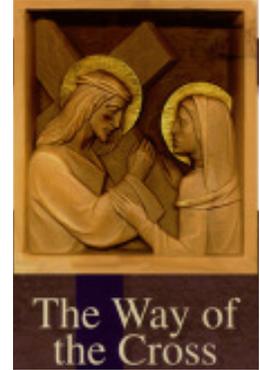


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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. 28 to March 8

Second 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

12:30 pm (during month of March)

Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses

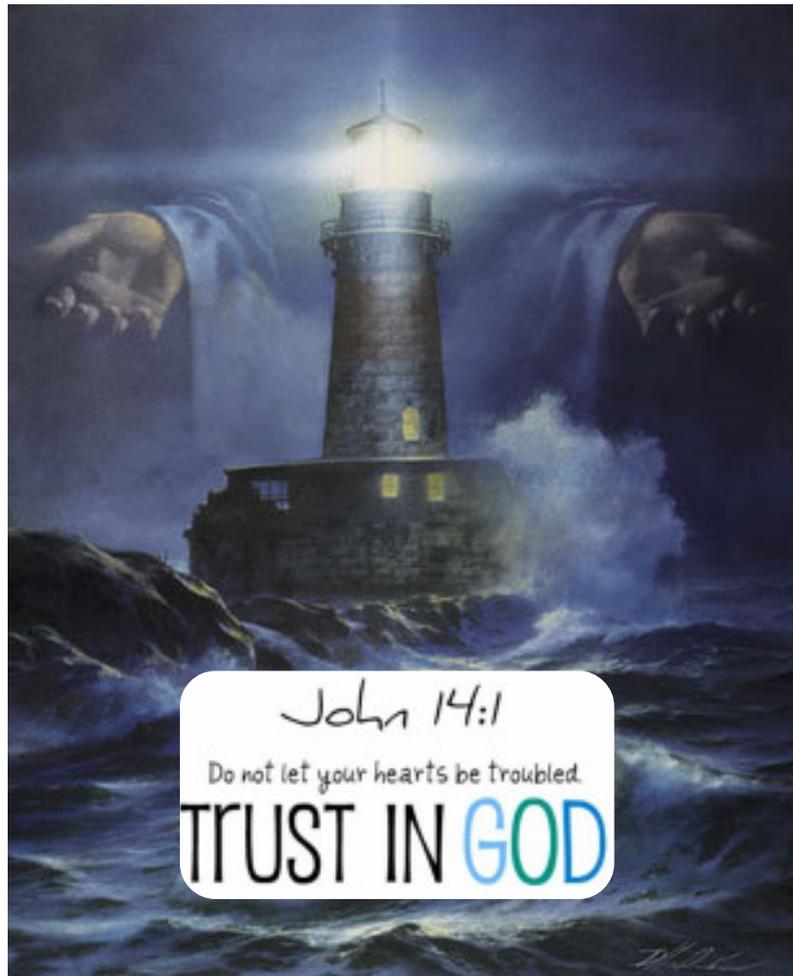
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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



John 14:1

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

TRUST IN GOD

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

I was blessed to visit the Old City of Jerusalem on a pilgrimage way back in November, 1986. The golden Dome of the Rock dominates the ancient skyline. The gold-encrusted dome covers a Muslim mosque and a site that is sacred, not only to believers of Islam, but to Christians and Jewish people as well. Beneath the floor of the sanctuary is a large rock. Archaeologists and biblical scholars believe this is the Mount, or Moriah, where Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, which we heard about in today's first reading. Not far from there is the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, built over the rock of Calvary, where God sacrificed His only Son for our sins (I concelebrated Mass at an altar on Calvary and within the Empty Tomb). Moriah and Calvary are joined together as unique examples of sacrificial love.

In today's 2nd reading, St. Paul posed the question to the Romans, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Abraham must have wondered whether God was for him or against him when he was instructed to take his son and go to the land of Moriah to offer sacrifice. Becoming a father was the answer to prayers that Abraham had offered for more than 80 years. God heard Abraham's prayers and gave him a son when he was almost 100 years old. Now that same God was asking the gift be returned. Abraham is rightly called OUR FATHER IN FAITH because he does not doubt, nor does he question. He faithfully sets out to do the Father's will, no matter how much it will cost him.

Pleased with Abraham's display of faith, God sends an angel to stop the sacrifice, and Abraham is blessed forever for his faithfulness. Stories such as those in the Old Testament are key to a better understanding of the events that would later unfold in the New Testament. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac on Moriah is unmistakably connected to God the Father's willingness to sacrifice His only Son, for our salvation, at Calvary.

That sacrifice was foretold by Jesus 3 times before it actually came about. The first time He does so in the Gospel of Mark occurs shortly before this passage about the Transfiguration. Though Jesus spoke of death, he also promised that He would rise on the third day, but the resurrection meant nothing to His disciples at the time. They knew only that their master was going to die and they could not do anything to stop it. The Transfiguration, in effect, is about the deeper meaning of the life and death of Jesus. IT WAS TO BRING ABOUT LIFE!

At the Transfiguration, the Apostles are privileged to receive a glimpse of how Jesus will appear in resurrected glory. Although they are amazed and terrified at the same time, the presence of Moses, the patriarch, and Elijah, the great prophet, assures them that Jesus IS the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. God speaks from the heavens just as He did at the baptism of Jesus. He tells them, *This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.* The Apostles may still not full understand who Jesus is or what He is about, but there is no doubt that HE IS GOD'S SON! Their faith is strengthened and the long way of the cross, the journey to Jerusalem, continues.

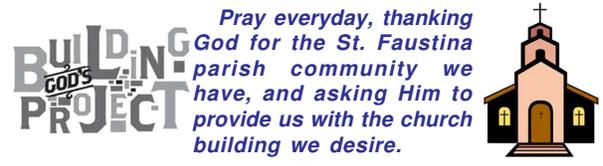
As we continue our journey through this Lenten season, we seek transformation—conversion. The Apostles' perspectives on their life and mission changed during their time atop Mount Tabor. We pray that OUR sense of mission may be strengthened by our Lenten observance. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing).

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

Father Dave



February 15th Offertory: \$10,557



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: \$918,273
(as of February 22nd)

DINE TO DONATE: UPCOMING DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: Tuesday, March 3rd (this Tuesday) I LOVE NY PIZZA RESTAURANT BAR & GRILL in Cagan's Crossing invite us from 10 AM to 10 PM and we get 10% of what you ate and drank. Just drop your receipt in the box. **Tuesday, March 10th, BOB EVANS** down at 7411 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy in Kissimmee invite us back from 7 AM -10 PM. **YOU MUST** bring a flyer and the parish will receive 15% of your receipt. Present flyer at checkout. **Tuesday, March 17th, it's back to TEXAS ROADHOUSE** from 3:30-9PM. Drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and the parish receives 10% of your dining. **Tuesday, March 24th, it's back to GATOR'S DOCKSIDE** at Cagan's Crossing ALL DAY. No Flyer needed. Drop your receipt in the bucket at the hostess stand and the parish gets 15% of your dining. **Tuesday, March 31st, it's back to FLIPPER'S PIZZERIA** from 11 AM to Closing (in the Rolling Oaks shopping center, next to Sweet Tomatoes). No Flyer needed. Mention St. Faustina to your server and we get 20% of your dining. Please participate in any of these that you feel you can. It helps us keep increasing that Building Fund. **Don't forget our regulars--Mandarin Garden** (Right next door) and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing. **NUMEROUS DINE TO DONATE RESULTS: IHOP** sent us a check for **\$105.00** from our December event --- **GATOR'S DOCKSIDE** SENT US 2 checks: **one for \$108.29 and one for \$156.11** for our 1/27 event --- **FLIPPER'S PIZZERIA** sent us **\$241.54** for our Feb. 3rd event. We received a check from **Mandarin Garden for \$64.25** for the past few month and from the **Bob Evans** event on 12/23 we received **\$71.00**. Many, Many thanks for ALL of you who participate in these events.

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.**

Our Catholic Appeal for 2015 first report: We had 31 families mail their pledge to the Diocese pledging \$7,963.00 and paying \$4,101.94...and on our in pew commitment weekend we had 79 families pledge \$17,332.00 and paying \$7,963.00. That is a total of \$25,295 pledged from 110 families and \$11, 715.94 paid. That is about 21.7% of our entire parish. That is a very good start. WE are about halfway to our goal. Please follow through and be sure to keep paying your pledges. Those who have NOT yet participated are encouraged to take an envelope from the office and pledge today.



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 can be picked up at the front desk.

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.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS, ESPECIALLY THE 11 AM SUNDAY MASS FOLKS.

Due to the major overcrowding of the 11 AM Mass the past few weeks, we will be adding an additional Mass to help relieve that crowding at 12:30 PM for ALL of the Sundays of March (1, 8, 15, 22, & 29).

It would be a great help (and probably, a sacrifice on your part) if those of you who are "permanent" residents OR long-term snow-birds, plan to attend the 12:30 Mass to allow room for our 1 time tourist visitors. It will be difficult to get the word out to them. Please consider this, and help us continue to serve the folks who visit us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Set aside Sunday, March 22nd for another parish picnic (FORMAT will be a little different) at the Northeast Regional Park Pavilion on RTE 27 south of Bass Lake. From Noon to 4 PM, we will be served a special BBQ Lunch from Sonny's. Your cost will be \$5 per person (parish will cover the rest of the costs). There is no need to bring any of those delicious salads/ desserts/ or other treats. All will be provided. BASKET FUND-RAISER will also be held at the picnic. There will be 20 baskets on display at the parish for the 2 weekends before the picnic. For \$1 per chance, you drop a ticket into the bucket indicating the basket(s) you want to take a chance on.

FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT--Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.

Don't forget to access our Facebook page from your page, St. Faustina Catholic Church. It features daily devotions and parish news. www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch

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.

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*.



Mass Intentions

February 28 to March 8

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. 3/1

7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Steve Verostko +
(Mary Ann Heary)

9 AM -- Ed Haley + (Julie Haley)

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

12:30 PM--Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

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

(Martha Ramirez)

Mon. 3/2 - 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Daniel 9:4-10

Luke 6:36-38

Tues. 3/3 8 am -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)

Isaiah 1:10-20

Matthew 23:1-12

Wed. 3/4 - 8 am -- Those Memorialized on our Chairs

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs. 3/5 - 8 am -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Steve Verostko +

(Mary Ann Heary)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 16:19-31

Fri. 3/6 - 8 am -- Denis Denomee + (Family)

Genesis 37:3-28

Matthew 21:33-46

Sat. 3/7 **THIRD SUNDAY of LENT / First Scrutiny**

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-8 John 4:5-42

4 PM -- Louis Zezza + (Cheryl Macaluso)

6 PM -- Suzanne Epps + (Joanne & Fred Novelli)

Sun. 3/8

7:30 AM -- Harvey & Agnes Westrick +

(Jerry & Susan Westrick)

9 AM -- Michael Heal + (Denver & Jackie Heal)

11 AM -- Michael Tritto + (Bonnie & John Bartolomeo)

12:30 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lorraine Amaral of the Loma Del Sol community, **Sadie "Sally" Zezza** of Outdoor Resorts, and **Art Murosky**, a snowbird who died up north (the father of Kitty Holtz) all who died the week of Feb 8 through the 15th. Please pray for them and keep their families in your prayers as well.



Stewardship



Most of us have heard many times the story of how God tested Abraham, as reported in our first reading from Genesis. Often there may be various emotional reactions to the situation as it unfolds. However, there are two important aspects of the narrative that

we sometimes miss.

Yes, Abraham was tested, but so was his son Isaac. It would seem that Isaac was a willing participant in the ordeal. Isaac clearly did not protest nor resist lying on the altar in preparation for what would occur. Isaac offers an example of one of the basic tenets of stewardship: he trusted completely in God (and in his father, as well). That kind of total trust is difficult, but if we do not trust in the Lord, it is hard for us to make the kind of commitment to stewardship and discipleship the Lord wants from us.

The other feature of this story we sometimes miss is the parallel between Abraham and his son, and what would occur between God and His only son, Jesus Christ. Everything from the mountain to hauling the wood up the mountain to the father sacrificing his son to deliverance from death is reminiscent of Christ's sacrifice for us, and God's willingness to offer "His only begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)