
3:00	Chaplet of Divine Mercy in both English and Spanish
3:30 to 4:30	Silent Adoration
4:30	The Wounds of Christ in both English and Spainsh
5:00 to 7:00	Silent Adoration
7:00	Encounter Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration that
	includes praise and worship music with a message
8:00 pm	Benediction

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



#### You're Invited to Our Inaugural Young Adult Ministry Gathering!

Join us on Wednesday, February 21st, at St. Faustina Catholic Church for the very first meeting of our Young Adult Ministry. This vibrant new community is open to all young adults aged 18-34. We'll be gathering at 7:30 pm in the church, ready to embark on a journey of faith, fellowship, and growth together. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to connect with peers and deepen your spiritual journey!

#### ¡Estás Invitado a Nuestra Primera Reunión del Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos!

Únete a nosotros el miércoles, 21 de febrero, en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Faustina para la primera reunión de nuestro Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos. Esta nueva comunidad vibrante está abierta a todos los jóvenes adul-

tos de 18 a 34 años. Nos reuniremos a las 7:30 pm en la iglesia, listos para embarcarnos en un viaje de fe, compañerismo y crecimiento juntos. ¡No pierdas esta emocionante oportunidad de conectarte con tus pares y profundizar tu camino espiritual!

**The Women's Philanthropic Giving Circle** is having its 2024 Kickoff Mass and Luncheon on Friday, February 16, at St. James Cathedral in Orlando. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm followed by a 1:00 pm luncheon.

Bishop Noonan will welcome the 2024 members and share his vision for the diocese.

Please RSVP no later that February 9th at: Giving Circle - Catholic Foundation Central (cfocf.org)

For more information, contact *Madelyn Weed* at (407) 246-7188.



Te invitamos a

Ministerio de

Adultos Jovenes

St Jaustina Catholic

Church

Febrero 21

7:30pm

## **Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events**



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. The Masses and Service schedule for that day are as follows:

English Mass at 8:00 am Service with Ashes at 12:00 pm Bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm

#### ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED <u>ONLY</u> AT THE MASSES AND AT THE SERVICE.

According to the United States Conference of Bishops, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In

addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

**FASTING** is understood as having one normal meal during the day. Water and medications do not break the fast. **ABSTINENCE** is not eating meat or anything with meat by-products (such as soup broth, for an example).

**Catholics over 59 are exempt from the full requirements of the traditional Catholic fasting rule**. According to the Catholic Church, those who are over the age of 59, along with those who are physically or mentally ill, are not required to fast or abstain from eating meat on days of religious obligation. The law of fasting applies to those from 18 to 59 years of age, but *abstinence from meat starting at the age of 14 has no upper age limit.* 

## Save the Dates for Our Three-Day Easter Parish Mission: "Celebrating the Triduum and the Gift of the Paschal Mystery"

St. Faustina proudly presents Brother Louis Canter, OEF, who will present "Celebrating the Triduum and the gift of the Paschal Mystery" on Sunday, February 18 through Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for the parish's Three-Day Lenten Mission. The events of all three nights begin at 7:00 pm in the church.

On Sunday evening there will be a 75-minute concert of song, prayer and stories focusing on the Gospels from Cycle A





of the last Sunday of Lent.

Monday features "A Glimpse of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The topics that will be discussed are prayer, signs, symbols, and purpose of Holy Thursday, and the fulfillment of Jesus' obedience to the Father and its effects for us as a result of Good Friday.

Tuesday night's mission conclusion features prayer and the "Unpacking of the Easter Vigil" as we look at each section and how it reveals our Salvation through God's love and mercy.

Brother Canter, who recently retired from full-time ministry as Coordinator of Pastoral Care for four parishes in the Diocese of Orlando, has spent most of his life as a Pastoral Musician, which has afforded him the opportunity to minister in a wide variety of parishes that had many multi-cultural facets to them. The combination of both Pastoral Musician and Pastoral Ministry makes Louis a great resource in Liturgy and Music. He is currently the Composer in Residence for the Lutheran Franciscans.

**KNIGHTS' NEWS**—Our St. Faustina Knights of Columbus reported the following accomplishments at their January 2024 meeting:



The council participated in Central Florida Laps 4 Life last March 4, 2023. They raised 770 + 100 grant from the Supreme, then donated the amount to South Lake

Pregnancy & Family Care Center. The Memorial Monument of the Unborn Dedication was held on July 23, 2023. The Engraved Brick Fundraiser, to date, has a total of \$8,000 donated to the parish. For more information on the memorial monument and the fundraiser, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/memorial-to-the-unborn-fundraiser/</u>. The council revived the Family of the Month Program. For information about the program and the recipients please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/family-of-the-month/</u>. Our parishioners, through the Knights, contributed \$1,529.53 on the Baby Bottle Drive with all the funds donated to South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center. The Knights donated \$1,000 to Bishop Grady Villas. The council voted to donate the amount from the council's fund as the Tootsie Roll Drive, which did not materialize last year. They took the initiative to purchase and install solar powered lights to the St. Faustina Sign close to the highway. Work is presently ongoing to repair the "kinks". The Council participated in our parish's Ministry Fair. Our Knights were honored to host the St. Joseph Icon as part of the Knight of Columbus Icon Prayer Program. A Domestic Church Kiosk was launched on January 21. Please take and keep any of the pamphlets.

*To find out more about our Knights of Columbus and information on how you can become a member,* please go to their web page at: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/</u>. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the church.

## St. Brigid of Ireland By Marylu Mariniello

Brigid was born in 451 in Faughart in the Kingdom of Ulaid, the child of the slave Brocca. Her father was a Leinster chieftain named Dubthach. The legend is that her mother was baptized by St. Patrick. Her father was married, so his wife then sold Brocca to a Druid landowner. All through her childhood, Brigid was known as a saintly child, with different positive petitions received through her prayers. She lived with her mother for ten years and then returned to her father's home.

Brigid continued her holy life in her new home, donating many of her father's possessions to the poor, which infuriated him. He took Brigid to the king of Leinster to sell her. While he was speaking to the king, Brigid gave her father's jeweled sword to a beggar so he could sell it for food for his family. The king was a Christian, who recognized her heart and convinced Dubthach to give her freedom by saying, "Her merit before God is greater than ours."

Then she returned to live with her mother, who was in charge of the Druid's dairy. Brigid began to work in the dairy and gave away milk, but the dairy still prospered. The Druid eventually freed Brocca. Now Brigid went back again to live with her fa-



ther, who had arranged for her to marry a pagan, which she refused. She made a vow to become a nun, praying that her beauty would be gone so that one would want to marry her. Her prayer was answered. After she made her final vows, her beauty was restored. St. Patrick recognized her sanctity, saying "So be it, my son, she is destined for great things."

Very little is known about Brigid's life after she entered the convent, but in the year 40, she founded a monastery in Kildare, called the Church of the Oak, also known as "Cill-Dara." It was built above a pagan shrine to a Celtic goddess, underneath an oak tree. There she and seven friends organized a communal religious life for women in Ireland. Then she founded two monastic institutions, one for men and one for women. Brigid invited a hermit named Conleth to help her in Kildare and be the spiritual pastor. He later became a saint. It was reported that Brigid chose St. Conleth "to govern the church along with herself."

Later, Brigid founded a school of art which included metalwork and illumination. Conleth led this endeavor also. It was here at this school that the Book of Kildare was beautifully written, but was lost three centuries ago. The Gerald of Wales praised the book as "the work of angelic, and not human skill."

There is evidence that Brigid was a good friend of St. Patrick. The Trias Thaumaturga claimed, "Between St. Patrick and Brigid, the pillars of the Irish people, there was so great a friendship of charity that they had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many great works."

Brigid helped many people in her lifetime. She died of natural causes on February 1, 525. Her body was initially kept to the right of the high altar of Kildare Cathedral, with a tomb "adorned with gems and precious stones and crowns of gold and silver." In 878, the Scandinavians raided Ireland, so her relics were moved to the tomb of St. Patrick and St. Co-lumba, co-patron saints of Ireland.

In 1185, John de Courcy relocated her remains to Down Cathedral. Also, some relics were sent to the Church of St. John the Baptist in Lumiar, Portugal. The tomb there bears the inscription, "Here in these three tombs lie the three Irish knights who brought the head of St. Brigid, Virgin, a native of Ireland, whose relic is preserved in this chapel. In memory of which, the officials of the Altar of the same Saint caused this to be done in January AD 1283." Other relics were sent to St. Bridget's Church in Killester.

St. Brigid is a co-patron saint of Ireland, along with St. Patrick and St. Columba and the patron saint of dairymaids, cattle, poetry, midwives, Irish nuns and newborn babies. She is often depicted holding a reed cross, a crozier or a lamp. Her feast day is February 1 and she is also known as St. Brigid of Kildare.

This is her prayer: Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us, Lady of the Lambs, protect us, Keeper of the Hearth, kindle us. Beneath your mantle, gather us, And restore us to memory. Mothers of our mother, Foremothers strong. Guide our hands in yours.

