



30th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME

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

October 23, 2022

October is "Respect Life" Month

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

Unplanned or not,
God planned for
ME to LIVE



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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."(Lk. 18:14)

The Lord hears the cry of those humble enough to admit their need for him. He also hears the cry of... the tax collector. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the tax collector shares an important virtue with the poor and oppressed: humility. They have all been humbled, whether by life's circumstances or their own doing, and they willingly place themselves at the Lord's hands. The tax collector, too, has been humbled. Like the orphan and widow, he puts himself in God's hands. The Lord hears his cry, and he goes home justified.



The Lord hears the cry of the poor and the tax collector; but does he hear our prayers? The Lord knows no favorites, but he hears the cry of those who are humble enough to admit their need for him, their need for his mercy and redemption. He waits for us to need him - to long for him - so that he can be our strength and our salvation. When we pray, it is not to exalt ourselves as more worthy to be heard by him than others. Rather, when we pray it is to humble ourselves to be heard.

God's Son humbled himself to be one with us, to teach us to be humble and to place ourselves in God's hands, as he did when he surrendered himself to the cross. In this Eucharist, we recall his humility and seek the grace to be humble like him.

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay. (Sir 35:17-18)

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Les digo, estos últimos se fueron a casa justificados, no los primeros; porque el que se exalta a sí mismo será humillado, y el que se humilla a sí mismo será exaltado". (Lc. 18:14)

El Señor escucha el clamor de aquellos lo suficientemente humildes como para admitir su necesidad de él. También escucha el grito de... el recaudador de impuestos. En la parábola del fariseo y el recaudador de impuestos, el recaudador de impuestos comparte una virtud importante con los pobres y oprimidos: la humildad. Todos ellos han sido humillados, ya sea por las circunstancias de la vida o por sus propias acciones, y voluntariamente se ponen a las manos del Señor. El recaudador de impuestos también ha sido humillado. Como el huérfano y la viuda, se pone en las manos de Dios. El Señor oye su clamor y se va a casa justificado.

El Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres y del recaudador de impuestos; pero ¿oye nuestras oraciones? El Señor no conoce favoritos, pero escucha el clamor de aquellos que son lo suficientemente humildes como para admitir su necesidad de él, su necesidad de su misericordia y redención. Él espera que lo necesitemos, que lo anhelemos, para que pueda ser nuestra fuerza y nuestra salvación. Cuando oramos, no es para exaltarnos a nosotros mismos como más dignos de ser escuchados por él que los demás. Más bien, cuando oramos es para humillarnos para ser escuchados.

El Hijo de Dios se humilló a sí mismo para ser uno con nosotros, para enseñarnos a ser humildes y a ponernos en las manos de Dios, como lo hizo cuando se entregó a la cruz. En esta Eucaristía, recordamos su humildad y buscamos la gracia de ser humildes como él.

La oración de los humildes traspasa las nubes; no descansa hasta que alcanza su meta, ni se retirará hasta que el Altísimo responda, juzgue con justicia y afirme lo correcto, y el Señor no se demore. (Señor 35:17-18)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of October 9, 2022

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$5,597.00 Construction / Contruccion: \$11,501.00

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

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of October 9, 2022: 1,111

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 22, 2022

- 8:00 am + Barbara Grove
Requested by: Husband Robert & Children
- 4:00 pm + Emmanuel Crogman
Requested by: Judi Parker Crogman

Sunday, October 23, 2022

- 8:00 am + Iris Brocato
Requested by: Tony Crisanti & Danny Muto
- 9:30 am + Jean Chisholm
Requested by: Sheila & Ed Lynch
- 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
- 5:00 pm + Wilma Guidicelli
Requested by: Family

Monday, October 24, 2022

- 8:00 am + Charles Hanisch
Requested by: Bessie Mills

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

- 8:00 am + Bernardino Bolatete
Requested by: Ann Marie & Mark DeBisschop

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

- 8:00 am + Lydia & + Jerry Sherwin
Requested by: Janice Nilsen

Thursday, October 27, 2022

- 8:00 am + Edgardo Zurita
Requested by: Carmelita Flores

Friday, October 28, 2022

- 8:00 am Healing for Ana Valle
Requested by: Luisa Brito

Saturday, October 29, 2022

- 8:00 am + Severina S. Fernandez
Requested by: Family
- 4:00 pm + George Polson
Requested by: Janice Nilsen

Sunday, October 30, 2022

- 8:00 am + Peter F. Scaccia
Requested by: Adrey Goetz
- 9:30 am + Rafael Co
Requested by: Rosalina & Francisco Bulfango
- 11:00 am + Vincent & + Rose Giaimo
Requested by: John & Carmela Giaimo
- 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.



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, Linda Coffman, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Charles Patrick, 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.



God called Home another founding member of our St. Faustina Parish when John Friedrich passed away on September 24. A Memorial Mass was held at the parish on Monday, October 17. Please keep John, his wife, Pat, and their entire family in your prayers.

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



OUR FELLOW FLORIDIANS NEED OUR HELP — We have all seen the heart-breaking images of our Florida neighbors that are suffering from the affects of Hurricane Ian. For those of us here in the Four Corners area, we are truly Blessed that we were spared. The Diocese of Orlando has given us the opportunity to thank God for His Blessings while at the same time helping those who need our help by establishing a “Disaster Relief Special Collection” through the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida. If you would like to make a donation, please click on the following link:

[Florida Relief Fund for Hurricane Ian - Catholic Foundation of Central Florida \(cfofc.org\)](http://FloridaReliefFundforHurricaneIan-CatholicFoundationofCentralFlorida(cfofc.org))

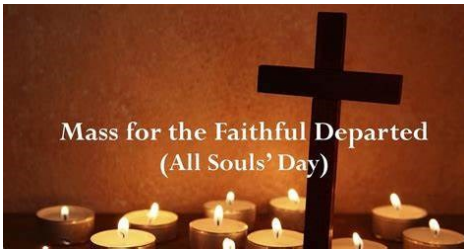
The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

OUR BI-MONTHLY BLOOD DRIVE, will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, October 30, from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm**. In the three-year history of this important outreach ministry, our parishioners have helped to save up to 1,008 lives by donating 336 pints of blood. Each donation has the ability to save up to three lives.

We had 18 pints donated during our August 28 drive. Our single-event donation record is 33, set last February. We have had 25 donations twice and have met our OneBlood goal in all but one of our drives since the ministry started on June 19, 2019.



Walk-ups makeup the majority of our donors, but if you would like to make an appointment, please go to: OneBlood

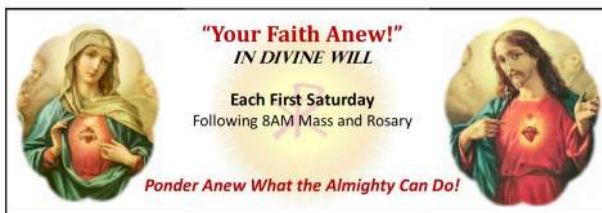


The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry cordially invite you to join us for our **All Souls Bilingual Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm**. During this Mass, we will honor your loved one, as well as other members of our parish community who have entered into Eternal Life during this **past year**.

Kindly send the name of your loved one to Diane Maglione at: njgirl47@gmail.com no later than **Monday, October 24th**.

For more information on our parish's All Souls Mass and All Souls Day, please see our website at: [All-Souls Mass - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://All-Souls_Mass_-_St._Faustina_Catholic_Church_-_Clermont(stfaustina.org))

Envelopes for All Souls are now available on the literature racks in the back of the church, in the office, and were also mailed to you in your envelope packet. **Envelopes should be put in the collection basket no later than NEXT Sunday, October 30,** in order for them to be placed on the altar for the All Souls Mass on Wednesday, November 2.



“Your Faith Anew” ministry meets **Saturday, November 5th**, 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://Your_Faith_Anew!_-_St._Faustina_Catholic_Church_-_Clermont(stfaustina.org))

Our Next Topic: “The Tree of Life, rooted in the Heart of Jesus.”

The parish’s annual “Trunk or Treat” will be held on **Sunday, October 30 at 12:15 in the parking lot**. For information on how you can participate, please contact Marylu at 352-515-9297 ext. 103.



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Saint Faustina Knights of Columbus and the St. Faustina Parish have kicked off 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. 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. Your brick will add to the landscaping of the walkway at the new 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 \(stfaustina.org\)](#) or contact Bill Mattingly at 352-988-7000 or wmattingly@cfl.rr.com. A total of 55 bricks have already been reserved. Don't miss out on this rare and historic opportunity.

Tuesday November 1, is All-Saints Day and IS a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be held at 8 am and 7 pm.



Jim Schifield, with ticket number 0000258, was the winner of the Fundraising Committee's two-week raffle. Jim won both the \$100 gift certificate to Mickey Finn's Irish Pub as well as the gift basket. The committee would like to thank Pat and Ron Greeley, owners of Mickey Finn's, for their generous contribution that helped raise \$857.00 for the parish.

"Thank You" to everyone who made this project an overwhelming success.



There are two new recipes on our St. Faustina Bake Sale web page. Last week we asked you to share one of your favorite bake sale recipes and a parishioner did just that, for Perfect Pecan Pie and Lofty Coffee Cake. If you would like to share with your St. Faustina parish family, please send your recipe to: office@stfaustina.org and we will add it to the page, [Bake Sale - 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 \(stfaustina.org\)](#)



*You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in Your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.
How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!
Psalm 139:16-17*

Father, how do I begin to thank you the way I should for the gift of life. Your Word says You knew me before I was born. You knew the plans You had for me and prepared a path for me long ago.

When I think of Your grace and mercy, the people You have brought into my life, the opportunities You've placed before me, the ways You pursued me with Your love ... it fills me with humble gratitude and overwhelming awe. Thank you!

I am so thankful for the gift of every day! There are no promised days in this life ... so everyone is a gift, a day to celebrate and serve. Please help me. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me trust, follow, and obey Your will for me today.

A Letter from Deacon Dennis Gillan

Greetings,

I am so happy to be able to share with all of you what I have experienced over the past month.

The following is a timeline as to what has happened in order to inform all of you.



Deacon Dennis Gillan and his wife, Nanette

During the first week of September I start experiencing abdominal pain on my left side when I would eat and also a sense of fullness. I was seldom able to finish a meal. I was also feeling tired. This persisted until September 14 when we decided I should go to the emergency room. We went to KSB in Dixon. They did a multitude of blood draws which resulted in the finding that my liver enzymes were critically high. I was transported via ambulance to Loyola Hospital in Maywood that same day because they do liver transplants. After 9 days in their facility my liver was deteriorating quickly. On Friday, September 23, having gone through all the pre-op testing to confirm that my heart would be strong enough to undergo transplant surgery I was placed on the transplant list around 11:00am. They had told us in advance that typically it would take between 1 to 6 weeks to find a donor. They also had warned that without a transplant I would not survive another 2 months. Unbelievably within 3 hours they had found a liver for me. As soon as we were notified that I would be having surgery that evening Nanette called all of our children and they along with their

spouses all arrived at the hospital before the surgery started. We were told the surgery would take 4 to 8 hours. Surgery began at 6:27p.m. and three and a half hours later my family were told that surgery went well and they were closing me up. I was taken to ICU and all of my family was able to see me before they were sent home to get some much needed rest. Things were beginning to look up. On Friday, September 30, I told my surgeon and transplant team that I did not want to spend another night in the hospital. I was discharged that afternoon. Nanette and I arrived home about 6:00p.m.

The past few days have been fabulous since I am home. Going forward, Nanette and I will be making weekly trips to Loyola for an indefinite time for more bloodwork, doctor's appointments and testing to ensure the liver is still functioning properly and to adjust all the medications I am on. I am on anti-rejection drugs which leave me immune comprised therefore I am not allowed to be in large crowds of people and should wear a mask when going out in public. It's like Covid guidelines have begun again for me. For the next three months I am not allowed to drive, lift anything heavier than a gallon of milk or over exert myself. Also for the next month I cannot go out to dinner or even order dinner out which means Nanette is going to be doing a lot of cooking. My new low sodium, low potassium diet is keeping her busy reading up on what I can and cannot have.

Sadly, I will not be able to be the up close, always willing to share a hug guy I was before. Please do not mistake this for being stand offish. I just have to be so very careful to not jeopardize my health or new liver.

This entire experience has been an emotional roller coaster for myself, Nanette and our family as I am sure you can imagine. I think at times we are all in shock when looking back over the past few weeks and going from what seemed to be a basically healthy person to a critical patient in need of a donor liver. I truly believe that it is only by the grace of God and his intervention that I am still here.

Our family and I are forever grateful to the family of the donor who so generously gave life to many other people including myself. We are all organ donors in our family and would like to take this opportunity to encourage any of you who are not to please consider signing up to be an organ donor too.

Thank you for allowing me to share my journey with you and I ask that you please keep the prayers coming because I still have a long way to go.

Thank you. May God bless you all!

Peace in Christ,

Deacon Dennis Gillan

Saints Simon and Jude

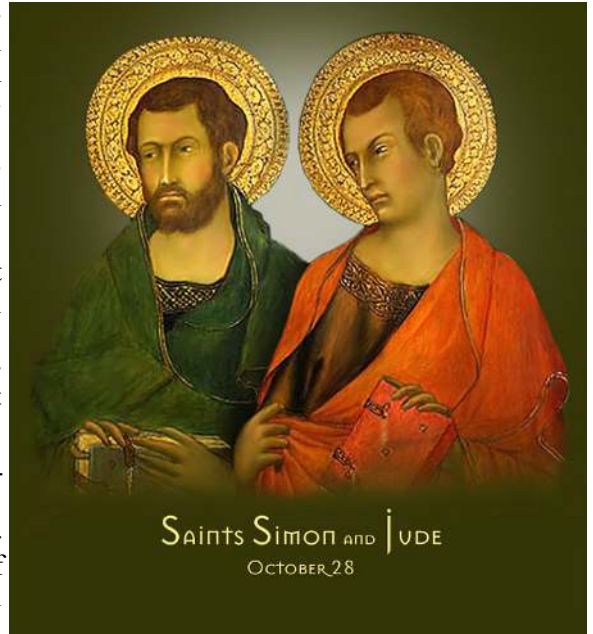
By *Marylu Mariniello*

We remember Saints Simon and Jude, two of the apostles chosen by Jesus to accompany Him and minister to others. We know about them, but their recorded words are few and they lived in the shadows of the more well-known apostles. Still they became martyrs and saints, giving up their lives for the sake of the Lord.

St. Simon is also known as Simon the Zealot so there was no confusion with the name of St. Peter, also known as Simon Peter. St. Simon is mentioned in Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15, with his voting to replace Judas in Acts 1 and when he is present at Pentecost in Acts 2:14. The Zealots were a Jewish radical sect which represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism, renouncing the domination of the Romans. Some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence, being mostly responsible for the rebellion which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

It was thought that Simon belonged to the Zealots. Some say that Simon may have preached in Egypt, Cyrene, and Mauritania. His death was by crucifixion in Persia, but he is depicted with a saw in pictures, so some believed that he was martyred by being sawed in half. His symbols include a boat, cross, lance and saw. St. Simon is the patron saint of curriers, sawyers and tanners.

St. Jude was also St. Simon's companion and is called Jude Thaddeus to help him from being confused with Judas Iscariot, the traitor. "Thaddeus" means "courageous heart" or "one who praises." Originally, his name was also Judas, but because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to Jude. St. Jude is distinguished in John 4:22 as Judas but "not Iscariot" to avoid identification with the betrayer.



St. Jude was a relative of our Lord and is mentioned in Acts 1:13 and Luke 6:16 as "son of James" (the Lesser), as opposed to James, the brother of John. James the Lesser was the son of Alphaeus, probably a brother to St. Joseph, so Jude was a cousin of Jesus.

Not much is said about St. Jude in Scripture, but he does have one line attributed to him at the Last Supper when he asks: "Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" (John 14:22) Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (John 14:23).

St. Jude is credited with writing the Letter of Jude, a very short epistle which comes before the Book of Revelation. Jude's letter says to remain faithful to Christ and avoid false teachers encouraging lust and corruption, leading to damnation.

He challenges the faithful to show mercy and help those going off course by saying, "On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh. (Letter of Jude 1:22-23).

St. Jude travelled to Judea, Samaria, Idumaa, Syria and Mesopotamia. He is credited with spreading the faith in Libya. He is often pictured wearing green, symbolizing hope and renewal and holding a medallion showing Jesus. There is usually a flame above his head, which represents the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3).

There are different stories on how St. Jude died, maybe from being beaten, hacked, or beheaded, which is why he is often shown holding a club or axe. Others say that he was shot by arrows while tied to a cross. St. Jude is venerated as the patron saint of hopeless situations, with many miracles credited to his intercession. The devotion to him as patron saint of desperate causes began in France and Germany in the late eighteenth century.

Saints Simon and Jude are models of piety, humility and obedience because they left their former lives to follow Christ. It is believed they were martyred together. Both share the same feast day of October 28. Their relics are held at the Vatican in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and in the Cathedral of Toulouse in France.

Many of the apostles are famous, but most of the other apostles were really unknown. The interesting observation is that Jesus chose some unlikely people with a former Zealot (Simon), a former (crooked) tax collector (Matthew), an impetuous fisherman (Peter), two "sons of thunder" (James and John) and a man named Judas Iscariot.