



The Epiphany of the Lord

1714 U.S. Highway 27, Suite 23
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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



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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Matt 2:1-2)



Even at his birth, Jesus shows that he is a completely different type of king. How is it that there are no priests or scribes present to greet the promised king? Surely, they must have been prepared for his arrival. Why isn't he born in a castle surrounded by servants and other royalty? How can anyone believe that this is the birth of a king? If this child is truly the King of the Jews, his beginnings demonstrate that he is not going to be like any other king.

As we examine the characters in this chapter of Jesus' life, it seems that all the wrong people are involved. None of these people would be considered important or worthy to the outside observer. It seems that this king has invited the poor and the outcast to his birthday. How can King Herod be so afraid of a weak baby born into poverty and obscurity?

Do we understand now the message for us? If we doubt that Jesus loves or invites us, it is encouraging to recall the humble shepherds and the "unclean" Magi who were first to be summoned. This king is not judging by appearance or status. In Jesus we celebrate a king who is longing to save those who need his mercy. The gifts that he asks us to offer are our love and devotion to him. This king is such a joyful surprise!

...it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

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Siendo Jesús nacido en Belén de Judea, en días del rey Herodes, he aquí unos magos del oriente llegaron a Jerusalén, diciendo: ¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos recién nacido? Vimos su estrella salir y hemos venido a rendirle homenaje". (Mateo 2:1-2)

Incluso en su nacimiento, Jesús muestra que es un tipo de rey completamente diferente. ¿Cómo es que no hay sacerdotes ni escribas presentes para saludar al rey prometido? Seguramente, debieron estar preparados para su llegada. ¿Por qué no nace en un castillo rodeado de sirvientes y otros miembros de la realeza? ¿Cómo puede alguien creer que este es el nacimiento de un rey? Si este niño es verdaderamente el Rey de los judíos, sus inicios demuestran que no va a ser como ningún otro rey.

Al examinar los personajes de este capítulo de la vida de Jesús, parece que todas las personas equivocadas están involucradas. Ninguna de estas personas sería considerada importante o digna para el observador externo. Parece que este rey ha invitado a los pobres y marginados a su cumpleaños. ¿Cómo puede el rey Herodes tener tanto miedo de un bebé débil nacido en la pobreza y la oscuridad?

¿Entendemos ahora el mensaje para nosotros? Si dudamos de que Jesús nos ame o nos invite, es alentador recordar a los humildes pastores ya los magos "inmundos" que fueron los primeros en ser convocados. Este rey no está juzgando por apariencia o estatus. En Jesús celebramos a un rey que anhela salvar a los que necesitan de su misericordia. Los dones que nos pide que le ofrezcamos son nuestro amor y devoción a él. ¡Este rey es una sorpresa tan alegre!

...ahora ha sido revelado a sus santos apóstoles y profetas por el Espíritu, que los gentiles son coherederos, miembros del mismo cuerpo, y copartícipes de la promesa en Cristo Jesús por medio del Evangelio. (Efesios 3:5-6)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of December 25, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$15,655.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$109,828

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

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of December 25: 1,577

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am + David Adams
Requested by: Barbara Ercolani

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:00 am + Ramona Saldana
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00 am + Jose Chung
Requested by: Daughter, Fanny

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00 am Prayers for Christopher Pichay & Family
Requested by: Mother

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:00 am Living & Deceased of Crowley Family
Requested by: Mary Casey

Saturday, January 14, 2023

8:00 am + Thomas Gendron
Requested by: Kathryn Johnson
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

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.



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 Feazell, 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.

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.



Thank you to all who selfishly and joyfully contribute to St. Faustina's Bake Sales with proceeds going toward our new parish church building! Unfortunately, we need to cancel our January, February, and March 2023 Bake Sales. More information regarding the restarting of Bake Sales will be forthcoming after we are in our new building!

On behalf of the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center, "THANK YOU" to all the St. Faustina Parishioners who took tags from the Giving Tree. You helped make Christmas extra special for 78 families.



"Thank You" for your outstanding Christmas support of our Food for All Ministry. Once again your generosity overwhelmed the volunteers at Hands of Hope America, Inc.. Your food donations helped brighten Christmas for a lot of families in our own Four Corners area. To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope America, Inc., please go to their website at:

[Home - Hands of Hope America](#)

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 \(stfaustina.org\)](#)

and / or:

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



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 \(stfaustina.org\)](#)

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 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

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))

News from St. Vincent de Paul Orlando: The St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Thrift Stores are just a mouse click away – check out a wide selection of items available through the SVDPOrlando eBay page: <https://www.ebay.com/usr/shopsvdporlando>



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

New Church Construction Update



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)



Among the many exciting items that will be new and improved when we get to our property on 15551 N. Bogy Marsh Road, will be our new IT server. The photo on the left is our current, little outdated server that currently hides behind the white screen in the kitchen area. Our new server is so big...(I know, *"How Big Is It?"*)...that it requires its own room. Notice the difference in the amount, and thickness, of the wiring between the old and new servers.



For all the construction photos, starting with the Ground Breaking Ceremony on January 9, please go to our parish website at:

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

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

By Marylu Mariniello

Marguerite Bourgeoys was born and baptized on April 17, 1620 in Troyes, France, one of twelve children. At age twenty, she wanted to become a nun and applied to the Carmelites and Poor Clares but was turned down.

In 1654, she was invited by the governor of the French settlement in Canada to start a school in Ville-Marie, now called Montreal. When Marguerite arrived, the colony had two hundred people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel. In 1657 she formed a group to build Ville-Marie's first permanent church and started her school in a vacant stone stable. Soon she realized her need for co-workers, so she returned to Troyes to recruit a friend, Catherine Crolo and two other young women. They added classes at their school for Native children in 1667.



She returned to France in 1670 to seek an audience with the King to protect her sisters from being cloistered because then they could not teach in a community, only in their own convent. She had no money or clothing, but only a letter of recommendation by Jean Talon, Royal Intendant of the colony, praising her great contributions. She met with King Louis XIV who gave her letters of patent which secured her community in Canada as "secular Sisters." Now she also had six more young women to join her. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676. Then they built the Saint-Gabriel farm, whose house still exists today.

In 1679, the Bishop told her that her Congregation of Notre Dame teaching sisters had to merge with the cloistered religious order of Ursulines. But Marguerite didn't want this path and reminded him that the Ursulines could not go out into the world and teach, while her teachers could. They were willing to live in huts as long as they could work with the children. The bishop then said "I cannot doubt, Mother Bourgeoys, that you will succeed in moving heaven and earth as you have moved me!"

Her congregation remained an active teaching order, which was one of the first kind for women. The members did not make a formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and Constitutions were approved.

Marguerite supervised the young women who came to Canada from France looking to marry and interviewed the men who wanted to marry them. She established a boarding school at Ville-Marie for more affluent girls and established a school devoted to needle-work and other practical, artisan occupations for women in Pointe-Saint-Charles. Smaller schools were started also.

Mother Marguerite survived many threats and attacks from the Iroquois. There was a fire that destroyed her village and plagues that were on the ships which she sailed to France and back. She overcame the many challenges was not discouraged.

When she was sixty nine, Mother Marguerite walked from Montreal to Quebec regarding the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. Many stories were told about her before her death. One was that the elderly Marguerite offered her life to God in order to save that of a younger member of the congregation who was sick. After intense prayer, the young nun was cured and Marguerite became sick, dying soon after.

Marguerite died on January 12, 1700, was venerated by Pope Leo XIII in 1878, beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1950 and canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 31, 1982, The two miracles that led to her beatification both involved a miraculous cure for gangrene of two men in Quebec and St. Johnsbury. She is known as the "Mother of the Colony."

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys is the first female saint of Canada and her feast day is January 12. She is the patron saint against poverty and for people who are rejected by religious orders.