

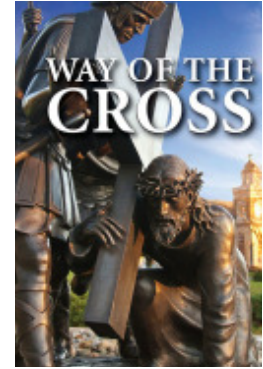
# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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 March 14 to March 22**

**Fourth 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**

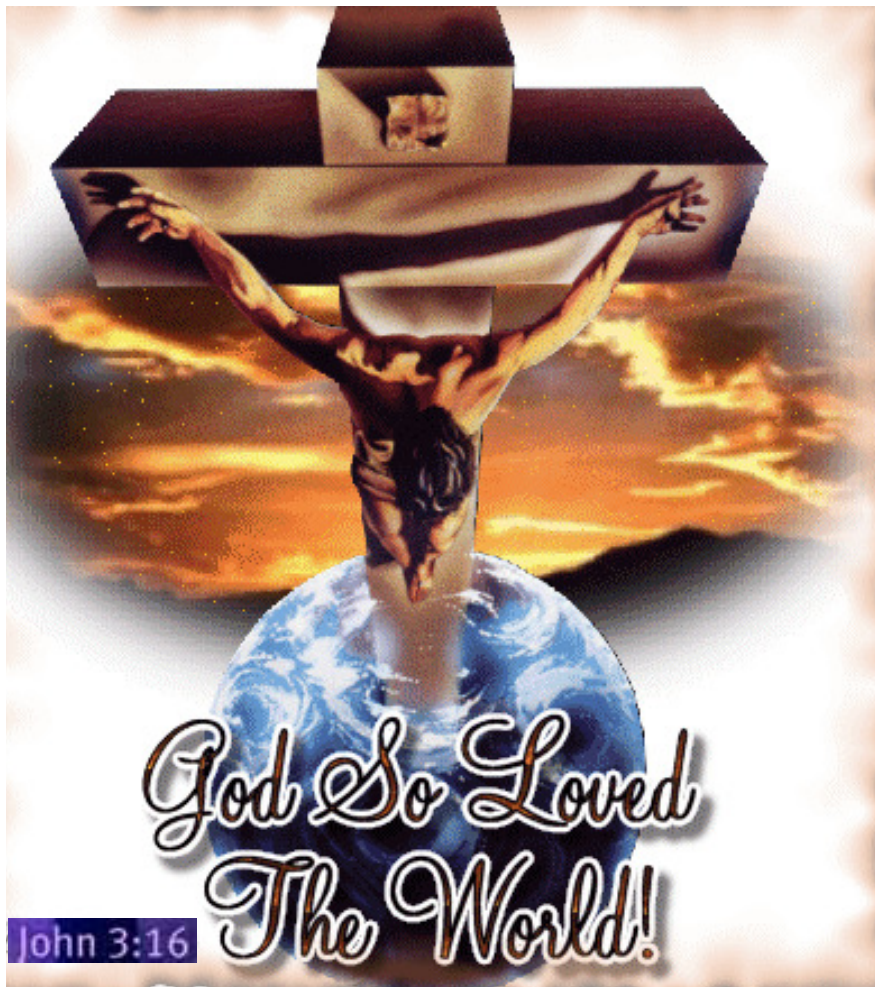
**8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday**

***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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday*, translated as "Rejoice," sets the tone of preparation for the glory of Easter Sunday. "Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourn for her." (Is 66:10-11) Here in the middle of Lent the Church invites us to rejoice. Today's readings give us the reason we SHOULD rejoice.

We are challenged today to reflect on God's immeasurable love for humanity and its implications for us. The concept "love of God" here means God's love for us! The reason we reflect on this is because it will INSPIRE OUR LOVE FOR GOD...which is then translated into our love for our neighbors. God loves each and every one of us so much that He gives us His only Son. It is sometimes hard to believe that God even loves me. But I believe it because I know that God loves unconditionally—no ifs, no buts. When we can love God back, we enter into a love relationship with Him.

With their political and religious leaders, the Israelites rebelled against God and defiled God's dwelling place. Out of love for them, God constantly sent messengers to direct and teach them, but their messages were treated with scorn. God did NOT abandon them, but KEPT on caring for them even though they neglected His love and wallowed in sin. They were attacked and taken into captivity by the Babylonians. God intervened because of His love for them and raised up King Cyrus of Persia to free them.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians also confirms this love of God—not only for the Israelites, but for EVERYONE! He was generous to us with His mercy, to the extent that even when we were spiritually dead because of our sins, He took up our cause and gave us life. Our loving God finds us wherever we go, brings us nearer to Himself, brands us His friends. Through His grace, we are saved and enabled to believe JUST BECAUSE HE LOVES US! That is the reason to REJOICE!!!

John's Gospel today shows us the apex of God's love. It recalls some significant events propelled by God's love. It was because of God's love for us that He gave us His only Son so that those who believe may not perish but gain eternal life. The Son of God, incarnated in love, came not to condemn the world, but to save the world.

The core of Christianity is the experience of the love of God in the person of Jesus. Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. He joins us to Himself in His sacrifice of love. He enters our hearts to unite us to the Father and the Spirit. He gives us the help we need to love and serve God's children. REJOICE!!!!

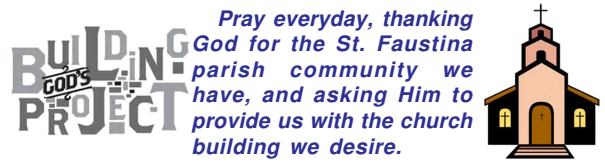
(Brian P. Maloney, OFM, Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave



March 1st Offertory: \$13,200



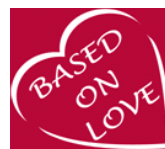
CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$938,209  
(as of March 5)

**DINE TO DONATE: UPCOMING DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES:** Tuesday, March 17th, it's back to TEXAS ROADHOUSE from 3:30-9 PM. 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 RESULTS:** we received a check for \$280.00 from Texas Roadhouse for our Dec. 16th event and another one for \$280.00 for our Jan. 20th event. We received \$200.00 from DiRomio's for our Feb 10th event. We received \$100 from I Love NY Pizza event on 3/3/15 Many thanks to ALL of you who participate in these special dining experiences.

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE has started ANOTHER Dine to Donate opportunity** (in addition to our own Tuesday night event). EVERY SUNDAY FROM NOON-4:00 PM, dine at Texas Roadhouse down on Rte 192 and attach your receipt from the meal to YOUR PARISH BULLETIN, drop it in the box at the host stand, and St. Faustina's will get 10% of your meal at the end of the month. Many thanks for ALL of your participation in the many events.

**ADDITIONAL THANKS goes out to LaRosa Realty, for their generosity toward our building fund.**

**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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link**.



**THIRD WEEK OF OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL--** As of 3/6 we have 136 families pledging \$30,985.00 and paying \$14,375.94 toward our goal of \$51,120.00; for 26.8% of our 508 families. Many thanks. I hope and pray more of you will participate



## 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](http://www.stfaustina.org)



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

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**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.**



**GET READY FOR HOLY WEEK—**to get your calendar in order for the events surrounding Holy Week, please go to our web page at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) The Communal Penance Service will be held on March 31 starting at 7 pm.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S CONSTRUCTION**

**FUND BASKET FUND-RAISER** will ALSO be held at the Parish Picnic on March 22nd. 20+ new baskets have been on display for the past week or so. There is also a TREE made out of Gift-cards from various businesses around us. Raffle tickets for the BASKETS will be \$1.00 each. IF you purchase a \$20.00 block of raffle tickets, you will receive a SPECIAL ticket for the Gift Card tree. (You can ONLY win the tree with that special ticket). WINNING TICKETS will be pulled at the picnic around 3:15 PM...but, there will be opportunity to take chances on the baskets AT THE PARISH LOBBY up until the 11 AM Mass on 3/22. The baskets will be transported to the picnic after that mass. Questions may be directed to Debbie Bergeron, Nancy Cummings, Kim Garven, Kitty Holtz or Fr. Dave. Be there on 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.

**OUR SPANISH COMMUNITY** invites all folks to a Spanish Music Concert and Evening of Reflection on Friday, 3/20 and Saturday, 3/21 from 7:30-9:30 PM. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased from Ana or Gladys.

**GREAT THANKS TO OUR REGULAR PARISHIONERS** who have adjusted their Mass attendance schedule by attending the 12:30 PM & 6:00 PM masses to allow room for our tourist visitors. It has been successful so far, relieving some of the pressure for the 11 AM and 4 PM Masses. Please be patient with us.

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 10, 2015** we will be holding another Parish Dinner catered by Carrabba's at the Clubhouse at Citrus Highlands North on Route 27. Ticket sales will be on the weekends of 3/22, 3/29, and 4/5. Ticket prices will be \$12.00 per person. This will give us one last for chance at partying with some of our wonderful snowbird parishioners.

**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.*

**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: 3/20 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 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.



## Mass Intentions

**March 14 to March 22**

- 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)
- Mon. 3/16 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**  
*Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54*
- Tues. 3/17 8 am -- McCarthy Family-Special Intentions  
(Daniel & Kathleen McCarthy)  
*Ezekiel 47:1-22 John 5:1-16*
- Wed. 3/18 - 8 am -- Harry Allen Alcorn + (Frances C. Alcorn)  
*Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30*
- Thurs. 3/19-**Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Virgin Mary**  
8 am--Edward J.Melone, Sr. + (Carol Arroyo)  
*2 Samuel 7:4-16 Romans 16-22 Matthew 1:16-24*
- Fri. 3/20 -- 8 am -- Rui Goncalves + (Auta Goncalves)  
*Wisdom 2:1-22 John 7:1-30*
- Sat. 3/21 **FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT / Third Scrutiny**  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33*  
4 PM -- Francis, Blanche, & Michael Cummings +  
(Nancy Cummings)  
6 PM -- Tracy Keogh + (Kathy Johnson)  
Sun. 3/22  
7:30 AM -- Ines Goncalves- Special Intentions  
(Ines Goncalves)  
9 AM -- John Gonyo + (Clayetta Gonyo)  
11 AM -- Vincent & Rose Giaimo + (John & Carmela Giaimo)  
12:30 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Dora Ulloa De Ramirez +  
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### **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



It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps

even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God's gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God's gifts." We need to recognize God's gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.