

St. Faustina Catholic Church



St. Faustina Parish is a community of Roman Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and attend to the temporal and spiritual needs of all God's people.



*First Friday Adoration
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Join us for the Rosary
at 1:00 pm*

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

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

**NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714**

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 7

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Winter Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm, 6 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, & 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

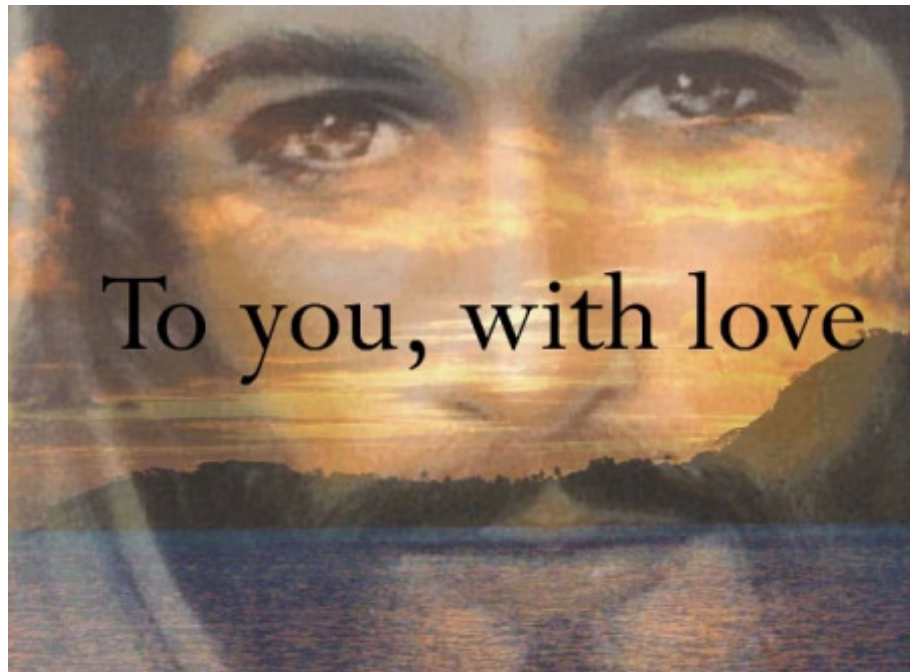
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



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.

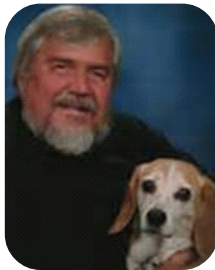
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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

PARISH STAFF Elaine Goth, *Bookkeeper*; Marylu Mariniello, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*; Carol Arroyo, *Parish Secretary*; Bob Vince, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Nancy Harrigan, *Readers and EMs Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!!**

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 and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



Several years ago, a young man, full of devotion to the Blessed Mother, painted a mural on the side of a portable classroom belonging to a small rural parish in the Southwest. The mural showed Our Lady of Guadalupe appearing to Juan Diego. Seeing the painting, the pastor jokingly said, "If only the Blessed Mother would speak from her painting, people would come and donate lots of money to the Church."

Then he thought and added, "Nah, if the Blessed Mother spoke from that mural, the bishop would move her and the portable building she is painted on to the cathedral. Then where would we be? No money and no CCD classroom."

The Gospel passage today presents something of the same dilemma. Nazareth was a small, poor town, and it seemed to the people of Nazareth that, even when their local son Jesus did well, Nazareth reaped no reward. Why would Jesus not do the things in Nazareth that He had done in Capernaum? After all, Nazareth had sick people Jesus could cure as he cured Peter's mother-in-law in Capernaum.

Nazareth had people unable to walk, just like the young man lowered through the roof on a stretcher in Capernaum. Then the people of Nazareth could sell food and lodging to those who came to be cured by Jesus—just as well as the people of Capernaum could. But Jesus would not do in Nazareth the things he had done in Capernaum. Instead, he reminded the people of Elijah and Elisha, who helped strangers and foreigners.

Jesus took the Word of God, the Scriptures, which the Jewish people had heard for centuries, and opened God's word in a new way. Jeremiah the prophet had told the Jewish people in the last days before they were conquered by foreign powers that God had something special in mind for them—that God would be faithful to His promises to protect them, but in turn, they needed to be faithful to God.

Jesus expanded that teaching. God's faithfulness, God's love, is NOT FOR A FEW, but for the many—for all of us, for all of God's creation. When Jesus taught, He truly opened the Scriptures for everyone: the Jews of Nazareth, the Gentiles of Galilee, and US!

Jesus had touched sick people in Capernaum, even when tradition said that He was NOT SUPPOSED to touch. Sickness was a sign of sin, so good people were not supposed to touch the sick. Yet Jesus touched them AND healed them as He did. Good people of His time did not touch the dead, for death was the ultimate victory of sin, but Jesus touched Jairus' daughter and called out to Lazarus, and the dead came to life.

Jesus went for His baptism to where John preached by the Jordan River. He went to Cana in Galilee to make water into wine, and to Capernaum to heal, to the mountain to teach, and to Jerusalem to die. The people of Nazareth wanted to control Jesus and His travels. They were ready to kill Him when they could not stop Him. Jesus traveled to show us that we cannot control God, that we cannot confine God to one time or one place, to blessing only one people.

Jesus taught. Jesus touched. Jesus traveled. He did all those things to share with us the meaning of LOVE. When we rejoice in the truth, when we believe, when we hope, we show that our lives have been touched by Jesus. No matter where we travel, we can come together around God's table. The image of Jesus is then inscribed in our hearts, and no one can take that miracle from us. (Jack Clark Robinson, OFM, Homily Helps. St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,145,872
(as of January 18, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY this week at DEVENNEY'S IRISH PUB on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd from 4PM until 10 PM. Please pick up a flyer and give it to your server before ordering and the parish will receive 15% of whatever you eat and drink that day. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden**, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing as well as newcomer, **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. **ANYTIME** you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--If you dine with them on Sunday from Noon to 4 PM and just write "St. Faustina Church" on your receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

RAISE MONEY FOR ST. FAUSTINA CHURCH: By having H & R Block Prepare your taxes. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1) Get a REFERRAL FORM with our special code at the parish office. Take this form to a participating H&R Block office and give it to the tax professional. To find the nearest H & R Block office, go to tohrblock.com. 2) If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. 3) Feel good knowing you helped us raise more money as you got the necessary taxes done. This program runs from January 1 through April 15, 2016.

NEW ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: <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. Just do your shopping as you normally would, but order your items through St. Faustina's web page. You get your items, and some great deals, some Cash back, and the parish benefits as well. There is a flyer in the office (and on our website) that takes you step by step through the sign-up process. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

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 and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigreli, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!



Due to the special collection on Jan. 3rd and other donations from visitors, **we have now gone over our goal for the 2015 OCA!!! 233 families of the parish (45.9%) have pledged \$53,209.25 and paid \$51,287.18 toward our goal of \$51,120.00.** The collection and other visitors donations of \$4,307.00 have pushed us over the top. **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS PARTICIPATION!**

2016 Faith Formation--New Class Times

Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:15
P/K & K, Grades 1, 2, 6

Sunday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Grade 8, RCIA-Adult Confirmation

Wednesday:
4:00 – 5:15: RCIA (Communion)
4:30 – 5:45: RCIA (Unbaptized)
6:00 – 7:15: Grades 3, 4, 5, 7

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.



FIRST FRIDAY of the month is this Friday, Feb. 5th. We WILL have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 8 AM Mass until closing with Benediction at 5 PM. We will say the Rosary at 1 pm. Please spend some time with the Lord. There is a sign-up sheet in the Usher's room.

MANY THANKS TO Letitia and Frank Maresca of Polo Park, who recently donated a chalice and ciborium to the parish in memory of her deceased brother. We consecrated the vessels and used them for the first time on 1/20/16.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for parents and children will take place on Monday, Feb. 1st at 7:00 PM in the Church. Remember, in order for your youngster to receive in May, the child and at least one parent must attend these preparation sessions.

TUESDAY, Feb. 2nd, we will offer Anointing of the Sick at the 8 AM Mass. Anyone who feels in need of spiritual, physical or emotional healing is welcome to receive this special sacrament.

THE SENIOR GROUP has resumed its Thursday 12:30 pm meetings.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! -- Our parish Mission will take place this year from Monday, Feb. 15th through Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Fr. Herald J. Brock, CFR (Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal) will be our presenter, and his theme will be: "The Great River of Mercy," ("From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly"—Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus* 25). Services with Eucharistic Exposition will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM with Confessions being heard on Tuesday, and it will close with the Eucharist on Wednesday night at 7 PM. Fr. Herald will be preaching at all Masses on the weekend of 2/13-14. Come out and start Lent 2016 focusing on the Mercy of our God.

ATTENTION ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS... Please be sure to notify your bank of our change of address to 1714 US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL 34714.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE--We have about 125 or so of the wooden chairs that are now available for memorializing (but they are going fast) at the cost of \$150.00 each. Contact the office for the forms and for the needed information. **This income will be deposited into the Construction Fund.** --- There are also some bigger items that we have installed at the church that are available for partial and/or total memorialization. The new sound system cost us a total of \$12,728.07. We have also added some monitor speakers for musicians and singers at a cost of \$999.54. We are also contemplating purchasing a keyboard (\$1,200) to complement the organ that was donated from St. Timothy's parishioner in Lady Lake. **If anyone is interested in memorializing these bigger items, please contact Fr. Dave directly at (352) 515-9297, ext. 101.** These donations will be used to defray those expenses from our savings (**not into Construction Fund**).

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR 2016 will take place NEXT WEEK, Feb. 6 & 7. Please come prepared to make your pledge for this year's appeal! We will pass out cards and pencils for you to fill in your pledge with or without down-payment. The rest of the Diocese is doing it on Feb. 13-14, but, due to our Mission beginning that weekend, we are doing the commitment a week ahead. Remember, this appeal is to support multiple ministries that the Diocese or Orlando carries out on OUR BEHALF! Being a viable and active parish in the Diocese gives us the responsibility to support these ministries as best we can. Please read the enclosed bulletin inserts to see where your donation goes, and plan on being as generous as you can. Remember, your pledge can be paid over the entire year in monthly installments which can help you be more generous. Our original goal for 2016 was set at \$79,116.00, but we are waiting on response from the Diocese to lower that goal. I will keep you informed.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

January 30 to February 7, 2016

- Sat. 1/30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 1:4-19 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 Luke 4:21-30
4 PM -- Jeffrey Pagano + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
6 PM -- Clara M. O'Shea + (Patrick O'Shea)
- Sun. 1/31**
7:30 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Ann Wallace)
9:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 AM -- Michael & Eleanore Giordano +
(John & Carmela Giaimo)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Jose Enrique Rodriguez +
(Jose A. Rodriguez)
- Mon. 2/1 NO MASS**
Samuel 15:13-14; 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
- Tues. 2/2 FEAST of the PRESENTATION of the LORD**
8 AM -- Donald Crowe + (wife, Kathy Crowe)
Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-32
- Wed. 2/3 FEAST of ST. BLAISE**
8 AM -- Margaret Hahn + (Albert Hahn)
Samuel 24:2-17 Mark 6:1-6
- Thurs. 2/4 8 AM -- Special Intentions for MaryEllen Burke & Family (Margaret Gorman)**
1 Kings 2-12 Mark 6:7-13
- Fri. 2/5 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 8:30 am to 5 pm**
8 AM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)
Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29
- Sat. 2/6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
4 PM -- Special Intentions for Genny Gorman Family
(Margaret Gorman)
6 PM -- Clara M. O'Shea (Patrick O'Shea)
- Sun. 2/7**
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul Verostko +
(Family)
9:00 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Marge Mann)
11:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- David Serrano, Jr. +
(Gladys Santiago)

NOTE: Ash Wednesday is February 10th.

January 17th Offertory: \$9,746
2016-16 Storms: \$3,406
Farmworker Ministry: \$817



Stewardship



Often in this space, we tend to focus on the stewardship messages found in the Gospel reading or perhaps the Second Readings, many of which are letters written by St. Paul. However, on this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, there is a simple statement in the First Reading from Jeremiah that echoes its strong message to each of us: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

As much as we may wish to ignore it, or perhaps just forget it, God knows us in ways we do not even know ourselves. Jeremiah understood that God had called him to be a prophet; he had no choice, and he fulfilled God's wishes. Scripture speaks to us also nonetheless, as we are reminded in our reading from Jeremiah, the Lord does not just know who we are; He has plans for each of us.

This, of course, is where "free will" comes in. Whether we seek to understand God's plan for us and whether we choose to pursue it is totally up to us. To try to comprehend that vocation, that role, can be a humbling experience. It is not unrealistic for us to have thoughts of ourselves, which may not reach the level of God's plans for us; nevertheless, our task as good stewards is to recognize our gifts and to respond to God's call.