

# Ascension of the Lord



## St. Faustina Catholic Church

1714 Highway 27 (Suite 23)

Clermont, FL 34714

### The Ascension of Our Lord

May 29, 2022

#### Parish Office Hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Thursday  
Closed Friday through Sunday

#### Horario de Oficina Parroquial

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Lunes a Jueves  
Cerrado los Viernes

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#### Mass Schedule

Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 PM - Mass in English  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
Mass in English  
Sunday: 5:00 PM – Mass in Spanish

#### 8:00 AM Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday, Mass in English  
Wednesday Holy Hour, 3:00 – 4:00 PM  
First Friday Exposition, 8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Confessions, Saturday, 3:00 – 3:45 PM  
or by Appointment

#### Horario de Misas

Las puertas se abriran 30 min antes de la Misa  
4:00 PM – Misa del Sabado en Ingles  
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM – Misa del Domingo en Ingles  
5:00 PM – Misa Dominical en Espanol

8:00 AM – Misa de lunes a sábado en inglés  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Miercoles Hora Santa  
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – Exposicion Primer Viernes  
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM – Confesiones los Sabados o con Cita  
Ucion de los Enfermos con cita solamente.

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**OUR MISSION** — St. Faustina is a Community inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all.

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**NUESTRA MISION** — Santa Faustina es una comunidad inspirada por el Espiritu Santo, y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios, a fomentar el crecimiento espiritual, y atender las necesidades temporales y sociales de todos.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE / MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

*Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:52)*

The Ascension celebrates Jesus' heavenly homecoming and his return to the Father's house. It marks the completion of his earthly mission. He returns to heaven as a Savior, having conquered humanity's greatest enemies - sin, Satan and death - on the cross. He promises he will send his Apostles the Holy Spirit of God and that he will return, at the end of time.

In our human experience, it is easier to say good-bye to someone when we believe we will see them again. It is even better when they leave something behind for us to remember them by. On the Ascension, Jesus does both. News of the coming of the Spirit and the hope of Jesus' return made it much easier for the Apostles to let go of Jesus as he returns to heaven.

Once the Spirit proved to them that Jesus was alive, never to die again, they, too, found themselves willing to go forth and risk their lives to spread the Gospel. Once they were no longer afraid to die, the Apostles became less afraid to live.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the angels ask the Apostles why they are standing around looking at the sky, as if to suggest that time is wasting, get busy, there is a Gospel to preach, a Church to build, and a kingdom to prepare. The task given to them is the task entrusted to us by our baptism - to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth until he comes again.

*May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)*

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*Luego los llevó hasta Betania, levantó las manos y los bendijo. Al bendecirlos, se separó de ellos y fue llevado al cielo. (Lc 24:52)*

La Ascensión celebra el regreso celestial de Jesús y su regreso a la casa del Padre. Marca la finalización de su misión terrenal. Él regresa al cielo como un Salvador, habiendo conquistado a los mayores enemigos de la humanidad - el pecado, Satanás y la muerte - en la cruz. Promete que enviará a sus apóstoles el Espíritu Santo de Dios y que regresará, al final de los tiempos.

En nuestra experiencia humana, es más fácil despedirse de alguien cuando creemos que lo volveremos a ver. Es aún mejor cuando dejan algo atrás para que los recordemos. En la Ascensión, Jesús hace ambas cosas. Las noticias de la venida del Espíritu y la esperanza del regreso de Jesús hicieron que fuera mucho más fácil para los Apóstoles soltar a Jesús cuando regresa al cielo.

Una vez que el Espíritu les demostró que Jesús estaba vivo, para nunca morir de nuevo, ellos también se encontraron dispuestos a salir y arriesgar sus vidas para difundir el Evangelio. Una vez que ya no tenían miedo de morir, los Apóstoles tuvieron menos miedo de vivir.

En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, los ángeles preguntan a los Apóstoles por qué están de pie mirando al cielo, como para sugerir que el tiempo se está perdiendo, que se ocupen, que haya un Evangelio que predicar, que una Iglesia que edificar y que un reino que preparar. La tarea que se les ha dado es la tarea que nos ha confiado nuestro bautismo: ser sus testigos hasta los confines de la tierra hasta que Él venga de nuevo.

*Que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de gloria, les dé un Espíritu de sabiduría y revelación que resulte en el conocimiento de Él. (Efesios 1:17)*

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Collection Weekend of May 15, 2022**

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,792.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$7,322.00

**"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT / "MUCHAS GRACIAS" POR SU CONTINUO APOYO**

***Attendance for the weekend of May 15 Masses: 962***

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 28, 2022

4:00 pm + Robert Hueston, Jr.  
Requested by: Marie Sulzman

### Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina  
9:30 am + Rufina Innumerable  
Requested by: Yolanda Innumerable  
11:00 am + Jules Ridolfi  
Requested by: Pamela Blattner  
5:00 pm + Maria Custodia  
Requested by: Family

### Monday, May 30, 2022

8:00 am + Alma & + Charles Otto  
Requested by: Nancy & Tom Madden

### Tuesday, May 31, 2022

8:00 am + Sis. Louise Mayoc  
Requested by: Carmelita Flores

### Wednesday, June 1, 2022

8:00 am Deceased Souls and Donors  
of our Memorial Chair Plaques  
Requested by: Mary Casey

### Thursday, June 2, 2022

8:00 am + Bernardino Bolatete  
Requested by: Carmelita Flores

### Friday, June 3, 2022

8:00 am + Sebastian & + Severine Rasquinha  
Requested by: Ladi & Leena Rasquinha

### Saturday, June 4, 2022

8:00 am + Stephen Langley  
Requested by: Father Ramon Bolatete  
4:00 pm + Marie Iannuzzelli  
Requested by: Al Butterworth

### Sunday, June 5, 2022

8:00 am + Bernardino Bolatete  
Requested by: Gloria Monton  
9:30 am Healing for Yolunda Dorschuck  
Requested by: Family  
11:00 am + Herberto Cruz  
Requested by: Ingrid & Ronnie Cruz  
5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

## 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).

Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon Michele Middleton, Fanny Gonzalez, Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Frances Pastore, Bob Schultes, Tom Jaglowski, Jose DePool, Osvaldo Bolano, Orestes Hernandez, Magdalena, Lezcano, Ray Conn, Jo Ellen Foti, Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Patti Donahue, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Becky Oosterveen, Jackie Overseen, Charles Patrick, Ed Robinson, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Rudy Sebastian, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Sofia Vander Muelen, Mike Vander Muelen, Freddy Viau, Ida Vioto, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Wanda Young,

John Friedrich, Maricarmen Galavis, Mary Garl, Vinnie McCrave, Marilyn McCrave, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, Chuck Kalinowski, Jack Murphy, Fr. Richard Tuttle, Dave Zimmerman, Robert Sicker, the People of Ukraine and their country,



*If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Parish, 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.*



# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 16 students who made their Confirmation on Saturday, May 21:



Adam Burzynski  
Jennifer Burzynski  
Frank Cavone  
Anthony De Jesus  
Carlos De Jesus  
Mariana Fernandez  
Rafael Fuentes  
Sarah Lubin

Vincent Mariscal  
Justin Mariscal  
Alanna Martinez  
Fe Castillo Meares  
Thomas Nikel  
Josephine Pantina  
Ghisline Rodriguez  
Jean Rondon



The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

We will still have the usual morning Mass at 8 am.



**ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!!**--The Knights of Columbus are currently holding their annual Baby Bottle Drive, which will *continue through Father's Day, June 19*. If you were unable to obtain a bottle, you can still participate by putting your spare change in any container and return it by Father's Day. **All proceeds will go to the South Lake Pregnancy Center.** We thank you for your support of our fund raisers for the community and parish.



Checks need to be made payable to: **South Lake Pregnancy Center.**

On behalf of Hands of Hope America, Inc. we would like to sincerely "thank" all of our parishioners who have supported the St. Faustina "Food for All" ministry over the past two and a half years. Your generosity has produced more than 20,000 non-perishable food items that have gone directly to the families in need in our Four Corners Community. As we are now in the 2022 calendar year, the volunteers (some of whom are St. Faustina parishioners) at Hands of Hope America, Inc. are committed, with your continued support, to make sure every family in our community has enough to eat. Once again, "thank you" for your continued support.



To learn more about Hands of Hope America, Inc., their mission, volunteer opportunities, and other ways you might be interested in helping them help the people of our Four Corners Community, please go to their website at: [Home - Hands of Hope America](#)

# PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, June 3 following the 8 a.m. Mass (from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.).** The Holy Rosary is prayed during the Exposition followed by quiet personal time with Our Lord. Please join us.



**Are you a member of the parish's Facebook page?** If you are, you have not only received **Daily Devotions, Saint of the Day, and other such inspirational and spiritual information, you have also been kept up-to-date with what is going on at our new church construction site at 15551 North Boggy Marsh Road.** On April 30 the photo of the construction trailer that was placed on our property recorded 621 views and two shares. On May 5 a drone shot of the property was posted and recorded 950 views with eight shares, and on May 14 photos of the installation of the septic tanks recorded 701 views and nine shares. Expected to come before the end of May is the pouring of the concrete slab/foundation and the delivery of the steel that will be used to build **OUR** church building.

Photos of the construction will be posted on a daily or weekly basis depending on the progress.

If you would like to join the fun and excitement of this project, that has been almost 17 years in the making, please go to: [www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch](http://www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch)

**NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST SUNDAY.**

**JOIN THE CELEBRATION**

**BY WEARING SOMETHING RED TO MASS.**



**FATHER'S DAY** is coming on June 19—If you would like to remember your father, grandfather, or any other special father-figure in your life, please take one of the envelopes from the bookcases in the back of the church, fill it out, and **drop it in the collection basket by June 12th.** On Father's Day, all the envelopes will be placed on the altar and we will pray for all the special fathers in our lives.

**WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY** — Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a Snowbird, we invite you to register with our parish. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website at:

[New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina - Clermont, FL \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)





# THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



Surveyors were in the area where the new church building will stand before construction workers set the footings in order for the concrete slab to be poured, which should happen soon. (photos taken May 17 to 21)



Meanwhile, Father John's lego church is starting to take shape.



**Please Pardon  
Our Appearance**

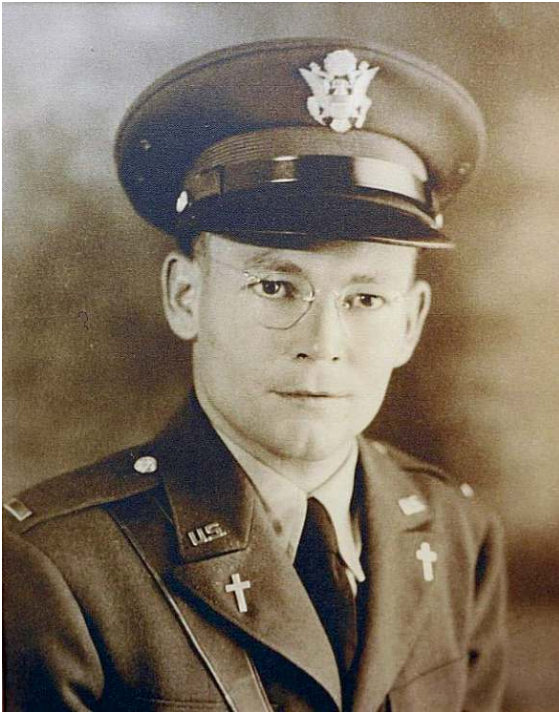
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Being Refurbished  
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Future Enjoyment**



# FATHER JOSEPH LAFLEUR

*By Marylu Mariniello*

On this Memorial Day, we remember the heroes who gave their lives for our freedom. One truly heroic martyr was Father Joseph LaFleur.



Joseph Verbis LaFleur was born on January 24, 1912 in Ville Platte, Louisiana. He was the youngest of seven children, but they all had a hard childhood because their father abandoned them. Their mother found work where she could and grew vegetables to support her family.

As a young boy, Joseph felt the calling to the priesthood. At the age of fifteen, he entered St. Joseph's Minor Seminary in Saint Benedict and then went to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained on April 2, 1938 and began serving at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Abbeville, where he also coached baseball for the parish boys and ministered to all. He was there for three years and then enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in the summer of 1941, becoming a military chaplain, commissioned as a lieutenant.

His training took place in Albuquerque, NM. After completion, he was assigned to Clark Field in the Philippines, where he served the Nineteenth Bombardment Unit. Father Joseph arrived there a few weeks before the bombing at Pearl Harbor. When Clark Field was attacked on December 8, 1941, eight hours after Pearl Harbor, he chose to stay with the men instead of escaping. Ninety three men were killed and one hundred forty three were wounded. Father cared for the injured and gave Last Rites to the dying, which earned him the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his valor.

Soon his unit was captured by the Japanese, where they were held for two and half years. Father took care of the men, created a "church " from bamboo and wood and named it "The Chapel of St. Peter in Chains," celebrated Mass and took the place of those who could not do hard labor. He visited the sick even though it was against the rules and traded his watch and eyeglasses for food for the prisoners. He refused malaria medicine so others could have it. Almost two hundred POWs converted to Catholicism because of Father Joseph.

The seven hundred prisoners were then moved to various prison of war camps and eventually placed on a POW transport ship, the Shinyo Maru, which didn't have the white POW flag and was torpedoed by US forces on September 7, 1944, causing the ship to sink.

Chaplain LaFleur knew he had to get the men out, but the only one way was through the hatch that he opened onto the deck. He boosted many men out of the hold and up on deck, saving eighty, but didn't make it himself. Those who made it to shore last saw him in waist-deep water, helping others off Sindangan Point, Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines. His body was never recovered. The men he saved were the only survivors.

Father LaFleur was posthumously given a second Distinguished Service Cross and another Purple Heart for his acts of bravery on the ship, which is a rare occurrence for someone to receive these honors twice.

His "Cause for Canonization" has opened and he is on the path to receiving the title of saint. On June 17, 2021, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to advance the cause of canonization for First Lieutenant Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur.



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