



SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 16-17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass / Misa Diaria

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses / Misas de fin de semana

Saturdays @ 4:00 p.m.

**Sundays @ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. en Español**

Wednesday Holy Hour / Miércoles Hora Santa

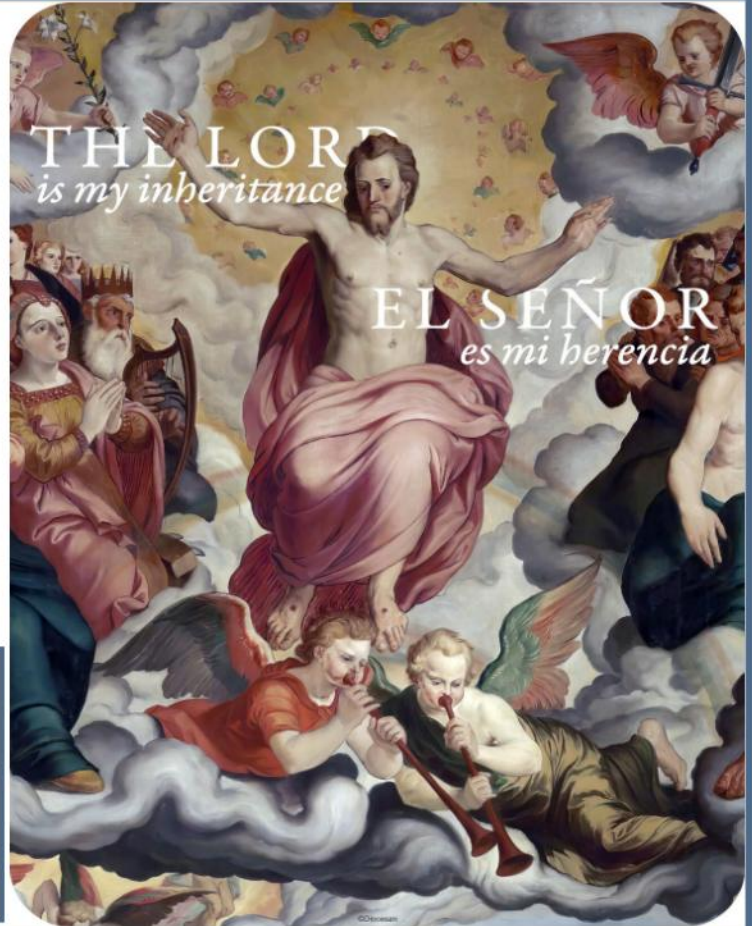
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*First Friday Adoration /
Adoración del Primer Viernes*

8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

Confessions / Confesiones

**Saturday / Sábado 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
or appointment / o con cita previa**



*The Church is Open for Personal Prayer
Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m., and on Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*La Iglesia está abierta para la oración personal
De lunes a jueves, de 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
y los viernes, de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.*

Parish Office Hours / Horario de Oficina Parroquial

Monday thru Thursday / Lunes a Jueves 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday / Viernes 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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A Message From Father Carlos / Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos

Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

La palabra de Dios de este fin de semana donde casi llega al final del año litúrgico. Nos invita a reflexionar en cinco aspectos. Primero, estar preparados para el regreso de Cristo. Dios nos llama a una reflexión constante a estar preparados para su regreso. Esta preparación no es un estado pasivo, sino un compromiso activo con nuestra fe. ¿Cómo podemos colectivamente mantener nuestras "lámparas encendidas"? ¿Qué prácticas podemos adoptar para fomentar una mayor conciencia de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas?

Segundo, vivir en una Esperanza Alegre: En nuestras vidas ocupadas, es fácil olvidar la alegría que proviene de esperar con esperanza. Nuestra Fe va más allá de lo que ven nuestros ojos. Dios está presente, aunque hayan veces que no lo vemos. ¿Cómo podemos apoyarnos mutuamente para transformar la impaciencia y la ansiedad en anticipo por la venida de Cristo?

Tercero, reconocer que es una responsabilidad Compartida: Cada uno de nosotros lleva la responsabilidad de nuestras acciones. Como comunidad de creyentes, debemos mantenernos mutuamente responsables, animándonos a vivir rectamente. ¿Qué acciones específicas podemos emprender juntos para asegurarnos de que nuestras elecciones reflejen nuestra fe y nos preparen para nuestro encuentro con el Señor?

Cuarto, ser conscientes de Nuestra Mortalidad: La muerte es una realidad que todos enfrentamos. ¿Cómo podemos crear un espacio en nuestra comunidad para discutir sobre el significado de la muerte y como nos preparamos para ella? Busquemos formas nuevas de apoyarnos unos a otros en reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas y el legado que deseamos dejar.

Quinto, el Servicio: a través del evangelio aprendemos que nuestra fe se expresa a través de nuestras acciones. Al servir a los necesitados, sea alimentando al hambriento, cuidando a los enfermos o acogiendo al extraño, recordemos que estos actos son vitales para nuestra preparación para el regreso de Cristo. ¿Cómo podemos mejorar los esfuerzos de nuestro servicio a la comunidad que nos rodea y a nuestra comunidad, asegurándonos de que nuestra fe se viva de manera tangible?

Hermanos y hermanas, mientras reflexionamos sobre estos puntos, comprometámonos a caminar juntos en la fe, preparación a la venida de Jesús y el servicio. Atreviéndonos a fomentando una comunidad que espera con alegría la venida de nuestro Señor. ¡Ánimo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,

Padre Carlos



My dear family of St. Faustina,

The word of God for this weekend, as we are almost at the end of the liturgical year, invites us to reflect on five aspects. First, we are to be prepared for Christ's return. God calls us to constant reflection to prepare for his return. This preparation is not a passive state but an active engagement with our Faith. How can we collectively keep our "lamps burning"? What practices can we adopt to foster a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives?

Second, live in Joyful Hope: In our busy lives, forgetting the joy that comes from waiting in hope is easy. Our Faith goes beyond what our eyes see. How can we support each other in transforming impatience and anxiety into anticipation for Christ's coming?

Third, recognize that it is a shared responsibility: We are responsible for our actions. As a community of believers, we must hold each other accountable and encourage each other to live righteously. What specific actions can we take together to ensure that our choices reflect our Faith and prepare us for our encounter with the Lord?

Fourth, be aware of Our Mortality: Death is a reality we all face. How can we create space in our community to discuss the meaning of death and how we prepare for it? Let us look for new ways to support each other in reflecting on our lives and the legacy we wish to leave.

Fifth, Service: Through the gospel, we learn that our Faith is expressed through our actions. As we serve those in need, whether it is feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, or welcoming the stranger, let us remember that these acts are vital to our preparation for Christ's return. How can we enhance our service efforts to the community around us and to our community, ensuring that our Faith is lived out in tangible ways?

Brothers and sisters, as we reflect on these points, let us commit to walk together in Faith and preparation for Jesus' coming and Service. Let us dare to foster a community that joyfully awaits the coming of our Lord. **Courage!**

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,

Father Carlos

Welcome to
St. Faustina
Catholic Church!

Bienvenidos a la
Iglesia Católica
de
Santa Faustina

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 16, 2024

*St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude;
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. + Yolanda Maiellano

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + Flordeliza Monton

9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 a.m. + Mary Ellen Doherty

5:00 p.m. + Soledad Arias

Monday, November 18, 2024

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul;
St. Rose Philippine Duchense*

8:00 a.m. + Alberto Gomez

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

St. Josaphat

8:00 a.m. + Modesta Innumerable

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00 a.m. SI Harry and Deila Riley

Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Doherty

Friday, November 22, 2024

St. Cecilia

8:00 a.m. + Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 23, 2024

St. Clement I; St. Columban;

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro;

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. + John Friedrich

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. + Teresa Keogh

9:30 a.m. + Serenidad Mabuti

11:30 a.m. SI Diane Maglione

5:00 p.m. + Walter Mite Peña

Readings for the Week Lecturas de la semana

Monday / Lunes: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5;
Ps (Sal) 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday / Martes: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22;
Ps (Sal) 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday / Miércoles: Rv 4:1-11;
Ps (Sal) 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday / Jueves: Rv 5:1-10;
Ps (Sal) 1-6, 9; Lk 19:41-44

Friday / Viernes: Rv 10:8-11;
Ps (Sal) 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday / Sabado: Rv 11:4-12;
Ps (Sal) 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses / Vigilia
del sábado y Misas dominicales:** Dn 7:13-14;
Ps (Sal) 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Next Sunday's Readings / Lecturas del próximo domingo

First Reading / Primera Lectura:

Daniel 7:13-14 — “This first reading emphasizes the universality of the son of man’s kingship which encompasses ‘all peoples, nations, and languages.’” / “Esta primera lectura enfatiza la universalidad de la realeza del hijo del hombre que abarca ‘todos los pueblos, naciones y lenguas’”.

Psalm / Salmo 93:1-2, 5 — “The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.” / “El Señor es Rey; está revestido de majestad”.

Second Reading / Segunda Lectura:

Revelation 1:5-8 — “...alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, their...use as a divine title indicates God’s authority over all history.” / “...alfa y omega son la primera y la última letra del alfabeto griego, su...uso como título divino indica la autoridad de Dios sobre toda la historia”.

Gospel / Evangelio: John 18:33b-37 — “Jesus’ kingship encompasses all of humanity since the invitation to join him in his kingdom is open to all.” / “La realeza de Jesús abarca a toda la humanidad, ya que la invitación a unirse a él en su reino está abierta a todos”.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers / En Nuestros Pensamientos y Oraciones

"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."

James 5:16

"La oración ferviente de una persona justa es muy poderosa".

Santiago 5:16



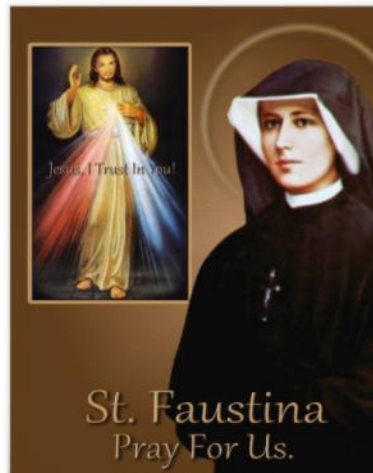
Jason Armstrong
David Bache
David Bartkus
Katie y Bebe sin nacer
Dolores Beltrani
Zachary Birkholz
Michael Daniel Boglino
Angela & Exevior Bojda
Anita Boyd
Brenda Brubaker
Larry Brunke Sr.
Kay Bucci
Jeannie Burns
Mary O. Callaghan
Helen Capozzi
Jean Conn
Carlos Corrales
Baby Jimmy Costello
Judith Crogman
Mary Ann Cunningham

Daniel Cuttita
Patrick J Cyr
Tina Cyr
Frances Cavone, Sr.
George Dana
Roger Darnell
Sandy Darnell
Ed David
Timothy Leonard
Joseph Loughrey
John Magnotti
Pasquale Maiellano
Jack Marchewka
Robert Marsh
Ruth Marsh
Paul Mayo
Susan Mayo
Tramel McCrea
Mike McGee
Jeremiah Meadows

Frank T. Montiagnino
Megan Naughton
Barb Nelson
Kristey Nelson
Jan Nilsen
Marlene Nordby
Al Novak
Patty Odell
Becky Oosterveen
Anthony Parker
David Parker
Felisa Parker-Gibson
Lee Patrick
Linda Patrick
Michael Patrick
Lorgia Pazmino
Pablo Pazmino
Sue Plante
Gene Plante
Denise Pruneski

John Pruneski
Michelle Rigney
Adeline Serignese
Lenise Shope
Adam Sparacio
Paulette Sparlik
Steven Syrkin
Marge Tagler
Mark Thomas
Catherine Tyner
Julie Sabon VanDyke
David Venditti
Freddie Vieau
Donald Villeneuve
Trish Villeneuve
Theresa Wentling
Larry Wilson
Josephine Woulfe
Arabella Zeglovskis

To add or remove names from the Prayer list, email office@stfaustina.org. Para añadir o eliminar nombres de la Lista de Oración, envíe un correo electrónico office@stfaustina.org.



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 a.m. followed the Holy Rosary
Misa diaria de lunes a sábado a las 8:00 a.m. seguida del Santo Rosario*

Saturday, November 16	No scheduled events
Sunday, November 17	Simbang Gabi Practice, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Church
Monday, November 18	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Estudio de la Biblia en español, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Church
Tuesday, November 19	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Classroom 2 Ministerio de Manualidades, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Classroom 2 Prayer and Life, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Classroom 1 Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Church Readers' Workshop Makeup Session, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Church Emmaus, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2
Wednesday, November 20	Grandparents Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to noon, Classroom 1 Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church Handbell Choir, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Church Young Adults, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2
Thursday, November 21	Divine Will, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Classroom 1 Baptism Classes, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Classrooms 1 and 2 Noche de Oracion y Adoracion, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Iglesia
Friday, November 22	Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia Fully Engaged, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Classroom 1
Saturday, November 23	No scheduled events
Sunday, November 24	Blood Drive / Campaña de donación de sangre, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Parking Lot Simbang Gabi Practice, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Church

Christmas Ball Cancelled — We apologize, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the First Annual St. Faustina Christmas Ball. We hope you will save the date for our Parish's Valentine's Day event in February. More information about that event will be provided in future bulletins!

Baile de Navidad Cancelado — Le pedimos disculpas, pero debido a circunstancias imprevistas, hemos tenido que cancelar el Primer Baile Anual de Navidad de Santa Faustina. Esperamos que guarden la fecha para el evento de San Valentín de nuestra parroquia en febrero. ¡Más información sobre ese evento se proporcionará en los próximos boletines!

OUR MISSION

St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through responsible stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in ministry.

NUESTRA MISION

Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.



**Financial Stewardship
Administración Financiera
November 9-10
9-10 de Noviembre**

**Mass Attendance
Asistencia a misa**

956*

(Missing Counts from
9:30 a.m. and
11:30 a.m.)

(Conteos faltantes de
9:30 a.m. y 11:30 horas)

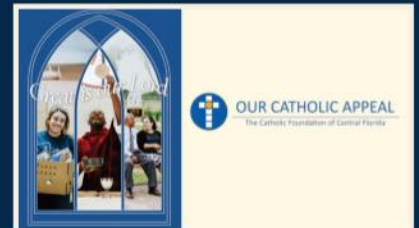
Due to the Veterans Day Holiday we were unable to provide a Stewardship Report this Week.

Debido a la festividad del Día de los Veteranos, no pudimos proporcionar un informe de mayordomía esta semana.



**Our Catholic Appeal Update
Nuestro llamamiento católico**

St. Faustina Catholic Church Goal Iglesia católica de Santa Faustina Meta	\$106,239.78
Raised to Date / Recaudado hasta la fecha	\$65, 184.00
Over/Under Goal / Gol superior/inferior	(((\$41.055.78))
Total Donors at Parish / Total de donantes en la parroquia	763
Donors Making Gifts This Campaign / Donantes de esta campaña	202
Percentage of Donor Participation (out of all) / Porcentaje de participación de los donantes (sobre el total)	26.5%



2024-2025

Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministerios

Give Blood and Save Lives! Done sangre y salve vidas

Parish Blood Drive Set for Next Sunday, November 24 — It's

the season of giving, so why not give blood at our parish Blood Drive, On Sunday, November 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance. Your blood donation will help keep three other people alive.



Besides the ability to help someone, you will receive a Wellness Check from the highly trained OneBlood staff members on board and a gift from OneBlood. While 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can reserve your space by making an appointment at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1421828>. As always, thank you for considering making a donation and THANK YOU to all those who have participated in this important outreach ministry.

Campaña de donación de sangre parroquial programada para el la Proxima Domingo 24 de noviembre — es la temporada de donaciones, así que ¿por qué no donar sangre en la Campaña de donación de sangre de nuestra parroquia? El domingo 24 de noviembre, de 7:30 a. m. a 1:30 p. m., el Big Red Bus estará estacionado justo afuera de nuestra entrada principal. Su donación de sangre ayudará a mantener con vida a otras tres personas. Además de la posibilidad de ayudar a alguien, recibirá un chequeo de bienestar por parte del personal altamente capacitado de OneBlood a bordo y un obsequio de OneBlood. Si bien el 90 % de nuestros donantes son personas sin cita previa, puede reservar su lugar haciendo una cita en: <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1421828>. Como siempre, gracias por considerar hacer una donación y GRACIAS a todos los que han participado en este importante ministerio de extensión.

Thank You!
Gracias!



Food For All Ministry Thanksgiving Drive — Our St. Faustina Food For All Ministry wants to help the families in our Four Corners Community celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving. The Hands of Hope food pantry, which we support with our weekly donations, is collecting the following foods: Cranberry sauce, canned gravy, cornbread, canned corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, cake mix and other desserts, white rice, and canned yams. Hands of Hope is purchasing over 300 turkeys for our community and looking for donations for this effort. If you want to donate, please send your check to Hands of Hope America, Inc., and bring it to the office.

If your family is one of the many families who need help this Thanksgiving, please call Hands of Hope at 352-604-0547 or 301-693-6094 to speak to a case manager.

Hands of Hope America will host a Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Distribution event on November 20th from 11 AM to 2 PM at RE/MAX Heritage Bardell Real Estate at 9110 US-192, Clermont, FL 34714. To participate in the DRIVE-THRU distribution, you must first register with a case manager by calling one of the numbers mentioned above. They will give you more details.

Campaña de Acción de Gracias del Ministerio de Alimentos para Todos— Nuestra St. Faustina Food For All Ministry quiere ayudar a las familias de nuestra comunidad de Four Corners a celebrar un Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias. La despensa de alimentos Hands of Hope, que apoyamos con nuestras donaciones semanales, está recolectando los siguientes alimentos: Salsa de arándanos, salsa enlatada, pan de maíz, maíz enlatado, relleno, puré de papas, macarrones con queso, mezcla para pastel y otros postres, arroz blanco y camotes enlatados. Hands of Hope está comprando más de 300 pavos para nuestra comunidad y está buscando donaciones para este esfuerzo. Si usted quiere donar, por favor envíe su cheque a Hands of Hope America, Inc. y tráigalo a la oficina.

Si su familia es una de las muchas familias que necesitan ayuda este Día de Acción de Gracias, por favor llame a Hands of Hope al 352-604-0547 o 301-693-6094 para hablar con un administrador de casos.

Hands of Hope America organizará un evento de Distribución de Acción de Gracias DRIVE THRU el 20 de noviembre de 11 AM a 2 PM en RE/MAX Heritage Bardell Real Estate en 9110 US-192, Clermont, FL 34714. Para participar en la distribución de DRIVE-THRU, primero debe registrarse con un administrador de casos llamando a uno de los números mencionados anteriormente.

Minisries and Events / Eventos y Ministerios



Divine Will Group Meeting Date Change —

Due to the

Thanksgiving Holiday, the St. Faustina Divine Will Group will meet this Thursday, November 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. The group will not meet on Thursday, November 28.

St. Faustina Grandparents Ministry to Meet This Wednesday — St.

Faustina's Chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association will meet in the classroom this Wednesday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m. If you are a grandparent and want to share your experiences and pray for all grandchildren, please come and see what we offer you. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month and tackles various topics. We will discuss at the meeting. All are welcome. For more information, please get in touch with Jerilyn Polson at nonnagerarda86@gmail.com. For more information, visit the ministry's website at <https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/>.



St. Faustina Bereavement & Grandparents Ministries invite you to an
**Advent Retreat & Pilgrimage to the
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center**

Thursday, December 12, 2024



Space is limited! Register at the church office today!

\$40 includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, retreat speaker & Holy Mass
Cash or check (payable to St. Faustina Catholic Church, memo: San Pedro Retreat)

Schedule

Meet at 7:30 am to depart by bus from St. Faustina by 8:00 am

9:00 am Coffee & breakfast at San Pedro

9:30 am Retreat Speaker, Sr. Catherine

Lunch

1:00 pm Holy Mass

2:00 pm Depart from San Pedro

4:00 pm estimated return to St. Faustina

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Do you Desire Spiritual Direction? — Are you interested in receiving Spiritual Direction and deepening and strengthening your faith? Do you want to develop your prayer life? Do you wish to improve your discernment of God's presence and work in your life? Then, Spiritual Direction would benefit and enrich your life. If you would like more information about Spiritual Direction and what it entails, please contact Dolly Matthews at dollym2255@gmail.com or 630-292-2457 so she can discuss Spiritual Direction with you. Please note that fees may apply.

(Please note that while Dolly Matthews is an approved Spiritual Director of the Diocese of Orlando, she operates as an independent contractor and is not an employee of St. Faustina Catholic Church. Any arrangements you make with her, including the payment of fees, are solely between yourself and Dolly Matthews.)



Faith Formation / Formación en la fe

Once They Were Students in our Faith Formation Program, Now They Are Teachers—Two students began attending Faith Formation classes at St. Faustina at the Kindergarten level. Kamila Martinez and Sydney Diehl completed each grade through the years, making their First Communion and Confirmation.

Kamila is a senior at East Ridge High School, now volunteering as a Grade Two assistant teacher. She is intelligent, caring, and bubbly. Kamila is also a member of the Youth Group, attending meetings and created Christmas ornaments which were sold last year. She is the eldest of four children. Her sister Vasti was confirmed last year. Her two other siblings are Elvyn, who is in Grade Eight and Karina, Grade Five. Their mother Vasti was also confirmed here two years ago. Kamila is currently applying to several colleges.

Sydney is a sophomore at South Lake High School and is currently teaching Grade Three students. She is intelligent, thoughtful and dedicated, a member of the Sea Cadets. Sydney sang in the choir from Kindergarten until Confirmation class. Now she works with her father helping with audio-video presentations at Mass. She is also the eldest child with three sisters. Charlotte made her First Communion here three years ago, and Winnie is in the First Communion class this year. Hattie is the youngest child who was baptized here. Their father, Scott, is our audio-video ministry lead. God bless both girls and their families.

Unavez fueron estudiantes en nuestro Programa de Formación de Fe, ahora son maestras-Dos estudiantes comenzaron a asistir a las clases de Formación de Fe en Santa Faustina en el nivel de Kindergarten. Kamila Martinez y Sydney Diehl completaron cada grado a través de los años, haciendo su Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Kamila es una estudiante de último año en East Ridge High School, ahora voluntaria como maestra asistente de Segundo Grado. Ella es inteligente, cariñosa y burbujeante. Kamila también es miembro del Grupo de Jóvenes, asiste a las reuniones y creó adornos navideños que se vendieron el año pasado. Es la mayor de cuatro hermanos. Su hermana Vasti se confirmó el año pasado. Sus otras dos hermanas son Elvyn, de octavo curso, y Karina, de quinto. Su madre, Vasti, también se confirmó aquí hace dos años. Kamila está solicitando plaza en varias universidades.

Sydney está en segundo curso en el instituto South Lake y actualmente da clase a alumnos de tercer curso. Es inteligente, reflexiva y dedicada, miembro de los Sea Cadets. Sydney cantó en el coro desde Kindergarten hasta la clase de Confirmación. Ahora trabaja con su padre ayudando con las presentaciones de audio-vídeo en misa. También es la mayor de tres hermanas. Charlotte hizo su Primera Comunión aquí hace tres años, y Winnie está en la clase de Primera Comunión este año. Hattie es la hija menor, que fue bautizada aquí. Su padre, Scott, es our audio-video ministry lead. Dios bendiga a ambas niñas y a sus familias.



Kamila



Sydney

Faith Formation / Formación en la fe

Venerable Henriette Diaz DeLille

By Marylu Mariniello

Henriette Diaz DeLille was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 11, 1813. Her mother was Marie-Josèphe “Poupponne” Díaz, a free woman of color. Her father, Jean-Baptiste Lille Sarpy, was born about 1758 in Fumel, Lot-et-Garonne, France. They had a common-law marriage typical of the *plaçage* system of that time. They also had a son, Jean DeLille and then later on more children. *Plaçage* in Colonial New Orleans was a legal arrangement between women of African descent and men from Europe. These unions provided survival for the women but an advantage for the men. Free women of color was a term used at that time for women of full or partial African descent who were no longer or never were slaves.

The maternal grandparents were Juan José Díaz, a Spanish merchant and Henriette Dubreuil Laveau, a Créole of color. Her paternal grandparents were Charles Sarpy and Susanne Trenty, both natives of Fumel and her maternal great-grandmother was Cécile Marthe Basile Dubreuil, a woman of color and a daughter of Claude Villars Dubreuil, born in 1716 in France.

Henriette and her family lived in the French Quarter, not far from St. Louis Cathedral. Her mother taught Henriette French literature, music, and dancing, as well as nursing skills and how to prepare medicines from herbs. She wanted Henriette to find a white, wealthy male partner in the *plaçage* system. As a young mixed-race woman, Henriette attended many quadrone balls, along with other Créole women of color and white men looking for young women as *plaçage* partners. But Henriette was raised Catholic in the French tradition and was drawn instead to a strong religious belief in the Church’s teaching, resisting the life her mother wanted for her. She became an outspoken opponent of *plaçage*. These men entered into contracts with the mothers of the young women of color, promising support and sometimes the education of their mixed-race children and financial settlements. Often a young woman was enslaved and then the man might free her and their children. Some men kept the relationship with his common law woman after their marriages, while others remained bachelors. Many men often married white American women after they ascertained financial security. For Henriette, marriage was a Catholic sacrament to be honored and cherished.

Sister Marthe Fontier opened a school in New Orleans for mixed-race girls, who became a role model for Henriette. When she was fourteen, Henriette began teaching at the school. Over the next years, her love of teaching and caring for the poor grew, causing conflicts with her mother.

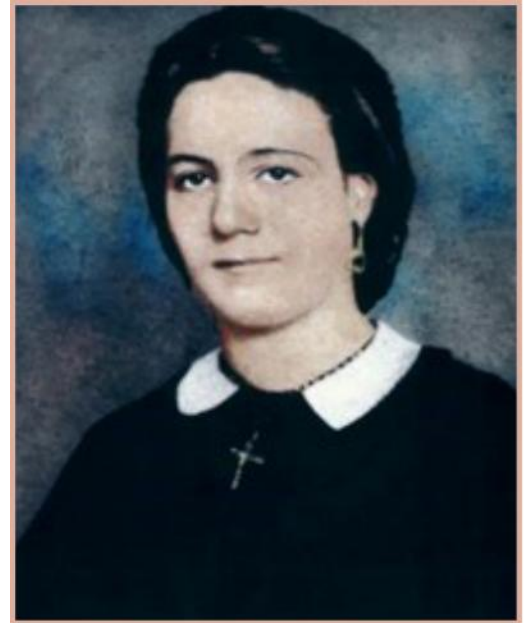
She was confirmed in 1834. The next year, her mother suffered a nervous breakdown, causing the court to declare her incompetent, granting Henriette control of her mother’s assets. She provided for her mother’s care and then sold the remaining property, using the sale proceeds to start a small unrecognized congregation of religious sisters named as the Sisters of the Presentation in 1836. The original members consisted of Henriette, seven Créole women, and a young French woman. They cared for the sick, helped the poor and taught the free and enslaved children and adults, as well giving some older women a place to live, creating the first Catholic home for the elderly in the US.

Her brother Jean opposed her activities because he felt that Henriette’s activities within the Créole community could expose his partial African ancestry to his white associates. He became estranged from Henriette and moved away with his wife and children. Henriette also faced opposition from the public and from many in the church because racism was prominent and black women were not seen as worthy of a religious life. She could not join an existing congregation due to these prejudices, and when she formed her own congregation, Bishop Antoine Blanc would not let them wear a habit and also made the sisters take private vows rather than public vows.

In 1837, the congregation’s advisor Etienne Rousselon secured the formal recognition from the Pope. Sister became the superior general in the congregation. She was the second African-American to ever serve this way. The first was Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Henriette’s religious name was Mary Theresa, but everyone called her “Mother Henriette.” The congregation changed its name to the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842. The sisters are the second-oldest surviving congregation of African-American nuns.

Mother Henriette died on November 16, 1862 at the age of forty nine. This was the time of the Civil War when New Orleans was occupied by Union troops. She was honored as having a life of service, poverty and hard work.

In 1988, the congregation formally opened the beatification process for Mother Henriette. Pope Benedict XVI named her venerable on March 27, 2010. The city of New Orleans named a street after her in 2011. Archbishop Gregory Aymond created a “family prayer” ending with an intercession to her, to be said at every Sunday Mass held in the archdiocese.

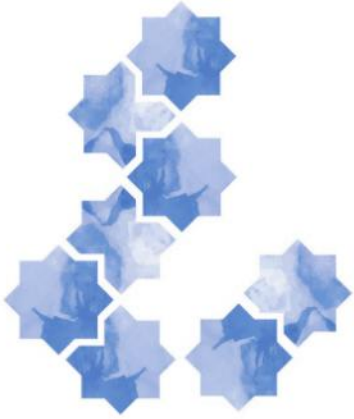


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