

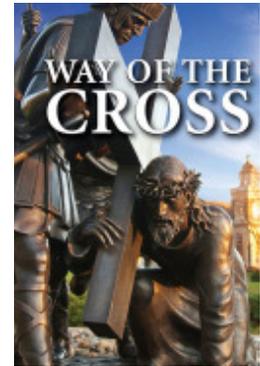
# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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



The **FINAL**  
Celebration of the  
Stations of the Cross  
will be held on Friday  
the 27th at 7 PM.

Week of March 21 to March 29

## **Fifth 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*



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**—Tuesday, 3/31 7:00PM; **HOLY THURSDAY 4/2**—5:00PM Mass of Lord's Supper (in Spanish), 7:00PM Mass of Lord's Supper (in English), 8:00PM-11:00 PM Adoration; **GOOD FRIDAY 4/3**—3:00PM Passion and Veneration of Cross (English), 5:00PM Passion & Veneration de la Cruz (Espanol); **HOLY SATURDAY 4/4**—10:00AM Blessing of Easter Food, 8:00PM Easter Vigil; **EASTER SUNDAY 4/5**—7:30AM, 9:00, 11:00AM, 12:30 PM (All in English), 2:00PM Mass in Spanish **Please note the following:** Monday, 3/30 NO MASS, Tuesday, 3/31 8 AM Mass, Wednesday, 4/1 8 AM Mass, Holy Thursday 4/2 and Good Friday 4/3 **NO MORNING MASS**



### Father Dave's Corner

Parents often have a dream for their son or daughter. They want the very best for their child and hope to lay the foundation for a good and successful life for him or her. And as the child matures, that dream may evolve through any number of stages as the parents have to respond to the child's personality and decisions—as well as to external circumstances. Sometimes this includes some real disappointments, but at each step along the way, the parents attempt to make sure that their hopes for a beautiful life reach fulfillment. And often what the child becomes in reality may be far more than what his/her parents ever dreamed of. We would call that a successful outcome and a satisfying life story.

God, too, as a loving parent, had (and still has) a dream for His people. He entered into a number of covenants, binding Himself to them and asking that they be His people and let Him be their God. And they would be His people if they only followed their side of the covenant and lived as true sons and daughters of their loving Father. He even offered to show them how to do that by offering them norms and guidelines to follow.

But, as is true in any life story, there were ups and downs, acceptance and non-acceptance, obedience and sin. God's people were unfaithful to every covenant from Noah through Moses. They failed to keep their side of the bargain. But as a good parent, God adapted to every situation and continued to offer new covenants, new opportunities to be His faithful people. God continued to desire the very best for His people.

In today's first reading, we hear from the Prophet Jeremiah that God is willing to make yet another covenant with them—a covenant that will be written on their very hearts. This intimate bond will highlight the mercy and forgiveness of God. God hopes that the people will be so moved by this new covenant that they will willingly be faithful and come to its rewards. God is willing once again to adapt so as to keep His dream for His people alive and reachable.

The passage from John's Gospel clarifies that Jesus is the fulfillment of all of the Father's promises and then some. Jesus, our God made flesh, seals the new covenant, promised throughout the Old Testament, IN HIS OWN BLOOD!!!

As His "hour" approaches, He instructs His disciples concerning the kind of Messiah He is—one who lays down His life in suffering. His triumph...His glory...is the CROSS!!! Jesus' "hour" proclaims the length our Father is willing to go to fulfill His dreams for His people. All we have to do to fulfill our side of the covenant is TO LIVE AS JESUS AND THE CHURCH TEACH US TO LIVE—IN LOVE OF GOD AND ONE ANOTHER! (Don Miller, OFM HOMILY HELPS, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

Despite this, we still struggle today in these modern centuries...so much so, that Jesus, the Divine Mercy, sent our own St. Faustina to REMIND us of His mercy, His love, and what He wants of us.

Use the next few weeks of Lent...and the rest of your own lives...to fulfill our God's dream for us!!!

Father Dave



Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession (during Lent) and receive 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.

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: \$943,860 (as of March 9)

DINE TO DONATE: UPCOMING DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: 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 as well as newcomer, Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant (Postcards are available at Church entrances. ANYTIME you dine at Bruno's and bring a postcard, the parish will get 10% of your receipt).

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--A bit of a change in the Texas Sunday event...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, that will count (in case you wanted to KEEP your bulletin). Either way, the parish will receive 10% of your receipt at the end of the month. Many thanks.

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.



As of 3/13, we have 170 families pledging \$35,548.00 and paying \$17,145.94 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation percentage is 33.5% of our 508 families. Many thanks. Those who have NOT yet pledged are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting the works of the Diocese in 2015.

### Faith Formation

There will be no classes the week of Holy Week (3/31 and 4/1).

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



For the complete Sacramental Prep Dates for the 2015 spring semester, please go to our website at 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.

www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch

**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.**



**THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THE PICNIC** are welcome to join us at Northeast Regional Park on Route 27 south of Bass Lake anytime between 12:30 and 4 PM. The food by Sonny's will begin serving at 1:30 PM. The Baskets for the Construction Fund-raiser will be transported to the park after the 11 AM Mass. You may still take chances this weekend and put them in the receptacles in the parish lobby until they are moved. The winners will be pulled about 3:15 PM. Some may wish to bring lawn chairs for a little more comfort than the picnic benches offer.

**The final STATIONS of the CROSS will be celebrated by Father Dave on the 27th at 7 pm. 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.

**THE MASS IN SPANISH** will be celebrated by Fr. Augusto Cadavid (of Blessed Sacrament in Clermont) from Feb. 1st through May 31st while Fr. Gil is on sabbatical. Please pray for both of them.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 13 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN** who have been studying in George and Diana's RCIC class for the past 2 years. This Holy Thursday, 4/2, they will receive their First Holy Communion at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. They will also be participating in the Mass in a special way as they get their feet washed in our reenactment of Jesus' loving and humble action at the Last Supper.

**CARRABBA'S CATERED DINNER AT CITRUS HIGHLANDS/North on Route 27 will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015.** Tickets are on sale this weekend, the 29th, and 4/5. Ticket prices will be as in the Fall, \$13.00 per person, \$25.00 per couple, and \$8.00 for children under 12. Menu is Caesar Salad, Pasta, Chicken Marsala, soft drinks and a dessert. There will be 2 seatings (due to only 100 folks allowed at a time). 1st seating is from 4:00-5:30 PM. 2nd seating is from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please be sure to tell the ticket seller which seating you would like. Non-alcoholic beverages will be supplied...but, if you wish, you may bring your own alcoholic beverages (BYOB).

**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.*

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS--"Joyful Again"**, a retreat for widow and widowers at St. Pedro retreat center in Winter Park (March 28 & 29)...**Florida Catholic invites you to travel to Israel:** Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. M. Gonzalez! (October 7-15, 2015) for more information, please see our web site at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click the link at the bottom of the page.

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

**The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING!!!!** Please remember THERE IS NO PARKING on the property next door near the Tattoo parlor, furniture store, and ticket sales agents. We have our own parking 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.



## Mass Intentions

**March 21 to March 29**

- 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 +  
(Martha Ramirez)  
**Mon. 3/23 -- 8 am -- NO MASS**  
*Daniel 13:41-62 John 8:1-11*  
**Tues. 3/24 -- 8 am -- Mary Wharff-Healing & Thanksgiving**  
(Mary Wharff)  
*Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30*  
**Wed. 3/25 -- Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**  
8 am -- Pauline Carty + (Gerry Carty)  
*Isiah 7:10, 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38*  
**Thurs. 3/26 -- 8 am -- Auta Goncalves (personal intentions)**  
(Auta Goncalves)  
*Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59*  
**Fri. 3/27 -- FINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7 PM**  
8 am -- Harry Alcorn + (Nancy Harrigan)  
*Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42*  
**Sat. 3/28 PALM SUNDAY, PASSION OF THE LORD**  
*Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47*  
4 PM -- Louis Zezza + (Cheryl Macaluso)  
6 PM -- Ines Goncalves (special Intentions)  
(Ines Goncalves)  
**Sun. 3/29**  
7:30 AM -- Healing for James Bourdage  
(Donna & Harold Goodhue)  
9 AM -- Linda May + (Joe May)  
11 AM -- Michael & Eleanor Giordano +  
(John & Carmela Giaimo)  
12:30 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Vicky Fajardo (Ricardo Fajardo)



**March 8th Offertory:**

**\$11,289**



"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24-25) We understand the meaning of this statement in that the grain of wheat must be buried and in a sense die if it is to be

reborn and to grow and produce wheat. That is similar to what we should have been trying to accomplish during this holy Lenten season. The term "born again" is a popular phrase in many churches, but this rebirth is also what we strive for in our Catholic Church. We are reborn in multiple ways — through Baptism, through our ongoing conversion, and through our daily efforts to be good stewards.

Lent is, of course, the ideal time for us to seek this rebirth. Our efforts through the past several weeks should have been to bury our old self and to be reborn with a deeper sense of faith and trust in God. Easter is but two weeks away and Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday. However, it is not too late to rededicate ourselves to God-centered lives. St. John Eudes put it this way, "Let us therefore give ourselves to God with great desire to begin to live thus, and beg Him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish His life within us."