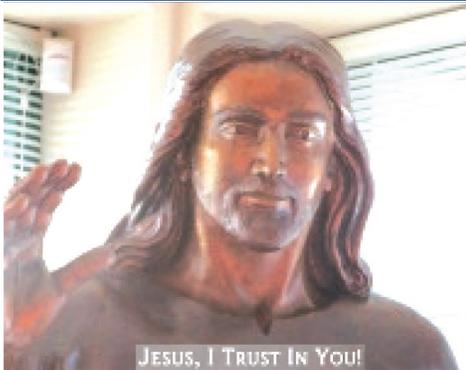


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



## Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm

Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920

Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)

Week of Jan. 13 to Jan. 21

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am  
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

### Daily Masses

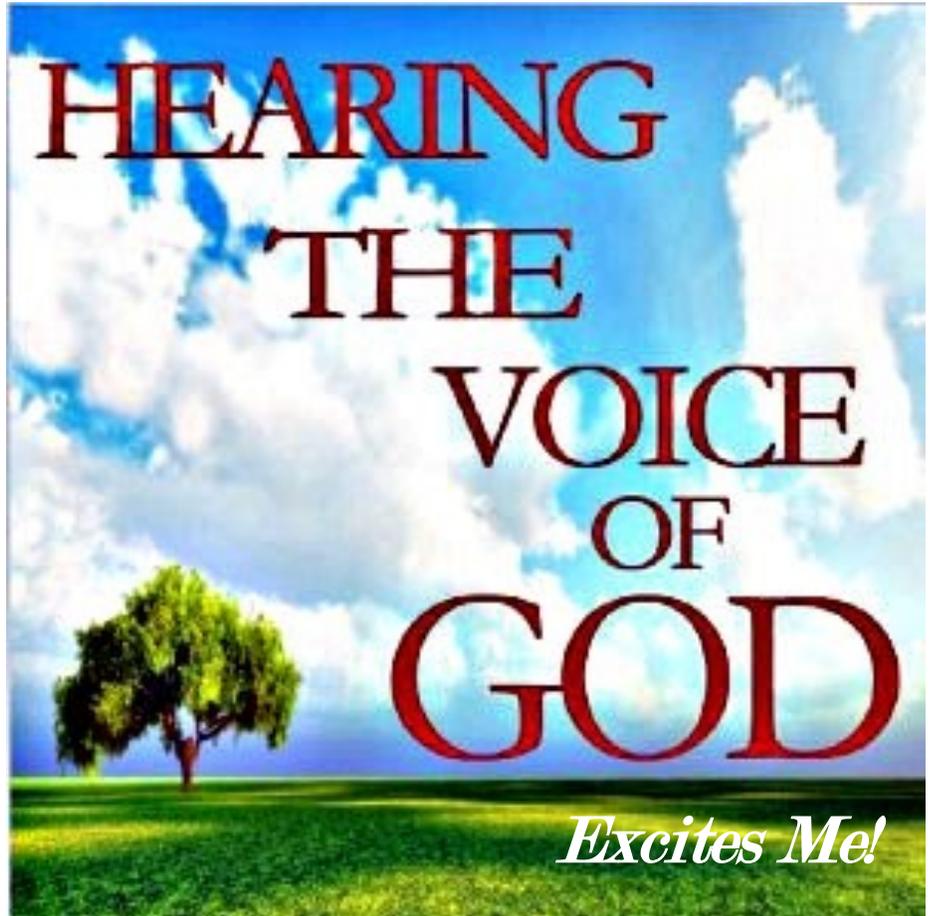
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

*The Divine Mercy Chaplet  
takes place 15 minutes  
prior to all Weekend Masses.*

*Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Wednesdays @ 3 pm*

*Anointing of the Sick  
First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass*

*Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm*



**Clergy:** Parochial Administrator--**Father Dave Gillis** Assisting Priest--**Father Fernando Gil**

**Reconciliation** is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

**Baptism:** Parents of children to be baptized must be registered and actively participating members of the parish for at least four months prior to arranging any baptism. Attendance at parental preparation class is required.

**Marriage:** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish for a minimum of four months prior to the beginning of marriage prep.

**PARISH STAFF:** Elaine Goth, *Accountant*; Marylu Mariniello, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*; Carol Arroyo, *Parish Secretary*; Donna Cuttita, *Front Desk Receptionist*; Mike Rastovski, *Maintenance/Sacristan*; Bill Mattingly, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

Welcome  
—We are glad you are here—

*If you are a visitor to St Faustina Catholic Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and return it to the office.*



# Father Dave's Corner

Think about the last time someone said to you, "Come and see!" It may have been a child, excited about discovering a new ability. It may have been a friend who received an extraordinary Christmas gift. It may have been a young couple with their first newborn or an older couple with their first grandchild. A new car, a new house, a new hobby, any new endeavor makes us want to share the excitement. But as time goes on, the newness and the excitement wear off. The babies start teething, the children get bored, the house seems perpetually messy, and we're less likely to invite people to come and see the center of our lives. We become more cautious, more deliberate, less open.

Whether we were born into our Catholic faith, baptized as infants, or whether we came into the Church as adults, we've all been through times of excitement and discovery, and times of plateau and routine. This is the nature of human existence and religious faith. The highs and lows are connected by long stretches of daily life. But during those calm, perhaps a bit dull times, we can recall the excitement of newness and discovery. And we can still invite people to share in what we've discovered.

In today's first reading we witness the prophet Samuel's first experience of God speaking to him. Samuel hears a voice in the night, calling his name, and he thinks it's the old priest Eli. But it takes three times for Eli to recognize that it is God calling the young boy. Perhaps Eli's lost his own sense of God's voice in his life. Disappointment with his sons falling away may have dimmed his faith. Eli knows that the only response is: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." He might think it's too late for him, but he knows that the word and the spirit will continue through Samuel.

In the reading from John's Gospel, we witness the moment when the first disciples saw Jesus walking along the shore. They are drawn to Him and want to know more. They ask Him where He stays and He says, "Come and see." For Jesus, the world and everything in it is always new, always exciting, always worth sharing. After spending time with Him, Andrew's first response is to go to his brother Simon and say, "Come and see."

Today we begin what the liturgical calendar of the Church calls Ordinary Time. We might think that there's nothing happening during these counted Sundays. But this is when the work of becoming disciples and growing in our faith REALLY takes place. It's the Sunday-to-Sunday celebration of the Eucharist that forms us as Christians. It's the day-to-day living out of our promises as husband and wife, priest, or deacon that shapes and deepens our vocation. Each anniversary reminds us of how far we've come and the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. As we begin this new year, we are called to commit ourselves to growing deeper and stronger in our own discipleship. (Diane M. Houdek. Sunday Homily Helps, Franciscan Media)

MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE AND LOVE BE YOURS ALWAYS!!!

*In David C. Willis*

## Mass Intentions

- 1 Samuel 3:3-19    1 Corinthians 6:13-20    John 1:35-42**
- Sat. 1/13 4:00 PM Living and Deceased Parishioners  
5:30 PM James + & Bruce + Weeks  
(Karen & Janette Weeks)
- Sun. 1/14 8:00 AM Vincent Riccio + (Sue & Dan Morgan)  
9:30 AM Katherine Hall + (Marie & Joseph Miele)  
11:00 AM Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)  
(espanol) 7:00 PM Walter Lewizky + (Lucia Basile)
- Mon. 1/15 9:30 AM **NO MASS**
- Tues. 1/16 8:00 AM Catherine Leger + (Janice Leger)
- Wed. 1/17 8:00 AM Fryzel Family (Maryann Rossman)
- Thur. 1/18 8:00 AM Denise Campeau + (Family)
- Fri. 1/19 8:00 AM Birthday Blessings Deana Donzal  
(Carol Arroyo)

- Jonah 3:1-10    1 Corinthians 7:29-37    Mark 1:14-20**
- Sat. 1/20 4:00 PM Lucile Meitivier + Emile Henault +  
Noel Morin + (Florida Friends)  
5:30 PM Living and Deceased Parishioners
- Sun. 1/21 8:00 AM Stephen + Eleanor + Stephen Paul +  
Verostko (Family)  
9:30 AM Rose Burr + (Family)  
11:00 AM John St. Pierre +  
(John & Carmela Giaimo)  
(espanol) 7:00 PM Claudio Flores + (Alex & Joann Flores)

**READINGS Mon. . Jan. 15 to Friday, Jan. 19**

Mon.	1 Samuel 15:16-23	Mark 2:18-22
Tues.	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Mark 2:23-28
Wed.	1 Samuel 17:32-51	Mark 3:1-6
Thurs.	1 Samuel 18:6-9	Mark 3:7-12
Fri.	1 Samuel 24:3-21	Mark 3:13-19

## Stewardship

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more important do we respond and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"



**Offertory 12/31/17**  
**\$7,076**  
**Solemnity of Mary \$720**

**OCA**—As of 1/5/18, we have 259 families pledging \$61,063.25 (toward our goal of \$69,533) and paying \$57,514.50. That is 43.8% of parish.



**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.**

## Weekly Announcements

**AS YOU HAVE NOTICED...I am away.** Fr. Phil & Fr. Tuttle will be handling the Masses from 1/13 through 1/20 while I bask in the sun on the Beach in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. I will think of you and say a prayer.

**CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Next weekend, instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection going to our Construction fund for the future church, it is going to be this one time a year collection allowed by the Diocese (AND NOT TAXED for the OCA program). This money is set aside for the parish to use in case of needed repair or replacement to large items such as HVAC, Bathroom facilities, lighting replacement, doors, etc. This is to proactively address repairs/replacement needs at facilities which are aging. **While it is true that we don't have our own church or other facilities yet, there are large ticket items that our lease says we must share the expense for repair and replacement in our rental facility.** We are taking advantage of this Diocesan offer to SAVE FOR THE FUTURE. This reserve fund will remain in a segregated account and will NOT be used unless necessary, and WILL be available when we finally build our church and have our other facilities on the property. The Finance Committee of the parish felt it was a good opportunity to set aside some funds for possible future problems and take advantage of the fact that this Second collection will NOT be taxed for the Annual OCA goal. PLEASE BE GENEROUS. There ARE envelopes in your packet marked accordingly. All visitors and unregistered folks WILL be able to participate by dropping cash or checks in the second passing of the collection baskets OR by using a plain envelope and marking it Contingency Reserve Fund. The regular Construction Fund Collection will be taken up the rest of the 11 months of the year.

**Bishop John Noonan has declared 2018 as the Jubilee of the Eucharist.** To see the Bishop's six-minute video, please go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/bishopnoonannews.html> and click on the link.

**Want to know what the Holy Days of Obligation are for 2018?** Then go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/holydaysofobligation/2018holydays.html>

**One of our parishioners sent in the following prayer and asked that it be shared.** If you have a prayer you would like to share, please send it to: [bulletin@stfaustina.org](mailto:bulletin@stfaustina.org)

I Love You God, I really do.  
I Trust You God, I Trust in You.  
I Thank You God for all You do.  
I Praise You God because you're You.

**NEW "BUTTONS" ON OUR APP--**If you are currently a member of our App Ministry, you will have noticed that there are some new "buttons" on our site. You can now hear the Holy Father's Daily Message, in both Spanish and English, you can view a daily video mass, and there is a new button for you to say the Rosary. If you are not currently a member, it is easy to become one; just go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/stfaustinaappavailable.html> and follow the directions. If you have a problem getting the App on your device, please email us at: [bulletin@stfaustina.org](mailto:bulletin@stfaustina.org)

**BAKE SALES are the second full weekend of each month.**

## Construction Fund

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE: \$1,607,667 (as of 12/31/17)**

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY—this week on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-10:00 PM at TEXAS ROADHOUSE on Rte 192.** No flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and we get 10% of what you eat and drink. **DINE TO DONATE RESULT:** On 1/2/18, we received a check from CHILI'S for our event on Sept. 5, 2017 in the amount of \$80.00. On 1/5 received a check in the amount of \$102.25 from DEVENNEY'S IRISH PUB for our Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> event.

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY—TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--**If you dine on Sundays from Noon to 4 PM and just write "St. Faustina Church" on your receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand and we get 10% of your receipt.

**THE FRIAR TUCK has NOW become one of our regulars,** anytime participants for Dine to Donate. Pick up a flyer on the bookcases and go ANY DAY and ANY TIME they are open. Give the flyer to your server before ordering and we will get 10% of your check at the end of the month. They now join **MANDARIN GARDEN,** and **SARAH'S GREEK CUISINE** as restaurants that you can visit ANY DAY and ANY TIME and we will benefit as long as you have a flyer.

**MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES** are still available for 40 more chairs located in the back. If you are interested in memorializing a chair, please contact the office. **There is a seating chart of all the previously memorialized chairs in the glass bulletin board outside of the usher's room in the church.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH THROUGH THE USE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES: MATTRESS DOCTOR,** a store in the Publix Eagle Ridge shopping center north of us on Rte. 27 (2430 US HWY 27, Suite 330, Clermont). They have furniture as well as mattresses. Their owner, Rene, would like to help our parish by offering 10% of any sales if you identify yourself as coming from St. Faustina parish...**Eiana Villarta, Kim Nigrel, and Donna Ross,** parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund... **Sinaisky Nunez, owns an AC & Heating business:** Sale, installation, service for residential and commercial. Yellow flyers are available on the bookcases and the customer who contracts with him and has a flyer will earn a 10% donation for the parish. **HANDY MAN SERVICES & HOME CLEANING SERVICES** is owned by a couple from Scotland who have been in the area for about 11 years. They have offered us 20% of business they get from anyone using these flyers which have "St. Faustina Church" handwritten on them.

**ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS—**To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER** link.

**ONLINE FUND-RAISER—**See our website: [www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html](http://www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html) to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

**FIREFAN FUNDRAISER—**St. Faustina has been invited to participate in a unique fundraising concept. The cost to our community is ZERO! Our only requirement is for you to download and share the FireFan™ app with others! For more information on how to download the App, please go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/givingfundraising/firefanapp.html>