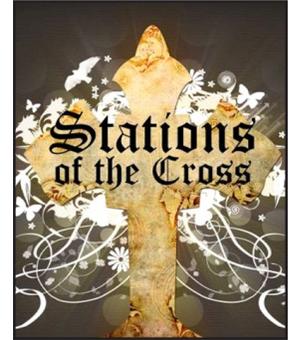


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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

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

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

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

Join us for the  
Stations of the Cross  
every Friday during  
Lent at 7:00 PM.

**Week of March 5 to March 13**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT**

**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.

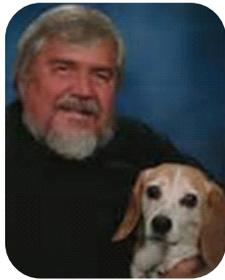
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



***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



We love today's Gospel parable! Especially in this Lenten season, we can relate to the prodigal son. Sinful though we are, if we convert our lives, God, symbolized by the father, will ALWAYS forgive us and welcome us back. How often do WE forgive and really mean it? Like anything else, forgiveness can be used to manipulate others into believing that this is our intention when, in reality, we are trying to

deceive others in order to have things our way. We must remember that it is GOD'S WAY THAT MATTERS. This parable of the prodigal son tells us of God's forgiving heart.

If we focus on the father in this story we learn many things about our God. The father already had generously given his younger son the inheritance that he "owed" him. He must have been broken-hearted when the son rejected his home and family to pursue another lifestyle. This younger son showed an arrogant disregard for the father's authority as head of the family. Taking liberty to squander his father's money shows the son's disregard to save and invest. Like many persons who are rebellious and immature, he had to sink to the bottom in order to come to his senses.

The father longs for the younger son's return. This is what God does in order to save us. When the son in the story saw the error of his ways and returned home, the father ran out to greet him with warmth and affection. He gave him a ring, a robe, and a party! The father offered forgiveness—not begrudgingly—but freely, lavishly, lovingly. This is what God does in order to save us! When we return, our Lord is so happy that He throws a banquet for us. Moreover, the father went out to again to seek his older son and carefully taught him how to forgive.

God will wait for you if you decide to leave and will love you just the same when you return. This, a beautiful meditation during Lent, focuses upon the importance of coming home to be reconciled with God.

In this Year of Mercy, whom do we need to forgive? Is there someone in the family with whom we have not spoken? Is there someone at work who has wronged us? A spouse who has betrayed us? Is there a child who has rebelled? Can we be as generous as our merciful God? Is there anything more God-like than forgiveness?

Jesus' ministry was often about forgiveness—eating with sinners, forgiving sins publicly, gently preaching about His Father's unbounded mercy. In the ultimate act of forgiveness, obedient to His Father, Jesus gave His life for the forgiveness of our sins. This is what salvation history is all about—forgiveness. How can we be grateful enough for such unbounded mercy?

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

**Father Dave**

### February 21st Offertory:

**\$11,958**

**Parish Mission \$2,804**



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](http://www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch)



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

**BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT**

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,170,516**

(as of February 14, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY on TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, Sarah's Greek Cuisine at Cagan's Crossing invites us all day from 11:00 AM-Closing. Flyers are needed and available on book cases.** Whatever you eat and drink, we will receive 10% of for our building fund.(Just a caution, Sarah's is a small restaurant with a small kitchen...be cautious about time of dining and expectations). Help us if you can. **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. 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 tohrblock.com. If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. This offers runs through April 15th.

**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).

### 2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**This year's Holy Week Schedule begins on Tuesday, March 22 with a 7 pm Communal Penance Service.** To get the **COMPLETE** 2016 Holy Week Schedule, please go to our web site at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the 2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE link on the right side. **DON'T FORGET** that Jesus promised St. Faustina that, **"The soul that will go to Confession (during Lent) and receives Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."** (Diary of St. Faustina, page 699). Please take the time to receive the Grace associated with Reconciliation in order to gain the promise of Christ on Divine Mercy Sunday.

### Fasting and 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 Latin 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 of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.** A Reflection on Lenten Fasting 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 his Resurrection.

**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.**



### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK, 3/6/16...

The Diocese has changed its schedule of special collections on us after our boxes were compiled and printed...SORRY...Next week, there are 3 collections in one...you have an envelope for Catholic Relief Services/Central + Eastern Europe that is dated for

3/13: PLEASE USE IT ON MARCH 6th and drop it in the 1st collection along with the Regular Offertory envelope. The Diocese has also moved the Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday) from Oct. 23rd to March 6th. Please dig out that envelope from October and drop it into the first collection basket as well on MARCH 6th. (Sorry for the confusion...but, the Diocese made these decisions after our boxes were printed...and in an attempt to reduce the number of special collections that you are burdened with each year). Please be as generous as you can.

**2ND SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS** for children and parents preparing for First Holy Communion on Monday, 3/7 at 7 PM in Church. The children and at least one parent must attend.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> annual LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE runs from Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday through Mar. 24, Holy Thursday. WE ALREADY HAVE 33 SHIRTS TOWARDS OUR GOAL OF 120 (40 days of Lent x3).** Please consider how you can help, either by donating long-sleeve shirts, raising funds for the farmworkers, or making a monetary donation of your own. So many ways to help in this year of Mercy. **For information or donations, please contact George Cuttita at [gcuttita@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gcuttita@cfl.rr.com)**

**MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE--As of 2/15/16,** we have had an additional 64 congregational chairs memorialized and the 1 larger chair near the Baptismal Font (@\$300.00) in our worship space. "We cannot do great things on this earth, only small things with great love," Blessed Mother Teresa. Because of your generous gifts, small things are adding up to help St. Faustina parish grow and be blessed. Many thanks and God's Blessings upon all of you.

**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.

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

**NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY--** Practices are held on Thursdays in the church. For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html> or email Kelly at [kmucci@stfaustina.org](mailto:kmucci@stfaustina.org)

**CAN YOU HELP WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?** If you know of any Catholics who live in your neighborhood or in your development, please let them know that we have moved.

**GOING OUT OF TOWN?...**find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**HARBOUR HOUSE 24 HOUR HOTLINE:** Did you know that there is a shelter available for folks suffering domestic violence in our area? **Call (4047)886-2856 24 hours a day...7 days a week.**

For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)**

**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.

**DECADE A DAY MEMBERS--**You and your intentions will be remembered at all of the Masses said at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Mary Queen of the Universe, in Orlando FL in a special way throughout Lent.



## Mass Intentions

**March 5 to March 13, 2016**

- Sat. 3/5 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT****  
*1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41*  
4 PM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)  
6 PM -- Rev. Ronald Falotico + (Nancy Harrigan)
- Sun. 3/6**  
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, and Stephen Paul Verostko + (Family)  
9:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
11:00 AM -- Patrick Farrell Kilbane + (Mike Gallagher)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Rafaela Maldonado + (Evelyn Garcia)
- Mon. 3/7 **NO MASS****  
*Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54*
- Tues. 3/8 -- 8 AM -- Joseph Leo Murat + (Bob & Kim Garven)**  
*Ezekiel 47:1-12 John 5:1-16*
- Wed. 3/9 -- 8 AM -- Michael Heal + (Jackie & Denver Heal)**  
*Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30*
- Thurs. 3/10 8 AM -- Dr. Carolyn Scagliore + (John & Florentina Pannacchione)**  
*Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47*
- Fri. 3/11 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM****  
8 AM -- Bill Weinell + (John & Florentina Pannacchione)  
*Wisdom 2:1-22 John 7:1-30*
- Sat. 3/12 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT****  
*Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11*  
4 PM -- Helenmarie Butterworth-7th Ann + (Albert Butterworth)  
6 PM -- Philip Upman + (Mary Bush)
- Sun. 3/13**  
7:30 AM -- Alecia Kaiser + (Mom & Dad)  
9:00 AM -- Those Memorialized on Chairs  
11:00 AM --Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina



In our Second Reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul says, "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." There are two important points intended for us in

those two sentences, especially during our Lenten journeys.

First, we are to be "ambassadors on behalf of Christ." Then, as now, an ambassador was one who represented a ruler, at that time most likely a king, in dealing with others. Paul's meaning is that we are called to represent our King, the Lord, here and now in our dealings with others. We do things representing our Lord and Savior, and we need to recognize both that fact and the responsibility which goes with it. It is what being a steward means — someone who is placed in charge of gifts which come to us from God and which are to be used in God's behalf. That should be part of our Lenten efforts.

The second sentence reminds us that we need to be reconciled with God. Note that it does not say that God is to be reconciled with us. The duty lies with us and needs to be precipitated by us. At this time as Easter approaches, reconciliation-confession is important and necessary. At a recent general audience Pope Francis declared, "I can't be baptized two or three or four time, but I can go to confession often and regularly, and when I go to confession, I renew the grace of Baptism."