



Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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

January 15, 2023

Weekly Bulletin

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (Jn. 1:29)

As we encounter John the Baptist today, he is entering the apex of his mission: *Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*, he says. This is not just someone talking about the Messiah, this is a public, well-known figure confirming all that he has been saying up to this point: He is the one about whom I have been speaking. John sees with his eyes, and with his spirit, to know this truth. His declaration is meant for all to hear, and heed.



As John did, so can we. Although we are not on that original stage, we are the ones who continue telling the story and continue pointing to the One whose life, death and resurrection has transformed the world.

Jesus Christ who is the real story and it is only in a personal, intimate knowledge of Christ, found in the life of an active faith, that we truly experience God's presence. As John the Baptist tells us later: *He must increase, I must decrease (John 3:30)*. For John knows he must ultimately leave the stage and allow Jesus to take his rightful place. May our hearts be open to this great act of God's loving presence in our lives.

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is. 49:6)

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Juan el Bautista vio a Jesús que venía hacia él y dijo: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. (Juan 1:29)

Cuando nos encontramos con Juan el Bautista hoy, él está entrando en la cúspide de su misión: *He aquí el cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo*, dice. No se trata simplemente de alguien que habla del Mesías, se trata de una figura pública y conocida que confirma todo lo que ha estado diciendo hasta este momento: Él es de quien he estado hablando. Juan ve con sus ojos, y con su espíritu, para conocer esta verdad. Su declaración está destinada a que todos la escuchen y presten atención.

Como hizo Juan, nosotros también podemos. Aunque no estemos en ese escenario original, somos quienes seguimos contando la historia y seguimos señalando a Aquel cuya vida, muerte y resurrección ha transformado el mundo.

Jesucristo que es la verdadera historia y es sólo en un conocimiento personal, íntimo de Cristo, que se encuentra en la vida de una fe activa, que experimentamos verdaderamente la presencia de Dios. Como nos dice Juan el Bautista más adelante: *Él debe crecer, yo debo disminuir (Juan 3:30)*. Porque Juan sabe que finalmente debe abandonar el escenario y permitir que Jesús tome el lugar que le corresponde. Que nuestros corazones estén abiertos a este gran acto de la presencia amorosa de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Te pondré por luz de las naciones, para que mi salvación llegue hasta los confines de la tierra. (Isaías 49:6)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of January 1, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$12,684.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$6,839

"Thank You" for your ongoing support / "Muchas Gracias" por su continuo apoyo

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 1, 2023: 1,326

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00 pm Pioneers of St. Faustina in Thanksgiving
Requested by: Frank & Diane Maglione

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 am + Carolina Urzua
Requested by: Parents
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:00 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
Requested by: Thomas Doherty
5:00 pm + Manuel Arjona
Requested by: Family

Monday, January 16, 2023

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

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

8:00 am + Manuela Morales Martinez
Requested by: Carmelita & Yolanda

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

8:00 am + Crowley Family
Requested by: Mary Casey

Thursday, January 19, 2023

8:00 am + Jimmy Costello
Requested by: Mom

Friday, January 20, 2023

8:00 am SI Maria Faustina Pichay
Requested by: Family

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:00 am + Darlene Sigriest
Requested by: Pat & Marylou Maiellano
4:00 pm Blessings for Fr. Dave Gillis
Requested by: Your St. Faustina Family

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:00 am + Lucille Matthews
Requested by: Ciardi Family
9:30 am + Ralph Vieto
Requested by: Ida Vieto
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
5:00 pm + Miguel & Olga
Requested by: Daughter Silvia

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.



Hadley Epps, Ken Hellman, 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, John Ryan, Cynthia Santulli, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, 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 are:

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

Church Bequests After considering the needs of your family and loved ones, you can make a bequest of your remaining assets to St. Faustina Catholic Church. Your bequest could be a set amount of money, a portion of your estate, or valuable collections you'd like to donate.

To observe the best method for naming St. Faustina in your will or trust, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:

*I give, devise, & bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.)
to Bishop John Noonan, as Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, and his successors in the office, for the use of St. Faustina Catholic Church*

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Rd. Clermont, FL 34714

As always, "thank you" for your continued support of our St. Faustina parish in *everything* that you do.



Our Next Blood Drive will be January 29 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Because of our outstanding donor contributions, OneBlood will be sending two buses.

In the three-year history of this important outreach ministry, our parishioners have helped to save up to 1,071 lives by donating 357 pints of blood. Each donation has the ability to save up to three lives.

Bulletin Advertisers Needed! Jenny Lusk from Diocesan (our bulletin publishing partner) is working to renew the advertisements currently running in the bulletin and to secure NEW bulletin advertisers. The bulletin is available in print and digitally online. We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost THANKS to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors. Jenny is calling the current sponsors so please let her know if we can count on your continued support by renewing your listing, and please call her if you're interested in placing an advertisement in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family OR to memorialize a loved one. Bulletin sponsors recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, and we ask our parishioners and guests to patronize our supporters when using a local service. Jenny can be reached at 913-205-6387 or JLusk@Diocesan.com.

DIOCESAN
Catholic Life Every Day



Do you have any questions regarding the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church? Are you looking to get married? Perhaps you are looking to schedule a Baptism for someone in your family. To answer any questions regarding the Sacraments, please go to our new website at:

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

New Church Construction Update



On Saturday, January 7, the parish held a Town Hall Meeting to update everyone on what to expect with the move to our new church building and the procedures once we get there. While the turnout was great, we realize that not everyone was able to attend. Some of the topics that were covered (but not limited to in this limited space), included:

OVERVIEW OF ST. FAUSTINA “GOVERNANCE” AND THEIR ROLES

St. Faustina Parish Council St. Faustina Finance Committee

DYNAMICS OF ST. FAUSTINA, 2023

Parish, and New Church Finances, Volunteers’ Roles and Needs, Liturgy and Mass Roles
Our New Church Needs, Future of the St. Faustina Ministries

PARISH MOVE UPDATE AND TIMELINE

Getting Re-established

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

If you would like to view the minutes of the meeting, to please go to our website at: [Town Hall Meeting Minutes - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org) for complete information.

New Church Blessing Date and Time Bishop Noonan will celebrate a “Blessing Mass” at our new site on **Saturday, February 4, at 10 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend this very exciting and historic Mass. **From that point on, we will celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass in our new building** starting with the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday afternoon, February 4.



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

There is still time to purchase a commemorative brick to honor your family and friends. The Saint Faustina Knights of Columbus and the St. Faustina Parish continue their joint ongoing fundraiser. The Knights have purchased a Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn. You can participate in this fundraiser by purchasing a brick commemorating your loved ones and or yourself.



A total of 115 bricks have already been sold and, while there is no time limit or deadline to purchase bricks, you can be among the first in our parish to have your brick installed. The plan (hope) is to have the initial bricks in place by the time we dedicate our new church building.

The cost of the brick is \$100.00. The pamphlets to place your order can be found on the bookcases in the rear of the Church. The proceeds will be shared by the Council and Parish.



For additional information please go to the Knights' web page on our new St. Faustina website at: [Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)) or contact Bill Mattingly at 352-988-7000 or wmattingly@cfl.rr.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER—There are several opportunities for us to pray together as a parish family during the course of the day, the week, and the month. Please consider joining us for any, or all, of the following:

- Daily Rosary** after the 8 am Mass,
- Wednesday Holy Hour** from 3 pm until 4 pm,
- First Friday Adoration**, 8:30 am to 9:30 am after the morning Mass

MARIA ROSA MYSTICA--First Thursday of each month, Maria Rosa Mystica ministry, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the church. We pray for the Pope, priests, deacons, the religious, and for the increase of religious vocations.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY--after the 8 am Mass, from 8:30 to 9:00, to pray for peace, understanding, comfort, and the healing of all peoples.



Decade A Day

Decade of the Day Rosary — Are you willing 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

God Bless you for considering this.

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

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

To learn more about our Catholic Faith, please go to the EWTN website at:

Catholicism - Faith, Resources & Practices for Catholic Followers | EWTN



To join, go to: www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch

St. Sebastian

By Marylu Mariniello

Not much is known about St. Sebastian's youth. It is thought that he may have been born in southern France into a Roman family and was educated in Milan.

He became a Christian in a time when being a follower of Christ was very dangerous. In the year 283, Sebastian joined the imperial Roman army, becoming an officer and the Captain of the Guard. This was a group of men who served as the emperor's bodyguards. He distinguished himself and became a favorite of the Emperor Diocletian.



One of Sebastian's objectives in joining the Roman Army was to help other Christians who were being persecuted. He visited them in prison, bringing supplies and comfort. During his time in the army he converted many soldiers and a governor, yet kept his Christianity a secret so that he would be able to act as a spy for the Christians.

Diocletian hated all Christians and ordered the torture and death for them, but didn't know that Sebastian was a Christian. This allowed Sebastian to lead a double life, where he was able to both be an undercover agent in the army and a faithful follower of Jesus. At this time, many Christians went underground and off the radar so they would not be caught and killed.

One day a woman came to see Sebastian. She was the wife of a fellow soldier who had lost her ability to speak and wanted Sebastian to help her. He prayed with her and made the Sign of the Cross over her face, which enabled her speak again. Soon many learned what happened and became Christians. Also, while serving as a guard, Sebastian had two prisoners who were twin brothers, Marcus and Marcellian. They were imprisoned because they would not make sacrifices to Roman gods. Both were Christians and deacons. Their parents visited them in prison and begged them to renounce Christianity. Sebastian converted the parents, as well as others including the son of the local Prefect. The son was Tiburitus who was martyred for his faith and became a saint.

Both issues were reported to the Emperor Diocletian. When Diocletian found out, he had all of them arrested and ordered their death. Sebastian went to see the emperor to ask him to change his mind, telling Diocletian that he was also a Christian. The emperor would not be persuaded and instead ordered that Sebastian be killed too.

Because Diocletian was angry that he had been tricked all along by Sebastian keeping his Christianity hidden, he ordered that Sebastian would be put to death in a terrible way by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice. The archers shot many arrows and assumed that Sebastian was dead, so they left his body for retrieval and burial. However Irene of Rome, whose Christian husband was a servant of Diocletian and also martyred, saw that Sebastian was still alive. She hid him and nursed him back to health. Later, she became St. Irene of Rome.

In 288, Sebastian returned to Rome to see Diocletian, who then had Sebastian beaten by soldiers with heavy clubs. They took his body and pushed it into one of the city's sewers. A woman named Lucina had a vision of Sebastian, removed his body and buried him in the catacombs of the Calixtus Cemetery. Today the Basilica of St. Sebastian is located there.

During the fourteenth century the Bubonic Plague, also known as the Black Death, destroyed Europe. An estimated seventy five million people on three continents were killed by this disease because the people were unaware as to how it was transmitted and felt that catching it was a random incidence, comparing the illness to being shot with an arrow by the army's archers. For this they prayed to the saint who was associated with archery for protection and relief from the deadly disease, St. Sebastian.

We celebrate the feast day of St. Sebastian on January 20.

He is the patron saint of athletes, archers, pin-makers and a holy death, as well as for Acireale, Caserta, Petilia Policastro and Melilli in Italy, San Sebastian, Palma de Mallorca, Lubrin and Heulva in Spain, Negombo, Sri Lanka, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and one of the patron saints of Qormi, Malta.