



First Sunday of Advent

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

November 27, 2022

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

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day...(Rom 13:11-14)



Take a moment to imagine yourself in a dark room. Can you see it in your mind's eye? Now, imagine the candle we lit at the beginning of this liturgy being carried into that dark room. What happens to the darkness? Can you see the light scattering the darkness? Can you picture the darkness fleeing before the light of our Advent candle?

This is the promise of Advent. It is the promise of a candle in a dark room. The promise of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of even a small light. We are invited to allow Christ to bring his light to our darkness. We are called to stay awake to God who draws near, to awake from sleep, to throw off the works of darkness, to put on the armor of light, to stream toward the highest mountain, where Christ's light can be seen most fully.

This mountain is represented here in our sanctuary. As we climb toward the altar to receive the Light of the World in this Eucharist, may we be empowered to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks - to do the work Christ came to carry out in our world. May we, in this blessed sacrament, be made light for the world.

...one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Is 2:5)

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Hermanos y hermanas: Ustedes conocen el tiempo; Es la hora ahora para que despiertes del sueño. Porque nuestra salvación está más cerca ahora que cuando creímos por primera vez; La noche está avanzada, el día está cerca. Desechemos entonces de las obras de las tinieblas y pongámonos la armadura de la luz; Comportarse adecuadamente como en el día ... (Romanos 13:11-14)

Tómate un momento para imaginarte en una habitación oscura. ¿Puedes verlo en el ojo de tu mente? Ahora, imagina que la vela que encendemos al comienzo de esta liturgia es llevada a ese cuarto oscuro. ¿Qué pasa con la oscuridad? ¿Puedes ver la luz dispersando la oscuridad? ¿Puedes imaginar la oscuridad huyendo ante la luz de nuestra vela de Adviento?

Esta es la promesa del Adviento. Es la promesa de una vela en una habitación oscura. La promesa del amanecer rompiendo en el horizonte. Es la promesa de que la oscuridad no puede permanecer en presencia de ni siquiera una pequeña luz. Estamos invitados a permitir que Cristo traiga su luz a nuestra oscuridad. Estamos llamados a permanecer despiertos a Dios que se acerca, a despertar del sueño, a desechar las obras de las tinieblas, a ponernos la armadura de la luz, a fluir hacia la montaña más alta, donde la luz de Cristo se puede ver más plenamente.

Esta montaña está representada aquí en nuestro santuario. Mientras subimos hacia el altar para recibir la Luz del Mundo en esta Eucaristía, que tengamos el poder de convertir nuestras espadas en rejas de arado y nuestras lanzas en podaderas, para hacer la obra que Cristo vino a llevar a cabo en nuestro mundo. Que nosotros, en este bendito sacramento, seamos hechos luz para el mundo.

... Una nación no levantará la espada contra otra, ni se entrenará para la guerra de nuevo. ¡Oh casa de Jacob, ven, caminemos en la luz del Señor! (Is 2,5)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of November 13, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$8,442.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$3,845.00

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

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of November 13: 1,273

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00 pm + Yolanda Maiellano
Requested by: Maiellano Family

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 am + James O'Loughlin
Requested by: Kevin & Cathy Martyn

9:30 am + August Martz
Requested by: Marilyn Moseley

11:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

5:00 pm + Jose Chung
Requested by: Daughter Lynda

Monday, November 28, 2022

8:00 am + Petronila Bulfango
Requested by: Rosalina & Francisco Bulfango

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

8:00 am SI for Cesar Innumerable
Requested by: Yolanda Innumerable

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:00 am + Luis Ramos
Requested by: Wife, Miriam Ramos

Thursday, December 1, 2022

10:00 am + Nonie Polley
Requested by: Diane & Frank Maglione

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:00 am + Dennis Couto
Requested by: Wife, Judy

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:00 am In Thanksgiving
Requested by: Rosalina & Francisco Bulfango

4:00 pm Marielle Demers
Requested by: Thelma & Eric Hollander

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 am + Joe Castanon
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

9:30 am + Tre Gordan
Requested by: Sharon Waits & Family

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

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.



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 Innumerable, 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.

Advent Season Schedule of Masses and Events



Prayers for a Joyful Advent to you! You, your family, and friends, are invited to join us as we celebrate Masses honoring Advent and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We celebrate daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. Mondays thru Saturdays.

Our weekend Masses are:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Further opportunities to prepare and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during the Advent season will be announced in upcoming bulletins and posted on our website (www.stfaustina.org) as well as on our parish Facebook page. *Please join us.*

Listed here are additional Masses scheduled for Advent and Christmas 2022:

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception		Christmas Eve Mass	
Thursday, December 8, 2022	8:00 AM	Saturday, December 24, 2022	4:00 PM
	7:00 PM <i>Bilingual</i>		5:30 PM
		<i>Christmas Carols begin at 9:00 p.m.</i>	10:00 PM <i>Bilingual</i>
Children's Christmas Pageant		Christmas Day Mass	
Saturday, December 11, 2022	2:00 PM	Sunday, December 25, 2022	8:00 AM
Penance Service			9:30 AM
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	7:00 PM		11:00 AM
			5:00 PM <i>Spanish</i>
Advent Night of Reflection on St John of the Cross		New Year's Eve Daily Mass	
<i>Speaker: Fr. Anthony Aarons of the Basilica of the</i>		Saturday, December 31, 2022	8:00 AM
<i>National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe</i>			
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	7:00 PM	Vigil for Solemnity of Mary	
		Saturday, December 31, 2022	4:00 PM
Simbang Gabi		Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
Daily, December 15 -22, 2022	6:00 PM	Sunday, January 1, 2023	8:00 AM
Christmas Eve Daily Mass			9:30 AM
Saturday, December 24, 2022	8:00 AM		11:00 AM
			5:00 PM <i>Spanish</i>

Please join us as we prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ during the Advent season. Celebrate with us on Christmas day and throughout the Christmas Season as the Word becomes Flesh!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ramon Bolatete
Pastor

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



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!

Nuestra próxima reunión es el jueves 6 de octubre.

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, December 1.**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the **First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 2 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.



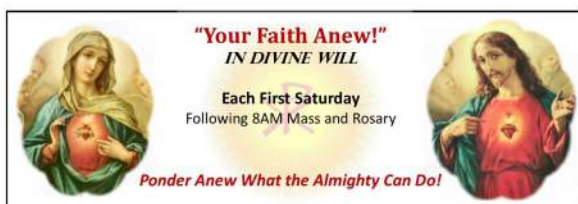
FIRST SATURDAY

*"My God, I believe, I adore,
I trust, and I love Thee.
I beg pardon for all those
that do not believe,
do not adore, do not trust,
and do not love Thee."*

Faustina Prayers



Join us in praying the "First Saturday Rosary", (Saturday, December 3 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.

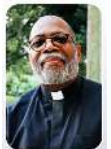


"Your Faith Anew" ministry meets Saturday, December 3, following the 8 am Mass and Rosary, ending promptly at 10AM. We strive for the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer, "...thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." by exploring the gift of living IN the Divine Will through instructor led; prayer, readings and song. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, and about Servant of God, Luisa Piccarretta, 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: "The Sanctity Founded in the Virtues and the One Founded in the Diving Will"

Please join us for a **Night of Reflection On Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm.** — Fr. Anthony Aarons from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, will present an Advent Night of Reflection on St John of the Cross on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the church.



The first phase of the landscaping took place on Friday, November 11. Workers were determined to get the job done despite the wind and rain left over from Hurricane Nicole. For the photo history, and all the latest photos of the new church building construction, please go to our website at: [Construction Update - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events



St. Faustina's Annual Christmas Pageant set for December 11 -- The Religious Education and Music Departments of St. Faustina Catholic Church will proudly present:

"The Christmas Story" on Sunday, Dec 11th at 2:00 pm in the Church.

We invite you to come and enjoy the marvelous story of the First Christmas. What a great way to make straight your path to Christmas Day! Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served and all are welcome!!

Come and Join St. Faustina Children's Christmas Choir!

Children ages 8-17 are invited to join this group, which will sing at both our Christmas Pageant, on December 11th at 2:00 pm, as well as our 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy.

Practices will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6th at 5:00 pm, Saturday, December 10th at 12:00 and Tuesday December 13th at 5:00 pm in the Church.

Call Kelly Mucci, Director of Music & Liturgy, at 352-515-9297 (ext. 102) for more details.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND BAKE SALE FESTIVAL -- Our St. Faustina Parish will hold an International Food and Bake Sale Festival **on Sunday, December 11**, under the tent in our parking lot.



The Community Christmas Celebration will feature baked goods and a variety of hot and cold foods from the members of our Parish Family. A pair of Christmas Baskets will be raffled off. If you would like to contribute your "special family" baked and/or food item, contact us at: office@stfaustina.org.

Proceeds from this parish-wide event will be used to purchase new Liturgical supplies for our new church. Linens for the Altar, Purificators, Finger Towels, Pall covers, Corporals, Cruets (for the wine and water), Flagon, Finger Bowl, Book of Gospels, one in English and one in Spanish, new Lectionary for Sunday Mass, new vestments, and a new pair of Candle Stands are some of the items that are on Father Ramon's "Wish List".

We invite our entire Parish Family to join us for this joyous Holiday Event and ask that you please prayerfully consider donating a food item.

The South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center is having an Open House on **Friday December 2nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. After having heard Jessica Aybar's presentation during Respect Life month, this will be an opportunity for you to visit the Center, take a tour and answer any questions that you might have. The Center is located at 221 N. Frontage Road (Suite D&E) in Clermont, the west side of Highway 27 near the Citrus Tower. 352-242-0257.



Fun Fact: From birth until fully potty trained, a child will go through about 7,000 disposable diapers! **Thank you for your donations.**

For more information, please go to their website at: [South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center \(slpfcc.com\)](http://slpfcc.com)



The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry is reaching out to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Our primary goal is to comfort and support those left behind.

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you struggling with the upcoming holidays?

Our Consolation Ministry, Heart Links In Faith, can help you during this difficult time.

To learn more about our Catholic Faith, please go to the EWTN website at: Catholicism - Faith, Resources & Practices for Catholic Followers | EWTN



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

By *Marylu Mariniello*

Catherine Labouré was a French nun, a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Catherine on July 18, 1830. Catherine was sleeping when a child appeared to her saying that *"The Blessed Virgin is waiting for you."* Catherine followed the boy to the chapel, knelt and waited. Then she heard the rustling of cloth, followed by the vision of the Blessed Mother, who sat on a chair. Catherine ran to her and rested her hands on Mary's knees. The Blessed Mother told Catherine about the trials that were coming. She spoke about the French Revolution in 1830 and the Franco-Prussian War of 1860. She also said that Catherine would have a special mission, which many would oppose and told her not to tell anyone of this conversation except Father Aladel.



On November 27, 1830, Catherine was in the chapel, praying with the other sisters, again hearing the rustling of material. The Blessed Mother appeared to her once more, standing on a globe while holding a smaller globe on top of a cross, offering them to God. Then the globe disappeared. Mary lifted her hands which were now covered with jewels. Rays of light came from some of the jewels which Mary said were symbols of the graces that would be given to all who asked for them. The other jewels which had no rays were symbols of unclaimed graces.

An oval frame outlined the figure written in gold lettering with the words *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."* The frame then revolved. The back had the letter M with a cross over it and a crossbar underneath. Beneath that, the Sacred Heart of Jesus was surrounded by a crown of thorns and the Sacred Heart of Mary was pierced by a sword.

The Blessed Mother asked Catherine to have a medal made after the model to spread devotion to the medal around the world. Catherine began the process, with two years of investigations and observations of her. Father Aladel then brought the information to the Archbishop, who approved the design.

Stories began spreading about the of cures and conversions made by the medal, resulting in them being called "miraculous." The medal became extremely popular, adopted by millions of Catholics, paving the way to the proclamation of Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854 regarding the Immaculate Conception.

Father Aladel formed confraternities of the Children of Mary to spread the devotion all over the world. A statue of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal was placed over the main altar in the chapel where Mary appeared to Sister Catherine.

Catherine spent forty years caring for the aged and infirmed, making her the patron saint of seniors. She died on December 31, 1876 and was canonized on July 27, 1947 by Pope Pius XIII.

The feast day of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is celebrated on November 27.

Today, the devotion to the Miraculous Medal is still one of the most powerful prayers we can pray. This is the prayer to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

"Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, I unite myself to you under your title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

May this medal be for me a sure sign of your motherly affection for me and a constant reminder of my duties toward you. While wearing it, may I be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your son.

Most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep me close to you every moment of my life, so that like you I may live and act according to the example of your Son. Amen."