

April 14, 2024

# SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

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 to 4:00 pm First Friday Exposition 8:30 am to 8:00 pm **Confessions** Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm or by appointment The Church is Open for Personal Prayer Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm





### <u>Parish Office Hours / Horario de Oficina Parroquial</u> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday / Lunes a Jueves — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday / Viernes

Pastoral Team

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### A MESSAGE FROM DEACON BACA /MENSAJE DEL DIÁCONO BACA

Dear Family of St. Faustina,

On this third Sunday of Easter, the beautiful episode of the two men walking to Emmaus is concluded with an explosion of signifi-

cance that is understated and easy to overlook it. The two unnamed disciples, still filled with the new oxygen of having seen the risen Lord, retell their story in the upper room. Close your eyes and imagine how their "hearts were still burning," beating with a child-heart intensity. After they recount what they witnessed -- not only seeing Jesus, risen from the dead, but Jesus the teacher, and Jesus the high priest -- in a moment transfigured --- a breaking forth of the Divine presence from the simplicity of a loaf of bread, a sharing of God's essence with His adopted sons and daughters. This episode belongs to you; it is personal; it is intimate; it is the Mass. The Mass belongs to your very essence-- your being. Afterall, "*it is <u>in</u> Him that we <u>live</u>, and <u>move</u>, and have our <u>being</u>. (Acts 17:28)* 

My wife, Esther, and I have come from a faraway place in the desert sojourners on the way ever seeking to do His Divine Will. Of course, although not insignificant, we followed the innocence of the yearning of 4 grand children to experience the closeness of family in a confused world that separates us more than unites us. I have been a deacon, ordained in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for almost 17 years. The Lord has taken



me through deep valleys and high plateaus in my life. My dear wife served as a pharmacist for 25 years. Esther is the prayer warrior of my life...soft spoken and always out of the limelight. Since the year 2000, when St. Faustina was canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II, we developed a deep devotion to this "secretary of God's Mercy." Coming from St. Therese, Shrine of the Little Flower, in Albuquerque, N.M., it feels almost as though St. Therese, the little flower, and her love for simplicity and innocence pressed us to uproot us from the Land of Enchantment to transplant us into the rich but unknown soils of life in "La Florida," and finally, into the arms of our beloved St. Faustina. As we say in Spanish, "...que causalidad." There really are no coincidences.

There is so much more to reveal to you about our lives but that will come in time. I would like to know of your own desire to grow so that your "hearts burn" constantly. I imagine the church building of St. Faustina filled to the brim, as I witnessed this Easter ---- filled with the sound of burning hearts palpitating in synchrony with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am thankful for your generous welcoming, for Bishop Noonan's trust in sending me to you, and for Fr. Carlos' acceptance of my unworthy service. I close with a phrase used by the "Cristeros" under persecution in Mexico in the early 1900'ds --- Viva Cristo Rey! And your response would be "Que Viva!" As Fr. Carlos says, "Animo!"

Santa Faustina... Pray for us.

Deacon Tom Baca

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Querida Familia de Santa Faustina:

En este tercer domingo de Pascua, el hermoso episodio de los dos hombres caminando hacia Emaús concluye con una explosión de significado que es discreta y fácil de pasar por alto. Los dos discípulos anónimos, todavía llenos del nuevo oxígeno de haber visto al Señor resucitado, vuelven a contar su historia en el aposento alto. Cierra los ojos e imagina cómo sus "corazones seguían ardiendo", latiendo con la intensidad de un corazón de niño. Después de relatar lo que presenciaron, no solo ver a Jesús, resucitado de entre los muertos, sino a Jesús el maestro y a Jesús el sumo sacerdote, en un momento transfigurado --- una ruptura de la presencia divina de la sencillez de una hogaza de pan, un compartir la esencia de Dios con sus hijos e hijas adoptivos. Este episodio te pertenece; es personal; es íntimo; es la Misa. La Misa pertenece a tu propia esencia, a tu ser. Después de todo, *"es <u>en</u> Él que vivimos, nos <u>movemos</u> y somos. (Hechos 17:28.)* 

Mi esposa, Esther, y yo hemos venido de un lugar lejano en el desierto, peregrinos en el camino siempre buscando hacer Su Divina Voluntad. Por supuesto, aunque no es insignificante, seguimos la inocencia del anhelo de 4 nietos de experimentar la cercanía de la familia en un mundo confuso que nos separa más de lo que nos une. He sido diácono, ordenado en la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe, Nuevo México, durante casi 17 años. El Señor me ha llevado a través de valles profundos y mesetas altas en mi vida. Mi querida esposa trabajó como farmacéutica durante 25 años. Ester es la guerrera de oración de mi vida... De voz suave y siempre fuera del centro de atención. Desde el año 2000, cuando Santa Faustina fue canonizada por el Papa Juan Pablo II, desarrollamos una profunda devoción a esta "secretaria de la Misericordia de Dios". Viniendo de Santa Teresita, Santuario de la Pequeña Flor, en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, se siente casi como si Santa Teresita, la pequeña flor, y su amor por la simplicidad y la inocencia nos presionaran a desarraigarnos de la Tierra del Encanto para trasplantarnos a los ricos pero desconocidos suelos de la vida en "La Florida", y finalmente, en los brazos de nuestra amada Santa Faustina. Como decimos en español, "... que causalidad." Realmente no hay coincidencias.

Hay mucho más que revelarles sobre nuestras vidas, pero eso vendrá con el tiempo. Me gustaría saber de su propio deseo de crecer para que sus "corazones ardan" constantemente. Me imagino el edificio de la iglesia de Santa Faustina lleno hasta los bordes, como fui testigo de esta Pascua --- lleno del sonido de corazones ardientes palpitando en sincronía con el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y el Inmaculado Corazón de María. Agradezco su generosa acogida, la confianza del Obispo Noonan al enviarme a usted y la aceptación del P. Carlos de mi indigno servicio. Termino con una frase usada por los "cristeros" bajo persecución en México a principios de 1900 --- ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Y tu respuesta sería "¡Que Viva!" Como dice el P. Carlos, "¡Animo!"

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

Diacono Tom Baca

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:00 pm St. Faustina Parishioners Sunday, April 14, 2024 + Orlando & + Lydia Pantaleon 7:30 am Requested by: Patrick & Elena Crisostomo 9:30 am + Francisca Iglesia Requested by: Claribell Iglesia 11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty Requested by: Thomas Doherty 5:00 pm + Secundina Rosario & Marta Pagan Requested by: Angel Pagan Monday, April 15, 2024 8:00 am + Tracy Keogh Requested by: Kathryn Johnson Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:00 am Birthday Blessing Melvin Gomez Requested by: Elsa Gomez Wednesday, April 17, 2024 8:00 am + Jimmy White Requested by: Julia Costello Thursday, April 18, 2024 8:00 am + Kimberly Scotch Requested by: Kathy Rusceito Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00 am + Grace DeSimone Requested by: Michelle Ciardi Saturday, April 20, 2024 8:00 am Memorial Mass Association 4:00 pm Katheleen E. Cammerate Requested by: Duane Hyland Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:30 am St. Faustina Parishioners 9:30 am + C. Doreen" Donovan" Lacey Requested by: John D. Railey 11:30 pm + Ladislaus Rasquinha Requested by: Family + Margarita Lopez de Aleman 5:00 pm Requested by: Hilda Miller

# 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.



Tatiana Tarazona, Javier Alonso, Father Eduardo Toraño, Jessica Hiles, Lorgia & Pablo Pazmino, Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino, Phillip Kilinski, Carol Gosart, Steven Syrkin, and Roger Jones, Frank T. Montiagnino, Kristey Nelson, David Egan, Robert Kolenc, Jan Nilsen, Brenda Brubaker, Roger Darnell, Sandy Darnell, Tina Cyr, Patrick J Cyr, Barb Nelson, Ed David, Jack Marchewka, David Venditti, Cecilia Fanelli, Arabella Zeglovskis, Felisa Parker-Gibson, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Michael Daniel Boglino, Mike McGee, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, 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!

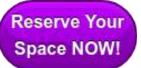
OUR MISSION - St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry. NUESTRA MISION - Santa Fausti-

na 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, April 13	Bake Sale Weekend following the 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, April 14	Bake Sale Weekend following all Masses
Monday, April 15	Emmans, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom
Tuesday, April 16	Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Cantor Practice, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in church
Wednesday, April 17	Grandparents Ministry, 10:45 am in classroom Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church Bell Ringers Practice, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm in church Young Adults Ministry, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in classroom
Thursday, April 18	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in classroom
	Finance Meeting, 10:00 am Oracion y Vida, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm in classroom
Friday, April 19	Spanish Rosary and Bible Study, 7:00 pm in church
Saturday, April 20	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser after 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, April 21	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser following all Masses



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

form at the following link:

## Financial Stewardship

<u>Weekly Collection Weekend of March 31, 2024 (totals include Holy Thursday and Good Friday)</u> Offertory / Ofertorio: \$18,931.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$5,229.00 Mass Attendance: 5,179

To donate through our parish website, please go to: <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z517/home</u>

**Ministry Opportunities at St. Faustina** — Did you know that our St. Faustina Parish has over 30 ministries in which you can become involved? From Bible Study, to crafting, to participating in various Liturgy opportunities during our Masses, to private prayer, our little parish offers something for everyone. Almost all our ministries are represented on their own individual pages on our parish's secure website.

If you are interested in our Liturgical Ministry offerings, click on: https://stfaustina.org/worship-and-liturgy/.

If you are interested in our general ministries, click on: <u>https://stfaustina.org/ministries/</u>.

If you don't see something there that interests you and have an idea for a ministry for the parish to consider, please email us at:

#### office@stfaustina.org.

So, as we look forward to what the Lord has instore for us as individuals, as families, and as a parish, please prayerfully consider enhancing your faith-life by joining us as we praise God in all His Glory through one of our ministries.



# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



**St. Faustina Grandparents Ministry to Meet Wednesday, April 17th** —The St. Faustina Chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association will meet *THIS* Wednesday, April 17th, at 10:45 am in the classroom. If you are a grandparent and want to share your experiences, and pray for all grandchildren, please come and see what we have to offer you. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a variety of topics. We will discuss "Book Sharing" at the upcoming meeting. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact ministry leader, Jerilyn Polson at: nonnagerarda86@gmail.com

or go to their web page at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/

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." Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at: <u>New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic</u> <u>Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)</u> 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*.





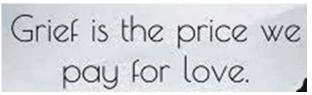
Knights of Columbus to Hold Annual Fundraiser Next Weekend—Our Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, will hold its annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser next weekend, April 20-21, following all Masses. The proceeds from the yearly event are donated to the Bishop Grady Villas, which provides residential, employment, youth transition, life

skill development and advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities through Central Florida. The Knights will also be at the Eagle Ridge Publix on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

For more information on Bishop Grady Villas, please go to their website at: Magnify (magnifyfl.org).

For more information on our Knights, please go to their website at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/.

**Grief Support** - is a 10 week program which allows 10-12 individuals to help support each other through the grieving process. We are currently holding a session that is full at this time. If anyone feels they need to speak to someone please feel free to *contact Kelly Mucci 352-515-9297 ext, 102.* and someone will reach out to you.



**Outreach Opportunities** — St. Faustina's parishioners, visitors, and friends are famous for their generosity, not only to the needs of the church, but to those in the community who would be struggling even more without our help.

Donations to the South Lake Pregnancy Center, to the Hands of Hope food pantry, participation in the bi-monthly Blood Drive, and donations to the clothing shed, located in our parking lot, have given hope, support, life, and much-needed material goods to those less fortunate.

To participate in the **"Food For All Ministry"** simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in one of the two wagons that are in the entrance of the church. 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. To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to the website at: <u>Home - Hands of Hope America</u>

Our support for the **South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center** is as old as the parish itself. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes 4 & 5), wipes and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers and other small items are also accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon. To learn more about the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center, please go to their website at: **South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center (slpfcc.com)** 



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**The clothing shed** is a partnership between our parish and the St. Pauly Textile, Inc., and provides clothes for families in need. Donations of used, clean, and functional clothing items such as: shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, stuffed animals...and of course...clothes. If you would like to learn more about St. Pauly Textile, Inc., please go to their website at:

#### About St. Pauly Clothing Donations (stpaulytextile.com)

John (the Baptist) said, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11)

## PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



### CARING CRAFTERS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

### Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th

Please mark these dates on your calendar and come join us under the tent after every Mass that weekend to see what handmade items we have this time for you for spring and summer. Plan on doing your shopping for gift giving as well as items for yourself. We have made some of your favorites and we also have so many new items for you to select from.

Please be sure to check out our poster under the tent and walk through our one-year journey servicing our church and community. You will be amazed at what these members have accomplished in just one year.

We will have samples of items that we've made for the Bereavement/Consolation Ministry and the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound as well as the Baptismal bibs and Catechumen stoles for Faith Formation.

We will also have on display the various items that we make ongoing for the South Lake Pregnancy Center, Well of Hope and two Cancer Centers.

We could not have been so successful without your continued support. By purchasing these items, you not only help us buy the supplies we use to make these items for our church and community but you help to reduce the church mortgage debt. Remember at the celebration, we can only accept cash or check payments at this time.

We are so excited to share this event with you and look forward to seeing you all there!!!

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

To learn more about the Caring Crafters Ministry, please go to their web page on our parish site at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/caring-crafters/

### BLESSED KATARZÝNA CELESTÝNA FARON By Marylu Mariniello

Katarzyna Stanislawa Faron was born in Zabrzez, Malopolskie, Poland on April 24, 1913. Her parents died when she was five years. Then she was raised by pious, childless relatives. From childhood she was devoted to Christ, the Blessed Mother and St. Thérèse, the Little Flower.

Katarzyna wanted to dedicate her life to God, entering the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immacu-

late in 1930, serving as a kindergarten teacher and catechist. There she took the name of Celestyna. Before her first profession, she wrote "Through my vows I long to belong entirely to Jesus Christ as a total sacrificial offering. I always desire to walk the way of love and devotion so that I can approach the Immaculate Lamb." Her perpetual vows were professed in 1938.

When World War II began, Sister became the leader of her religious house, running an orphanage and helping the poor, while also looking after the elderly.

Eventually Sister Celestyna was arrested by the Gestapo, charged with conspiracy against the Nazis and for her association with the Armia Krajowa, a Catholic resistance movement. Initially she was imprisoned in Jaslo, then sent to Tarnów, Poland and finally was transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp in Nazi-



occupied Poland with the infamous sign at the entrance: "Arbeit macht frei, " which means "Work sets you free." She arrived at the camp on the feast day of the Epiphany in 1943.

Here Sister became Prisoner 27989. She was given a striped uniform with the letter "P" stitched on it for Polish and wooden shoes. She was assigned to hard labor digging ditches, often standing in icy water for hours at a time, with little food given to her. The camp was disgusting with fleas, bed bugs and rats. Sister Celestyna developed tuberculosis and typhoid fever. She offered her sufferings to God and resigned herself to following his will. While she was sick, she also taught math to the other inmates.

Sister completed the nine First Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From this, she knew that she wouldn't die without receiving Communion. On the feast day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 1943, Sister Celestyna received Holy Communion from a prisoner priest, who smuggled the hosts into the camp. At her deathbed, Sister prayed for various intentions on a rosary made out of bread, which she made. Witnesses said that she offered her sufferings for the conversion of a priest who had fallen away from the Church, but later returned.

Sister prayed for sinners, for her country, her congregation and especially for the priests who were treated horribly in the concentration camps. She also prayed for Hitler, hoping he would change his ways.

Sister Celestyna finally died from her illnesses on Easter morning on April 9, 1944.

Pope John Paul declared her Venerable on March 26, 1999. She is one of the One Hundred Eight Polish Catholic Martyrs killed during World War II by the Nazis who were beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 13, 1999 in Warsaw. Her feast day is April 9.

This is her prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of courage and perseverance in love which You granted to Blessed Katherine Celestyna, who amidst tortures, hunger, and debasement in the concentration camp, persevered under the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, remaining faithful to the Christian and religious vocation unto martyrdom. Through her intercession, grant me the grace... which I humbly implore, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

