



# Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

1714 U.S. Highway 27, Suite 23  
Clermont, FL 34714

January 1, 2023

Wishing You a Blessed, Safe, and Happy New Year

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 @ 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:00 AM, 5:00 PM *en Espanol*

### *Wednesday Holy Hour*

3:00—4:00 PM

### *First Friday Exposition*

8:30 AM –9:30 AM

### *Confessions*

Saturday 3:00-3:45 PM

or by appointment



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

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# Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

*All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Lk 2:19-19)*

January 1st marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another. So, too, the birth of Jesus marks the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of a new era of God's grace. As Paul explains to the Galatians in today's second reading, Jesus was born of a woman just as we were, like us in all things but sin. By adoption, we are children of God and children of our Blessed Mother.

Today's feast, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, arises from the settling of a controversy among our early Christian ancestors. There were arguments about the divinity of Christ and the role that Mary plays in the story of salvation. Nestorius was the patriarch of Constantinople in the 5th century. He taught that Mary was the mother only of Jesus' humanity.

Although Scripture says, in the chapter before today's Gospel reading, *nothing will be impossible for God*, Nestorius did not think a mortal could bear the immortal, a human could not bring forth the divine. Nestorius left out the wondrous works of God in his thought process, and how our God can do or achieve anything he desires, solely because he desires that it be so.

If we embrace an image of God who makes all things possible, then these things are true: Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Jesus is God, and therefore as the mother of Jesus, Mary is *the Mother of God*. To deny the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God is to downplay the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Gal. 4:4)*

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Todos los que lo oyeron quedaron asombrados por lo que les habían dicho los pastores. Y María guardaba todas estas cosas, reflexionando sobre ellas en su corazón. (Lc 2,19-19)

El 1 de enero marca el final de un año calendario y el comienzo de otro. Así también, el nacimiento de Jesús marca el fin del reino del pecado y el comienzo de una nueva era de la gracia de Dios. Como Pablo explica a los gálatas en la segunda lectura de hoy, Jesús nació de una mujer tal como nosotros, como nosotros en todo menos en el pecado. Por adopción, somos hijos de Dios e hijos de nuestra Santísima Madre.

La fiesta de hoy, la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, surge del arreglo de una controversia entre nuestros primeros antepasados cristianos. Hubo discusiones sobre la divinidad de Cristo y el papel que juega María en la historia de la salvación. Nestorio fue el patriarca de Constantinopla en el siglo V. Enseñó que María era la madre únicamente de la humanidad de Jesús. Aunque la Escritura dice, en el capítulo anterior al Evangelio de hoy, nada será imposible para Dios, Nestorius no pensó que un mortal pudiera dar a luz lo inmortal, un humano no podría dar a luz lo divino. Nestorio dejó de lado las maravillosas obras de Dios en su proceso de pensamiento, y cómo nuestro Dios puede hacer o lograr cualquier cosa que desee, únicamente porque desea que así sea.

Si abrazamos una imagen de Dios que hace posible todas las cosas, entonces estas cosas son verdaderas: María es la Madre de Jesús, Jesús es Dios, y por lo tanto, como madre de Jesús, María es la Madre de Dios. Negar la santidad de María y el lugar que le corresponde como Madre de Dios es restar importancia a la divinidad y perfección de su Hijo y nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo.

Cuando vino la plenitud de los tiempos, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de mujer, nacido bajo la ley, para rescatar a los que estaban bajo la ley, a fin de que recibiésemos la adopción de hijos. (Gálatas 4:4)

## *Financial Stewardship*

Weekly Collection Weekend of December 18, 2022

**Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,064.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$4,221.00**

**“Thank You” for your ongoing support / “Muchas Gracias” por su continuo apoyo**

**Mass Attendance for the Weekend of December 18: 1,343**



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00 pm + Pat Mauschiano  
Requested by: Judy Coutu

## Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am + Luciana Flores  
Requested by: Carmelita Flores

9:30 am + Carlos Hernandez  
Requested by: Mom

11:00 am + Luis Ramos  
Requested by: Miriam Ramos

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

## Monday, January 2, 2023

8:00 am + Carl Werner  
Requested by: Family

## Tuesday, January 3, 2023

8:00 am + John Friedrich  
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

## Wednesday, January 4, 2023

8:00 am SI Daniele & Carlos Fernandes  
Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

## Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:00 am + John Zappola  
Requested by: Alice Zappola

## Friday, January 6, 2023

8:00 am + Angeline Gutowski  
Requested by: Friends & Family

## Saturday, January 7, 2023

8:00 am Mrs. Parine Francisco  
Requested by: Narciso Victoria

4:00 pm + Tony Borges  
Requested by: Jo Borges

## Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 am + Betty Keough  
Requested by: Rose Keane & Family

11:00 am + Fernando Mora  
Requested by: Mora Family

5:00 pm Healing for Judy Stell  
Requested by: Mary Ellen Burke

# 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).



Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Florence Tyree, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Becky Oosterveen, Deacon Dennis Gillan, Steve Albrecht, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Angel Pagan, Yolanda Inumerable, Robert Kasper, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Fezell, Mike McGee, Evelisse Bookhout, Russell Perine, Gloria Nestel, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Albie Hahn, Tina Audino, Jo Ellen Foti,

Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Ed Robinson, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, the People of Ukraine and their country, and all those in need.



**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.

**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.



# Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



## Newly Expanded Office Hours

St. Faustina parish office has increased their hours of operation to serve you better.

## Our new office hours will be:

Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
and Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

## Town Hall Meeting

Got questions? Is there something you want to know? Well, there's a lot that we want to tell you!

### Come to our St. Faustina Town Hall Meeting

on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM to "Hear All About It"!

In addition to hearing from you, we'd love to tell you parish-wide ideas about:

Plans and timelines for the move to our new building  
Transition to our new church update  
St. Faustina ministries update

An update on St. Faustina finances  
Liturgically, what to expect at our new building  
How you can be involved in all the excitement!

*A "Question and Answer" Period in true Town-Hall Spirit!*

Make plans to attend now, we're looking forward to seeing you at our St. Faustina Town Hall Meeting!



**Where did the time go?** Seems like only yesterday we were in the calendar year 2022...oh, yeah, we were!! It also



seems like yesterday that we broke ground on our new church building...that was on January 9, 2022. Now we are just about A MONTH AWAY FROM MOVING INTO OUR NEW HOME!!! ... to complete a journey that began on September 30, 2016.

### *Where did the time go?*

While the foundation of the moving committees have been formed, we really need your help to round out those areas in order to make the move as smooth as possible.

Please prayerful consider lending your time and talents...and become a part of our glorious St. Faustina history...to this vital need. To find out more about how you can help, please go to our parish web page at:

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

**Are You Looking to Make a Meaningful New Year's Resolution?** Our St. Faustina parish is an active one with MANY opportunities for you to become involved with a ministry that fits your God-given talents. To learn more about all of our ministries and who to contact, please go to our website at:

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

and / or:

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



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Lo invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en la Iglesia Católica Santa Faustina el primer jueves de cada mes, a nuestro ministerio Maria Rosa Mistica, de 1:00 PM a 2:00 PM. Rezaremos por el Papa, los sacerdotes, los diáconos, los religiosos y por el aumento de las vocaciones religiosas. ¡Esperamos verte y que te unas a nosotros!

We cordially invite you to join us at St. Faustina Catholic Church on the first Thursday of each month, to our Maria Rosa Mystica ministry, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We pray for the Pope, priests, deacons, the religious, and for the increase of religious vocations. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us! **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 5.**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, January 6, 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.



Join us in praying the “**First Saturday Rosary**”, (Saturday, January 7, after the **8:00 am Mass, until 8:30**) to pray for peace, understanding, comfort, and the healing of all people. Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on First Saturday is for peace in the world, and peace in the Church. The promise attached to the First Saturday of five consecutive months is for the individual. Our Lady promised to Sister Lucia to assist with the graces necessary for salvation, those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company for

fifteen minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her. The fifteen minutes meditation is done individually on your private time with Our Lady.

“**Your Faith Anew**” ministry meets Saturday, January 7, following the **8 am Mass and Rosary, ending promptly at 10AM**. We strive for the fulfillment of the Lord’s Prayer, “...thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” by exploring the gift of living IN the Divine Will through instructor led; prayer, readings and song. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, and about Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, please go to our St. Faustina web page at:

["Your Faith Anew!" - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)



**Our Next Topic:** *"How one who lives in the Divine Will is the Divine bank upon earth and forms a nimbus of Heaven."*



**Decade of the Day Rosary — A New Year’s Resolutions:** With the New Year approaching, what better resolution than to spend five minutes of your day saying **ONE DECADE of the ROSARY.**

In each of her appearances Mary has asked that we... **PRAY THE ROSARY!**

In this program you and your Decade are combined with 19 others saying their Decade each day.

A full 20 Decade Rosary is offered up every day and you are a part of it.

As a member of this program you and your intentions, which are your own, are remembered in several churches and shrines around the country.

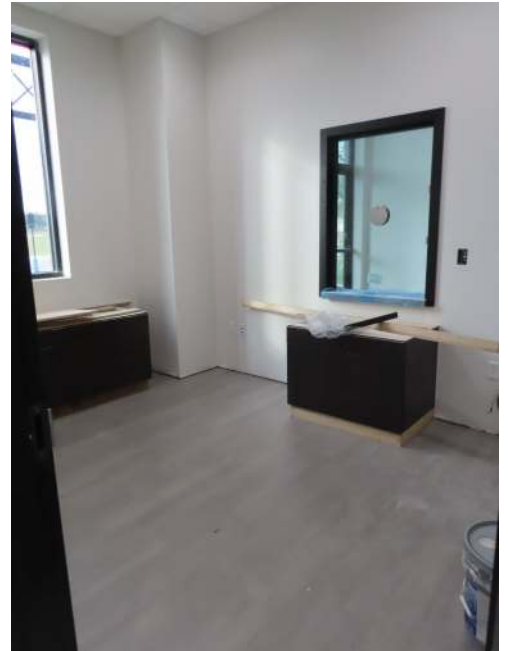
If you are interested please email: [office@stfaustina.org](mailto:office@stfaustina.org)

God Bless you for considering this.

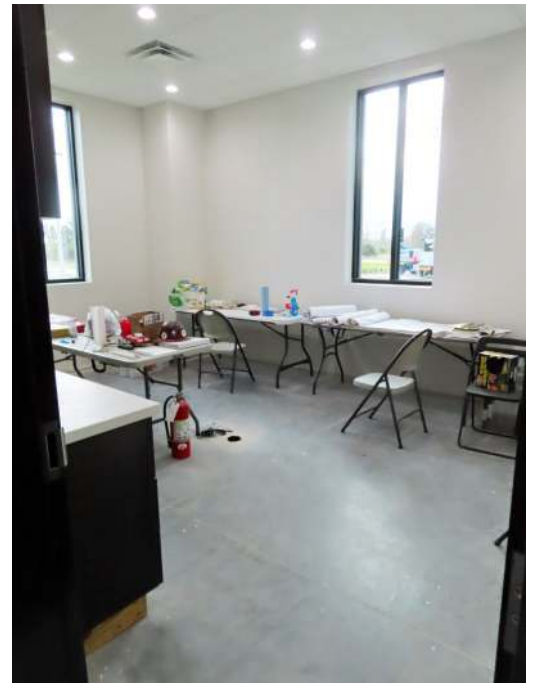
For more information, please go to our St. Faustina web page at:

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# *New Church Construction Update*



In these photos, taken on December 16, the TV monitors were installed over the Sanctuary, the floor has been put down in the staff offices, the classrooms, the vesting room, and in the receptionist's office. The cabinets have also been installed. While the floor is not down in the warming kitchen (below), the cabinets have been installed. The conference room (last photo) is currently being used in place of the construction trailer.



**For all the construction photos, starting with the clearing of the land on January 9, please go to our parish website at:**

**[Construction Update - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)**



# *St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen*

*By Marylu Mariniello*

## **St. Basil the Great**

The feast day of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen is celebrated on January 2. The two were students together and friends who were strong advocates of orthodoxy when the church was facing the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ.

Basil was born in Caesarea in Cappadocia in 329, in what is now southeastern Turkey. His family has many saints: his grandfather was a martyr in the Roman persecution and his grandmother, mother, sister and two brothers are all canonized saints.

Basil was studying to become a teacher when he decided to follow a different path. For a while, he lived as a hermit and then founded a monastery in Asia Minor. His principles still influence Eastern monasticism to this day. He was a gifted speaker, with writings which place him among the greatest teachers of the Church.

Basil became the Bishop of Caesarea in 370. He opposed the Emperor Valens when the Emperor pressured him to stay silent and give Holy Communion to Arians, but Basil persevered and the Emperor backed down. St. Athanasius of Alexandria was a staunch opposer of Arianism. When he died in 373, this battle fell to Basil. His enemies were jealous and accused him of ambition and heresy.

Basil died on January 1, 379. The Council of Chalcedon, recognized the great sanctity of Basil and his heroic defense of the faith seventy-two years after his death, calling him “the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth.”

## **St. Gregory Nazianzen**

Gregory Nazianzen was born in 330 in Cappadocia and was baptized at the age of thirty. His parents were Christian converts, who gave Gregory a strong education, including religious studies. His father was also named Gregory and was the bishop of Nazianzus. For a while Gregory was a hermit, but was later ordained to the priesthood, first working with his father and then assisting Basil for ten years in his opposition to Arianism.

Basil consecrated Gregory as the Bishop of Sasima in 381. Gregory presided over the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople which defined the Nicene Creed, the prayer that we still recite every Sunday at Mass.

Gregory was a gifted speaker and teacher. Jerome was one of his students, who later became St. Jerome and a Doctor of the Church. Gregory is also remembered for his speeches on St. Cyprian, St. Athanasius and the Maccabees and is famous for his sermons on the Holy Trinity. His last days were spent in austerity and solitude, while writing religious poetry, some of it which was autobiographical. He died on January 25, in the year 389 and was acclaimed simply as “the Theologian.”

The greatest contribution of St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen was how they defined, both fundamentally and conclusively, what the word Trinity actually means. They showed everyone how Jesus is both God and man and how the Holy Spirit is related to God the Father and God the Son. They opposed Arianism and rebuilt the faith in Constantinople, which caused a great deal of personal persecution.

Both are Doctors of the Church, two of the original four Doctors of the Eastern Church. The other two are St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom.

There are eight original Doctors of the Church. Four in the Eastern rite and four in the Western or Latin rite. The Western Doctors of the Church are St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, Pope St. Gregory the Great and St. Jerome.



**SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT  
AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN  
PRAY FOR US!**