



ST. FAUSTINA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1714 US Highway 27, Suite 23 • Clermont, FL 34714

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Pastor

Father Ramon Bolatete

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil -

4pm (English)

Sunday Liturgy -

8am (English)

9:30am (English)

11am (English)

7pm (Spanish)

Daily/Weekday Mass -

Tuesday - Friday

8am (English)

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Reconciliation

Saturday - 3pm-3:45pm

or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday of each month

after 8am Mass

or by appointment

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

10am-4pm

Friday

10am - 1pm


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Pastoral Team**Pastor**

Father Ramon Bolatete

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Jose Ramos

Deacon Stephen Schaffer

StaffDirector of Faith Formation -
Marylu MarinielloDirector of Music/Liturgy -
Kelly Mucci

Parish Secretary - Carol Arroyo

Accountant - Elaine Goth

Administrative Receptionist -
Donna Cuttita

Receptionist - Kimmy Garven

Spanish Ministry -

Odila and Jose Cordeiro

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Parish Prayers and Devotions**Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of each month

8:30am - 5pm

Divine Mercy Chapletevery Wednesday - 3pm
and 15 minutes prior to each
weekend Mass**Rosary**

First Friday of each month - 1pm

*(during Adoration)**Tuesday-Thursday mornings -
after 8am Mass*

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Our Mission

St. Faustina Catholic Church

*A community of Roman
Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit
and called to reflect God's Divine
Mercy, to foster spiritual growth,
and to attend to the temporal and
social needs of all.*

Welcome • Bienvenido • Witamy • Maligayang Pagdating •

Pastor's Point of View...*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45)*

Finally we have arrived at the Fourth and Last Sunday of Advent! It was worth the wait, the sacrifice, the holding back so that Christmas becomes even more enjoyable. We wonder at the emphasis of Mary in this last Sunday of Advent - seems like the "Christ event" begins with Mary's saying "yes" to God's invitation to be the mother of God's Son. Throughout history and up to the present time, human cooperation with God's plan matters - that we don't just feel entitled to receive blessings and privileges but that every time God offers an opportunity for us to serve and glorify His name our response is rather a whole-hearted "yes" to the invitation shown by our obedience to His divine will and plan for each and everyone of us. In our own lives, we experience "annunciations" of God calling us to 'give birth' to his justice, compassion and peace in and through ministry. Mary's visit and exchange of greetings with Elizabeth her cousin compounds the dignity and honor God recognized in those who were 'least' in the Jewish society. While focusing on Mary in today's readings, we do not get sidetracked from the centrality of the Eucharist in our liturgy. After all, Mary's life was, is and will always be centered on her Son, Jesus. The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a directory or a handbook on popular devotions and liturgy relating to Mary: Further, the directory mentions that "all Marian mysteries are Christological mysteries since they refer to the mystery of our salvation in Christ." Secondly, the handbook provides us with the fundamental principle that all Marian piety should derive from our worship of Christ since our faith "originates in Christ, finds full expression in Christ, and through Him, in the Holy Spirit leads to the Father." We may choose Marian songs at some parts of the mass but we see to it that they are based on Scripture and focus on our salvation through Christ and praise of the Father. (cf Living Liturgy 2018, p.19)

In the past two weeks we have commissioned new and existing members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Finance Council(FC). Here they are: PPC members: Marilyn Rodrigues, Carmelita Flores, Kelly Mucci, Nancy Madden, Arnold Brooks, David Gutowski Sr. and Phillip Tackett (Chair). FC members: Melissa Hall, Maria Cofrancesco, Bill Mattingly, Ron Texeira, Fred Rosenthal, Ed Bishop, John Ryan and Tom Madden (Chair). The parish appreciates and values your leadership role in moving the parish forward with her ministries, projects and goals. I cannot thank you all enough, on behalf of the parish, for the hard work related to the present and future needs and concerns of St. Faustina parish. Your 'yes' to the call to ministry re-echoes Mary's 'yes' in the gospels. And everyone in the parish would now be assured that with the expertise and talents in every council member our parishioners will now be more trusting, collaborative and transparent in her stewardship of the talents and resources God has entrusted to her care. In the coming days of family gatherings, reunions and church celebrations, rest assured that St. Faustina Parish will be with you in prayer and in song. So have a faith-and-fun-filled Christmas season one and all!

In Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word,

Fr. Ramon*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80:4)****As a parish family, this week we join together in prayer for:***

Debbie Bergeron, Don Bishop, Chad Blake, Normand Campeau, Mary Casey-Campeau, Chuck Cole, Mike Costa, Lon Cyr, Frank Demcsak, Patricia Dick, Mary Frese, Mary Catherine Herbert, Renaldo Gallego, Mary Garl, Zack Kaneshige, Pat Knauer, Maureen Mangan, Linda Powell, Rusbe Reyes, Betty Sanchez, Sophia Schatz, Diana Seager, Dimitris Sfaklanakis, Bill Smith, Kasia Temple, Kathy Thomas, Chris Van Dyke, Michael Venditti, Carol Walker, Craig Weeks and all those in need in our parish family.

Requests for parish prayers can be made by calling the parish office

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 22 4pm Stephen Reyes † (Lena & Will Green)
December 23 8am Rui & Ricardo Goncalves † (Auta Goncalves)
9:30am Ken & Carol Schanen † (Daughter, Lynda)
11am Mary Ellen Doherty †
December 24 & 25 - Parishioners of St. Faustina
December 26 8am Manuel Rodriguez Arrasco † (wife, Mercedes)
December 27 10am Maria Pereira † (Molettei Family)
December 28 8am Juanita Tambling † (Bob Vince, Connie Tambling)
December 29 4pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As in years past St. Faustina will offer an additional Saturday evening Mass at 5:30pm beginning January 5, 2019. We will need ushers, lectors and Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion to assist with this Mass each week. If you can volunteer, please contact Kelly (kmucci@stfaustina.org). All are welcome.

THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FROM 12/22/18 THROUGH 1/2/19.

Classes resume on Saturday, 1/5, Sunday 1/6 and Wednesday 1/9
Reconciliation Prep Class 4, Sunday 1/6—12:15pm—1:30pm
Youth Adult Ministry - Will resume meetings on 1/9/19.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00pm
5:30pm
11:00pm (Carols @ 10:00pm)

Christmas Day

8:00am
9:30am
11:00am
1:00pm (Spanish)

GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to better understand the Gospel passages you hear proclaimed each Sunday? If so, St Faustina will begin a weekly Gospel Bible Study on beginning on Tuesday, January 8th from 6:30 -8:00pm (≈1 ½ hours) in the Office Kitchen Hall.

Each weekly study consists of General Information that will help you better understand the context and words of the reading to be studied, followed by a line-by-line walkthrough and discussion of the reading you will hear proclaimed at Mass the following Sunday.

In the past those who attended ranged in age from 8 years old to 85. No previous bible study is required and there is no requirement to participate in discussions. There is no cost to participate, and no homework assigned beyond your own desire to ponder on the Word of God.

You can join us any week and if you miss a week you are not behind; there is no beginning or end to the Gospel of our Lord.

Please come to our introductory session on January 8th to learn more.

Week At A Glance

Wednesday

St. Stephen
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3pm

Thursday

St. John the Apostle
Choir Practice — ALL ARE WELCOME
Children's Choir - 5pm-5:45pm
Adult Choir - 6pm-7pm
Spanish Choir - 7pm-8pm

Friday

Holy Innocents

Saturday

St. Thomas Becket

YEAR-END GIVING

Many people include the Parish in their year-end giving, and for that we are very grateful. To assist you with your year-end giving plans, the following information is provided so your donations can qualify as 2018 charitable contributions with the IRS.

IN PERSON: The Parish Office will be open until 1:00PM on Monday, December 31 to receive contributions that will qualify as 2018 donations.

BY MAIL: Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2018 donation if the postmark on the envelope is on or before December 31, 2018.

ONLINE GIVING: Donations made using Online Giving must have a "Process Date" on or before December 31 in order to qualify as a 2018 donation. If you have entered a transaction that will process close to year-end, you can login in to see if you want to make any adjustments to your scheduled process date.

Any donations that are dropped into the collection basket at the 4:00PM Mass on December 31 will be treated as 2019 donations. Any donations dropped into the collection basket at the New Year's Day Masses will be treated as 2019 contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Goth @ the Parish Office.