

# 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)

Please see this week's

Mass Intentions

for our

Holy Week Schedule

**Week of March 19 to March 27**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

### ***Passion of the Lord***

#### **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**

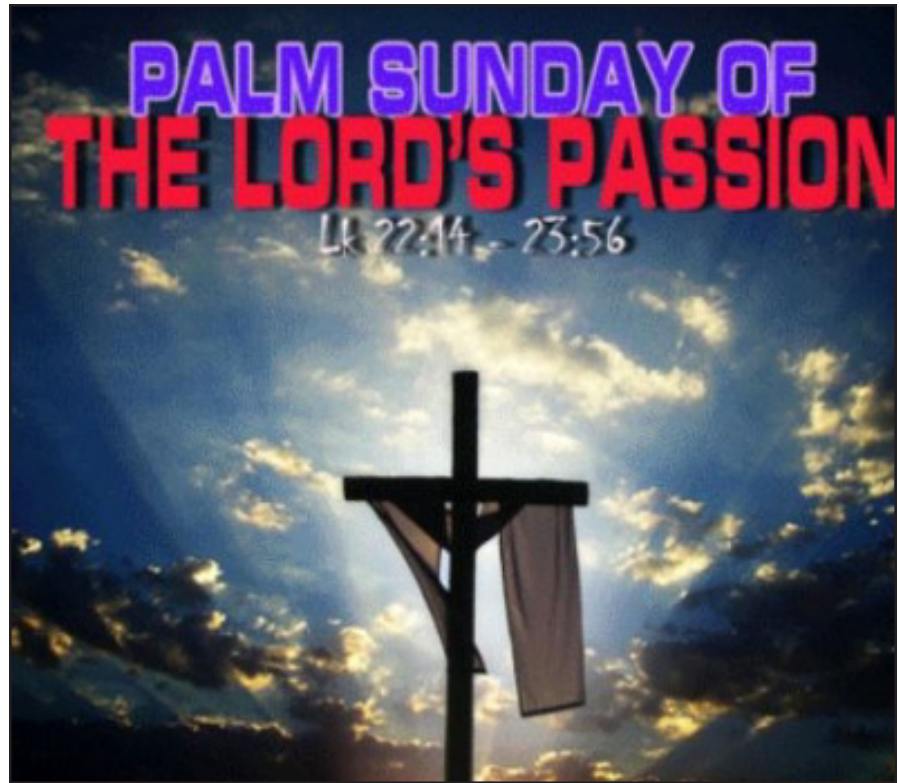
**Wednesdays @ 3 pm**

#### **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.

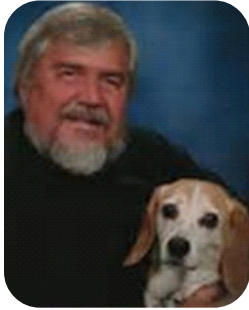
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



This week we are with Christ, and taken into the mystery of evil. Without giving us answers as to WHY there is evil in the first place, we are led **WITH Christ to deal with it head on**. The ultimate mystery is that sin has led us all into rejection of God, a rejection that is the root cause of all human suffering—separation from the source of our happiness. ALL of us HAVE sinned: ALL of us are accomplices in BRINGING EVIL, and

the suffering that results from it, into our world.

How then are we to deal with it? Can we deal with evil apart from Christ? The events of Holy Week give us answers.

The voice in today's first reading is the voice of the Old Testament's Suffering Servant, the one who personifies the eventual Messiah, but also the one who represents Israel—the community of sufferers. COMPASSION is the primary virtue to be shared; it is a COMMUNITY activity. The very word "compassion" means "to suffer with," and therein rests the answer to the question of HOW we are to deal with suffering.

God knows of our powerlessness. Knowing of it, and loving us as He does, He came among us in compassion, to share in our suffering from the consequences of evil. God the Son, Jesus Christ, takes on our human condition by joining Himself into our humanity, while at the same time empowering us to share in His life.

Remember that the medieval theologians referred to the whole corporate body of the baptized and confirmed as the "Mystical Body of Christ." At the same time, they referred to the Blessed Sacrament as the "Mystical Body of Christ." They recognized that the Eucharist makes the Church, while the Church makes the Eucharist. Together, the baptized and confirmed receiving the Eucharist constitute the Mystical Body of Christ. Likewise, together we are all joined into the Suffering Servant.

That is what the liturgies of Holy Week are all about!

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul writes about suffering—his own suffering—while recognizing that he is talking about ALL who suffer: *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the Church...* (Col 1:24). In writing these words, Paul is speaking of the solidarity we ALL share not only with each other, but our solidarity with Christ in His redemptive suffering.

Our psalm response today is taken from Psalm 22 with the words, *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?* It is spoken repeatedly. Once again the voice is that of the Old Testament's Suffering Servant. But at the same time, those were the last words Jesus Christ uttered at the moment of His death on the cross. Truly, God has NOT shielded Himself from the consequences of our sins, and the human suffering that results from it. He knows us THROUGH AND THROUGH, and has compassion for us. He, in Christ, suffers with us and for us. But, **God's compassion turns into mercy**, and opens up to us our eventual victory over sin, over suffering and even over death itself.

And so we now enter that week we call "holy"—a week that ends with us joining into Jesus Christ and His Easter Glory!!! (Homilies-Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

**Father Dave**

**March 6th Offertory:**

**\$13,878**



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: \$1,187,805**

(as of March 6, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY:** Tuesday, March 22nd at I LOVE NY PIZZA in Cagan's Crossings. From 11 AM until 10 PM, the parish will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink as long as you present your flyer to the server before you order your meal. Please take a flyer from the bookcase in church and join us for a great Italian meal, or some fine Italian Pizza and specialties.

**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.

**ONLINE FUND-RAISER--**See our website: [www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html](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. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

**ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--**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**.

## Stewardship



Today, Palm Sunday, is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week for us. Officially the Church calls this day Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. There is a dichotomy in this name that we must acknowledge for it reflects, in many ways, who we are and how we sometimes act.

On the one hand is Palm Sunday, a time of celebration that marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a time of joy and celebration and we all festively raise our palms in salute to our King. However, as the readings continue, the mood turns somber with the reading of the Passion of the Lord.

As we stand for this Gospel, and play a part, we call out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What a change, beginning with Hosanna! and ending with condemnation. Although we may be intellectually aware that we are playing the part of the people of Jesus' time, we really must reflect on whether this also represents how we can be today.

Do we glorify Christ at one moment, but then condemn him through our own actions, our own inability to fulfill His expectations for us? Of course we do. As Lent culminates and Easter comes upon us, it is time for us to admit our sins and to vow as good stewards to live out the love to which the Lord has called us. Jesus made His sacrifice for us with determination to save us. Should we not show the same fortitude in converting our lives?



**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.**



**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th and EASTER MONDAY, March 28th.** Reopens on Tuesday, March 29th at 10 AM.

**FINAL CHANCE FOR THE PALM SUNDAY RAFFLE: Winners will be picked after TODAY's 11 AM mass.**

**CARRABBA'S ITALIAN DINNER on Thursday, April 7th at the Citrus Highlands Clubhouse on Route 27** North of us by about 1 mile. Caesar salad, Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Bread and Dessert will be provided in a buffet with non-alcoholic beverages provided (BYOB alcohol). There will be 2 seatings; from 4-5:30 PM and 6-7:30 PM. Tickets cost \$10 per person or \$8 for children. Tickets available after all Masses and at the office. There is only space for 120 folks at each seating. Please car pool. Come and join your fellow parishioners and neighbors to celebrate Springtime!

**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND** will be taken at the Good Friday Passion services. Christians world-wide are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are especially aware of the Holy Land. All Diocese of Orlando parishes will participate in this collection to support the Christians and the Holy Places as witnesses of peace and to help protect those spaces. As you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting the Franciscans and others who are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. Use the envelope provided and be as generous as you can.

**"THANK YOU ALL" for your contributions to the 11th Annual LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE!!** As usual, St. Faustina's parishioners have responded with outstanding generosity as we have over 300 shirts to contribute to the drive.

**MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES** are still available. If you are interested in memorializing one of chairs, please contact the office.

**OCA UPDATE--**As of 3/11/16 90 families pledged \$19,969.00 and paid \$9,856.10. That is 18% of parish families of 500.

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Corpus Christi Council** will hold its 9th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday April 16, 2016, at The Legends Course at Orange Lake Resort 7:00 a.m. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with a Shotgun Start. The \$125.00 registration fee includes range balls, golf and cart, morning coffee, awards luncheon, raffle prizes and a putting contest. There will also be a Hole in One Contest for the opportunity to win a 2016 Chevrolet Malibu. Please contact [blazusky@gmail.com](mailto:blazusky@gmail.com) or get your registration form on line at [www.corpuschristikofc.org](http://www.corpuschristikofc.org)

**The Chancery Office of Orlando is looking for a full-time Printing and Distribution Supervisor.** The Printing & Distribution Supervisor supports the day to day operations of the Chancery Office by delivering professional administrative services to Chancery department staff. Collaborating in the Diocese's vision of Teaching and Living the Light of Christ, the successful candidate will contribute meaningfully to a faith-filled environment by leveraging their skills and talents to support an effective workforce. To this end, the Printing & Distribution Supervisor oversees internal commercial printing operations, incoming and outgoing mailings and deliveries, and timely ordering, stocking, and inventory management procedures for office supplies. **Please send completed application, resume, and letter of interest to:** Michael A. Mendoza, Human Resources Manager, Diocese of Orlando, P.O. Box 1800, Orlando, FL 32802-1800 No phone calls, please. **Email Address:** [humanresources@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:humanresources@orlandodiocese.org)

**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.

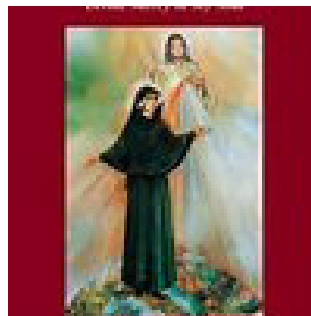


## Mass Intentions

**March 19 to March 27, 2016**

- Sat. 3/19 PALM SUNDAY, PASSION of the LORD**  
*Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56*  
4 PM -- Carmen & Gene Rodarte + (Harold Kern)  
6 PM -- Nicholas Momando + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Mueller)
- Sun. 3/20**  
7:30 AM -- Living & dec'd Parishioners  
9:00 AM -- Ed Haley + (Julie Haley)  
11:00 AM -- Tillie Gagas + (Barb & Pete Bungert)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- John Juenkers + (Jairo Gomez)
- Mon. 3/21 NO MASS**  
*Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11*
- Tues. 3/22 -- COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE -- 7:00PM**  
8 AM -- Olive McCumisky + (Barbara Proctor)  
*Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-38*
- Wed. 3/23 -- 8 AM -- Tracy Keogh + (Kathy Johnson)**  
*Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthews 26:14-25*
- Thurs. 3/24 -- HOLY THURSDAY / THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15*  
5:00PM Mass of Lord's Supper (in Spanish)  
Healing for Gina Rapuano (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
7:00PM Mass of Lord's Supper (in English)  
Healing for Lois Mongeon (Kim & Bob Garven)  
8:00PM-11:00 PM Adoration
- Fri. 3/25 GOOD FRIDAY / PASSION of the LORD**  
*Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5-9 John 18:1-19:42*  
3:00PM Passion and Veneration of Cross(English)  
5:00PM Passion & Veneration de la Cruz (Espanol)
- NOTE: Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.**
- Sat. 3/26 HOLY SATURDAY**  
10 AM -- Blessing of the Easter Food
- 8 PM -- EASTER SUNDAY VIGIL / RESURRECTION of the LORD**  
Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
*Genesis 1:-2:2 Genesis 22:-1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:1*  
*Isaiah 54:5-14 Isaiah 55:1-11 Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4*  
*Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 LUKE 24:1-12*
- Sun. 3/27 EASTER SUNDAY / RESURRECTION of the LORD**  
*Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9*  
7:30 AM -- Thomas Weaver + (Bob & Lucia DiPaolo)  
9:00 AM -- Edmund Fracek + (Mary Fracek)  
11:00 AM --Deceased members of Santaniello Family  
(Marie & Joseph Dollard)  
12:30 PM--(espanol) -- Ismael Alvarez + (Adrey Goez)

### Jesus' Divine Mercy Promise to St. Faustina



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.