

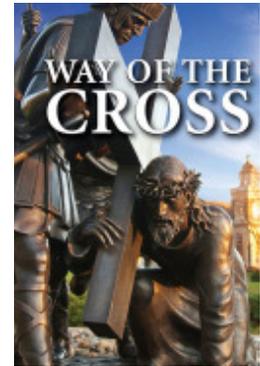
St. Faustina Catholic Church



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
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Clermont, FL 34714



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

Week of March 7 to March 15

**Third 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**

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

St. Augustine once said, "God's temple is holy, and YOU are that temple." This is a fitting reminder today as we listen to the Gospel passage. This passage is one of the few found in all four Gospels. The Synoptics (Mt., Mk., Lk.) place the event of Jesus chasing out the money changers from the Temple during Holy Week. The fourth Gospel, John, makes the story the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Some scholars suggest that this event is ultimately what got Jesus arrested. But, for John, this event BEGINS Jesus' public ministry. There are many interpretations among biblical scholars as to what Jesus was actually doing.

The Jerusalem temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world. It was the length of four and a half football fields in length and was 10 to 16 stories high. Jerusalem swelled from 50,000 to 150,000 pilgrims at Passover (something like winter in Florida, ha, ha). Both Jewish and Roman leaders were on edge and hyper-alert for troublemakers. To help put things in perspective, around 25,000 lambs were sacrificed for the feast in the temple. Pilate was terribly ruthless and would come into the city in case there was a riot or worse.

Jesus' actions in the temple during Holy Week have been interpreted by many as a "cleansing of the temple." They did not go unnoticed by the Jewish priests, and Jesus became a marked man. Their livelihood and the upkeep of the temple were being threatened by His stopping the commerce of the sale of animals and money changing.

In faith, we are challenged to believe that **WE are the NEW temple** because of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Like that magnificent Temple Herod built in the Holy City, we likewise need to do some spiritual cleansing. Let's call it an early spiritual "spring cleaning" for Lent (which actually means spring).

Here are some spiritual spring cleaning tips (adapted from Elizabeth Peale Allen's list in *Guideposts* magazine. A) *Scan for the big problems* we may have overlooked. A review of the Ten Commandments from our first reading would do it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available to us. B) *Dust off irritations*. Think of the things (or people) that annoy us regularly, and ask ourselves if there is anything going on in our lives that contributes to the problem. C) *Consider the clutter of our days*. What can we fling from our lives that clutters our relationship with God? A tidbit of gossip when we get together with friends? An indulgence that might be fostering a spirit of selfishness? Look to the small things. D) *Contemplate what's lacking*. What we fail to do often depletes our spiritual health as much as what we do wrong.

Other spiritual spring cleaning tips: a) *Let go of bitterness and past hurts*. These can prevent present happiness and living a full life. Ask some favorite saints for help. b) *Recognize above all the need of God's grace* to accomplish our spiritual spring cleaning this Lent and to prepare for Easter season. God can do marvelous things. Remember that God's way and God's time may not be our own, but they are always best. c) *Celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday*. Come back next weekend. Enjoy God's word and feed on the Body and Blood of Jesus. Remember that we are what we eat. (Timothy J. Cronin, Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave



February 22nd Offertory: \$8,1216

Ash Wednesday: \$3,829



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: \$935,340
(as of February 24th)

DINE TO DONATE: UPCOMING DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: 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. **DINE TO DONATE RESULT:** We received a check from Texas Roadhouse in the amount of \$280.00 for our Dec. 16th event on Feb. 26th. Many thanks for your participation.

MANY THANKS TO Kim Nigreli who recently shared some of her real estate commission with our parish as she has promised. We received a check for \$300 for a recent transaction she completed. Blessings to her, and to all who help us.

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 .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**. **AMAZONSMILE recently sent us a check for \$62.39 to cover the period of Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2014.** That represents .5% of the amount that shoppers spent on the website mentioning St. Faustina Church, Clermont FL., as the charity of their choice. Many thanks to those of you who participated.

SECOND WEEK OF OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL-- As of 2/27 we have 126 families pledging \$29,030.00 and paying \$13,517.94. That is 24.8% of our 508 families. We still have a ways to go to get to the goal of \$51,120.00. Those who have NOT yet participated, we beg you to prayerfully consider helping the parish reach its goal, and helping the many ministries throughout the Diocese to carry on the work of the Lord.



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.



PARISH PICNIC AND BASKET FUND-RAISER will be held on Sunday, March 22nd from Noon-4PM at Northeast Regional Park in Davenport (South of Bass Lake on Rte 27). Sonny's BBQ of Haines City will be catering, and serving food at 1:30 PM. You will get either ¼ of a chicken OR ¼ lb. of pulled pork, 3 sides (baked beans, cole slaw, and macaroni and cheese) and drinks & dessert for \$5.00 per person. Drinks include unsweet & sweet ice tea, lemonade, fruit punch and water. There is no need to bring any of those delicious salads/ desserts/ or other treats (unless you want them for yourself). All will be provided.

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.

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. STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be led by the following folks: 3/13 Fr. Dave, 3/20 Spanish Community, 3/27 Deacon Lee. **DON'T FORGET there is a special donation box in the main office of the parish which is designated to aid our local Food Pantry.** During the season of Lent, if you would like to share your alms with the poor, that is another opportunity for you.

LOOKING AHEAD: In your envelopes box, there is one for *MISSION COOPERATIVE set for March 22nd. PLEASE move it to the end of June.* That collection and visitor will NOT be coming in March, but WILL be here the last weekend of June.

THE EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL include a 12:30 PM Mass in English and we the Spanish Community will be celebrating at 2:00 PM. Fr. Boland has agreed to celebrate the 11 AM Mass for the month of March.

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.

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



Mass Intentions

March 7 to March 15

- 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)
Mon. 3/9 - 8 am -- **NO MASS**
Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56
Tues. 3/10 8 am -- Al Dienna + (Father Dave)
Genesis 1:20-2:4 Mark 7:1-13
Wed. 3/11 - 8 am -- Brother Emmett Corry, OSF +
(Daniel Corry & Kay McCrystal)
Genesis 2:4-17 Mark 7:14-23
Thurs. 3/12-8 am--Evelyn Koty + (Anthony & Debra Stallone)
Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30
Fri. 3/13 - 8 am -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Faustina
Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37
Sat. 3/14 **FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT / Second Scrutiny**
Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Corin. 10:31-11:1 Mark 1: 40-45
4 PM -- Helenmarie Butterworth + (6th Ann)
(Albert Butterworth)
6 PM -- Dianne Walling + (Dorothy & Tom)
Sun. 3/15
7:30 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)
9 AM -- Alfred LaSalle + (Judy & Gary Mohler)
11 AM -- Maryellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
12:30 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
7 PM--(espanol) -- Dora Ulloa De Ramirez +
(Martha Ramirez)

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. (please see the *Diary of St. Faustina*, page 699).

Stewardship



The Ten Commandments are our moral code given directly to us from God. Our Catholic beliefs, morals, and practices often come under attack from the secular society, but these clearly written morals are the anchor on which much of our behavior

should be based.

In fact, according to the noted author and philosopher C. S. Lewis, "There is a universal morality among all humankind. These principles represented in the Ten Commandments are implanted in the hearts and minds of all women and men." That would seem to make it simple, but as we all know, nothing is ever simple.

Nevertheless, during our Lenten preparations for Easter it is an excellent time for us to evaluate how we are doing in relation to these basic Commandments from God. Our sense of stewardship tells us that we are in need of God's guidance and instructions. Too often in our society we seem to rely upon what our "personal" feelings may be in relation to morals and how we live them out. When questioned about the Commandments, Jesus responded that the two most important were to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," as well as "Love your neighbor as yourself." Our problem may be that we do not even fulfill those two Commandments, let alone the Ten Commandments. That should be our goal always, not just during Lent.