

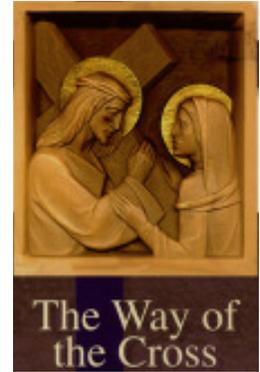
St. Faustina Catholic Church



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.

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm
Phone: 863-438-6900 // Fax: 863-438-6902
Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3
Clermont, FL 34714



**Celebrate the Stations
of the Cross on Fridays
during Lent at 7:00 PM**

Week of Feb. 21 to March 1

First Sunday Of Lent

Clergy

Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 & 6 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses

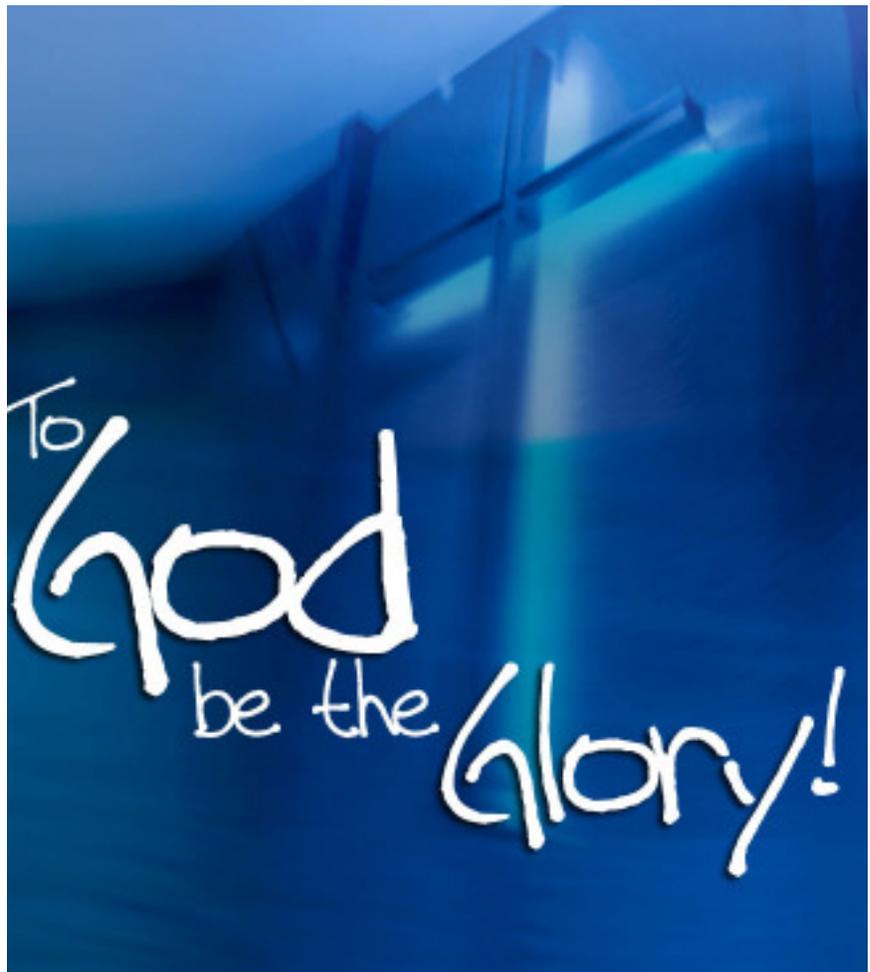
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

*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*; Bob Vince, *Music Ministry*



Father Dave's Corner

We have entered the sacred time of Lent. How do we approach and celebrate this holy season?

It's a season of change and of seeking fresh new directions in our lives (much like Fr. Anglin challenged us just a few weeks ago).

At the beginning of Lent every year, the common talk among children and adults is about what they intend to give up for 40 days until Easter Sunday. When children ask me what I am giving up for Lent, my reply is, "Nothing." I let them sit with that for a few seconds. Then I go on. "Lent is not about giving up, it is all about GIVING IN!" Giving in to the Holy Spirit—and allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire within our lives good, permanent changes—not temporary ones.

Lent is the season to purify our bodies and spirits as we anticipate Holy Week and the Easter Season. It is viewed by many Catholics as a somber and dark season. In reality, Lent is a JOYFUL season, a time of inner retreat and renewal. With positive, permanent change in ourselves, we become more deeply human and Christian. Those good changes affect not only ourselves, but those around us; life itself becomes brighter and joyful.

How, you may ask can Lent be "joyful?" There is a big difference between happiness and joy. Happy is a feeling you get when you are enjoying your favorite flavor of ice cream or your favorite dish for dinner. Birthday and anniversaries and many other experiences in life can be happy. Joy is something different. Imagine a crisis in your life. You face it: it's an immense struggle. Somehow you resolve it. You survive it. You breathe a sigh of relief. You have come out of it standing tall, a stronger and wiser person, a deeper human being and Christian. *That is the definition of joy.*

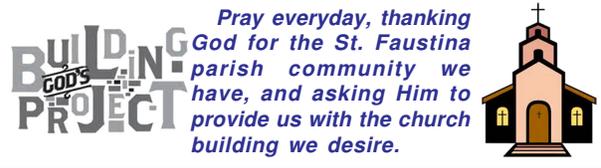
Noah survived the flood. God made a covenant with him. Jesus survived His temptation in the desert. Both Noah and Jesus experienced joy. No one likes conflict, especially within ourselves. With God's grace, we have the ability deep down to face life's challenges, to overcome them, and to get a little closer to what the Holy Spirit intended us to be from the moment of our birth.

This Lenten season, **don't give up; GIVE IN** to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your life. Temporary changes are just that—temporary. Giving up things for a short period usually results in whatever it was you tried to give up resurfacing at a later time. In my own childhood, we often gave up candy. We sure did attack that chocolate bunny on Easter morning...right after Mass! Those are pleasant memories for me now. Those given-up things had good intentions, BUT, I still CRAVE candy a lot!

Permanent changes are a more difficult challenge. Judgementalism, always having to have the last word, bad temper, old hatreds and resentments, withholding forgiveness—these are a few daunting things we may face and try to change. But those difficult challenges are what the Gospels and Scriptures cry out to us every time we attend Mass. GIVE IN! Allow the Holy Spirit and the Real Presence of Jesus in word and sacrament to change your life for the better. Resolve to make a permanent change in yourself. Your life will become brighter. You will experience the TRUE JOY OF LENT. You will get to know your true self—the person God meant you to be. (David Kobak, OFM. HOMILY HELPS, St. Anthony Messenger Press).

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

Father Dave



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$915,961

(as of February 15th)

DINE TO DONATE: Don't forget our regulars--Mandarin Garden (Right next door) and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing. **Dine to Donate Results:** We received a check from Joe's Crab Shack on 1/27/15 in the amount of \$94.60 for our Jan. 6th event. Many thanks for your support.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS FOR SALE: *We are selling Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards after Masses and at the office for \$10 each.* Parish gets 10% of every card sold, and you get to use them anytime you wish. Let's keep on Building that fund!!!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE invites you to a charity luncheon to benefit Give Kids the World at the National Meat Cutter Challenge: At the Ice Factory of Central Florida, 2221 Partin Settlement Road in Kissimmee on **Wed. Feb. 25th**. The competition starts at 9 AM, but the Charity Benefit Lunch will be from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. Cost per person is \$10 donation to Give Kids the World. 100% of all donations benefit Give Kids the World Village.

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--We now have a new way for you to help St. Faustina's Building Fund. If you shop at AmazonSmile they will make a donation to your favorite charity of .5% of every eligible purchase you make. 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.

Reconciliation is the Key To Christ's Divine Mercy Promise

The promise of Divine Mercy is that Reconciliation during Lent and Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will give the soul complete forgiveness. Please take the time to receive the Grace associated with Reconciliation in order to gain the promise of Christ on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession (during Lent) and receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary of St. Faustina, page 699).

To read about St. Maria Faustina's vision of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory, go to our web page at www.stfaustina.org scroll down to "What is Divine Mercy" and click on the appropriate link.



Faith Formation

Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Pre-K, Kind., & 1st grade;

7:00 – 8:30—Grades 4-5-6

Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Grades 2-3;

5:00 – 6:30--Youth R.C.I.A.;

7:00 – 8:30--Youth R.C.I.A (unbaptized);

7:00 – 8:30 -- Grades 7 & 8

There will be no classes the week of Holy Week (3/31 and 4/1). For the complete Sacramental Prep Dates for the 2015 spring semester, please go to our website at www.stfaustina.org

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT: If you need your year-end donations tax letter, please cut this request from the bulletin, and return to the office. Letters will be ready at the end of January.

NAME _____ YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (863) 438-6900 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT--
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning **abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.** If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

We will be celebrating Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. They will begin at 7:00 PM, and all are invited to get closer to the Lord during this season by joining us in this special devotion reminding us of the Lord's sacrifice for us. In lieu of the soup suppers, there will be a box available for donations throughout the entire season of Lent to help the poor in our region.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS FOR SALE: We have a limited amount of Little Black Books available for sale for \$2.00 each. They include daily meditations for the entire season of Lent. There are also a small amount in Spanish. Get them at the Gift Shop.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS--"Joyful Again", a retreat for widow and widowers at St. Pedro retreat center in Winter Park (March 28 & 29)...**St. Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy (the play)** Coming to Florida - February 16-28 at various locations...**Florida Catholic invites you to travel to Israel:** Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. M. Gonzalez! (October 7-15, 2015) for more information, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org and click the link at the bottom of the page.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING!!!! Please remember that the parking spaces on the property next door where the Tattoo parlor, furniture store, and ticket sales agents are **NOT TO BE USED FOR CHURCH PARKING!!!** We have our own parking lot in the back of the church...the Days Inn parking lot, except for beside our building, and if needed, the areas at Bardell Real Estate 3 properties over. PLEASE leave the spaces NEXT DOOR available for their customers.

ANOTHER PARKING REMINDER--Please do not park along the side of the church building on the Days Inn side. That is reserved by the hotel for buses and semi-trailers.

AHOY MATIES!!! COME JOIN US ON OUR NEXT FISHING TRIP on Sat. March 7th, 2015. We will be running a half-day fishing trip out of Clearwater Beach. We are chartering an entire Fishing boat that can accommodate up to 100 passengers. The trip will be in the Gulf of Mexico from 8 Am until Noon. Price is \$50 for adults/\$35 for children under 12 PLUS the cost of a parking pass (half-day is \$3 full day is \$7 at the Clearwater Beach Municipal Parking Lot). Ed Muller will be selling tickets *after TODAY'S* Masses OR call him for reservations/questions at 407-309-8789 or email at efmpd@comcast.net. For more information, please go to our web site at: www.stfaustina.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION meets the second Thursday of the month after the 8 am mass. They are studying *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*.

The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.

WE STILL HAVE ST. FAUSTINA SHIRTS AVAILABLE.

Church Ministries

For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org** and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.



Mass Intentions

February 21 to March 1

Sat. 2/21 **FIRST SUNDAY of LENT**

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

4 PM -- John Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

6 PM -- Sue Epps + (Marty & Julie Pancerella)

Sun. 2/22

7:30 AM -- Doyle Elsass + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)

9 AM -- John Gonyo + (Joe & Marie Miele)

11 AM -- Barbara McKenly + (Norma Santiago)

7 PM--(espanol) -- Anna Victoria Ramos + (Mr. & Mrs. Paco)

Mon. 2/23 - 8 pm -- **NO MASS**

Leviticus 19:1-18 Matthew 25:31-46

Tues. 2/24 8 am -- Claudio Flores + (Alex & Joann Flores)

Isaiah 55:10-11

Matthew 6:7-15

Wed. 2/25 - 8 am -- Leticia Trapp--Special Intention

(Pamela Murrell-Blattner)

Jonah 3:1-10

Luke 11:29-52

Thurs. 2/26 - 8 am -- Rose Boyd + (Barbara Lou, Todd,

Anthony, Arik & Alex)

Esther C:12-25

Matthew 7:7-12

Fri. 2/27 - 8 am -- Ask 10 Benefactors

Ezekiel 18:21-28

Matthew 5:20-26

Sat. 2/28 **SECOND SUNDAY of LENT**

Genesis 22:1-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

4 PM -- Louis Zezza + (Dot & Paul Novalis)

6 PM -- Suzanne Epps + (Ginger & George Walker)

Sun. 2/22

7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Steve Verostko +

(Mary Ann Heary)

9 AM -- Ed Haley + (Julie Haley)

11 AM -- John & Peggy O'Brien + (Patricia Zampino)

7 PM--(espanol) -- Dora Ulloa De Ramirez +

(Martha Ramirez)

February 8th Offertory: \$11,670

Parish Mission: \$3,428.60



Stewardship



It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this First Sunday of Lent — from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing into the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark.

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent.

Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, nevertheless, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God.



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