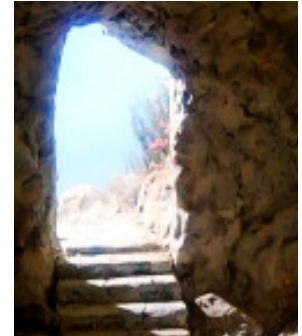


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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

**Growing Closer to God
Is Not the Result of
"Trying Harder"
But of
Surrendering More**

Week of March 26 to April 3

**EASTER SUNDAY
Resurrection 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

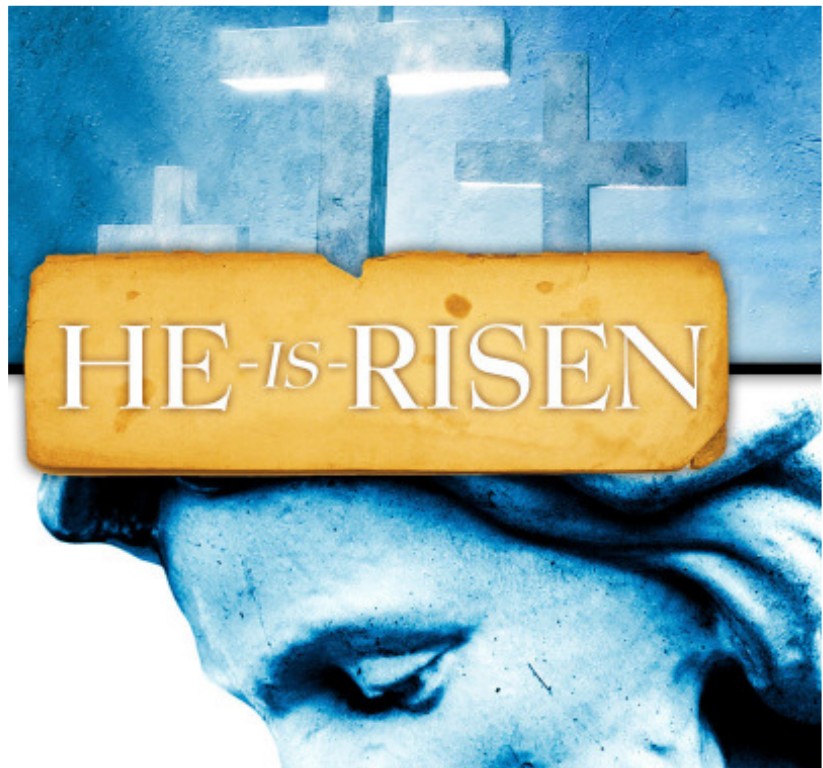
Daily Masses
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

*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.

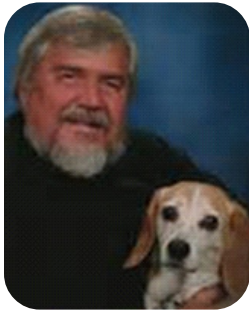
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!!**

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 and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



The Good News we celebrate today is the FACT that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. I deliberately use the word "FACT" because in two thousand years, no scientific expedition has been able to discover the mortal remains of Jesus Christ. That is because His tomb is empty and there is NO BODY to be found. The testimony of eyewitnesses STILL STANDS. These witnesses went to their deaths proclaiming what we still proclaim: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. ALLELUIA.

Today is a day of glory and a day of hope for us all. God's purpose and God's will CANNOT be undone by human sin and rejection. In His body here on earth, Christ Jesus suffered terribly. He was mocked, spit upon, terribly scourged, crowned with thorns, crucified, died and was buried. Today we celebrate the glorious fact of His resurrection from the dead.

We bear within us the hope that resurrection gives us. Our faith brings us to the truth that God HAS NOT ABANDONED US. God is bringing us into new life, and bringing new life to Christ's Body, the Church. God is calling us out of our tombs, as Christ called poor Lazarus into new life.

There is a reality, however, that must be faced when we enter into new life. All the wonderful feelings associated with new life must be balanced with the fact that what is new comes from what is old. To have what is new means we must let go of what is old, and this process CAN BE PAINFUL.

Jesus Christ made this journey. What was the key that unlocked the door of resurrection and new life for Him? **Acceptance!** It was His surrender into the hands of the Father. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus cried out, *Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what YOU will.* (Mk 14:36). Dying on the cross, Jesus cried out, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* (Lk 23:34). His last words were, *Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.* (Lk 23:46)

Acceptance means surrender! It means letting go of a former way of life. We are NOT going to escape OUR Gardens of Gethsemane, nor are we going to escape OUR crosses. The key to our success is to do what Jesus did—to surrender ourselves and our lives into the hands of our Father in heaven. We celebrate today the joyful news that Christ's hope is our hope, just as His faith in God is our faith in God. God has given us power to enter into newer, better and happier lives no matter what forces of darkness and evil have or will throw at us. The ONLY THING that stands in our way of happiness is our pride, our willfulness, our defiant selves who refuse to surrender control over our lives and place them in God's hands. So, today, give yourself all that God wants to give you by **SURRENDERING YOURSELF TO HIS POWERFUL LOVE!!!!**

(Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave



March 13th Offertory:

\$12,099



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: \$1,92,121
(as of March 13, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Devenney's Irish Pub from 4:00-10:00 PM. Flyers are needed and are available on the bookcases. Please present the flyer to your server before ordering. Whatever you eat and drink that visit, the parish will receive 15% for our construction fund. **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 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 and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.**

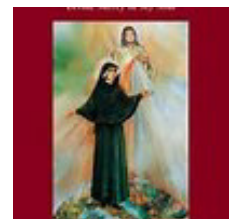


PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Thomas Barnett, who died suddenly on Tuesday, March 15th. Tom was one of our faithful parking attendants at the 9 & 11 AM Masses on Sunday. He was married to his lovely wife, Joan for

55 years and 10 months. Please pray for Joan and her children and entire family.

NEXT WEEKEND IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from 12:30 until 3:30 PM and we will have confessions available until our prayer service begins at 2:30 PM. Chaplet will be included in the prayer service and will be prayed roughly at 3:00 PM. Service will end with Benediction. All are welcome.



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.



NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 9 & 10... Now that the majority of the snowbirds have departed, we will go back to a shorter Mass schedule...BUT, PLEASE NOTE THE **DIFFERENCE IN TIMES!!!!** To appease the early risers of the parish, our 1st Sunday Mass will be at **8:00 AM...and our 2nd will move to 9:30**

AM. The other Masses will remain the usual times of **11 AM on Sunday, and 4:00 PM on Saturday.** This is to address the issue of folks who want an earlier Mass, and also to allow for the increase in our membership. (To reiterate: **Mass schedule from THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 9 & 10 until Dec. of 2016** will be: Saturday at 4:00 PM. Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish).

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY, 3/28 and will reopen on Tuesday, 3/29 at 10 AM.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!! -- This has to be the quickest time that St. Faustina parish has exceeded its goal for the OCA in pledges...EVER! We have 236 of 500 families pledging \$57,966.00 and paying \$24,752.30 toward our goal of \$45,000.00. That is 47.2% of the parish. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY...please be sure to pay those pledges in a timely manner.

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!

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THE FOLKS INVOLVED IN OUR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS, especially our seminarian, James, Carol and her decorating crew, Kelly and all of the musicians and singers, Ushers, greeters, parking attendants, altar servers, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist. Special words of thanks to George, Ms. Marylu, Israel and all our Faith Formation teachers who prepared our young adults to receive their First Holy Communion on Holy Thursday. Thanks to your generous giving of your time and talent, the special services of the Church during this week were presented in a beautiful and inspiring manner.

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

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 or get your registration form on line at 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



Mass Intentions

March 26 to April 3, 2016

Sat. 3/26 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 Goetz)

Mon. 3/28 **NO MASS**

Acts 2:14-33 Matthew 28:8-15

Tues. 3/29 -- 8 AM -- Joan O'Neill + (Gutowski Family)

Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-16

Wed. 3/30 -- 8 AM -- Estelle Castle + (Kathy Crowe)

Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35

Thurs. 3/31 -- 8 AM -- Ann Fregelette + (Kathy Crowe)

Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48

Fri. 4/1 8 AM -- Michael J. Gisonna + (Bill & Kathy)

Acts 4:1-13 John 21:1-14

Sat. 4/2 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-19 John 20:19-31

4 PM -- Freda Parker + (Barbara Proctor)

6 PM -- Robert Baloga, Jr. + (Carol Lamandola)

Sun. 4/3

7:30 AM -- Linda May + (Joe May)

9:00 AM -- Frank Brocato + (Iris Brocato)

11:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners

7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Octavio Zuluaga + (William Arias)

NOTE: This is the FINAL week (April 2-3) of the Winter Schedule. Please see the announcements section for the new mass times.

Stewardship



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts,' the 'Solemnity of solemnities,' just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments.' The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him." (#1169)

It is difficult for us to fully comprehend the importance of this day and its meaning for us, its fulfillment of hope for us. We consider this to be the most important day on our Church calendar. If we have properly approached the Lenten period, this day comes at the end of a period of prayer and fasting and almsgiving. We should have been prepared to spiritually die with Christ, and to rise as He did on this day to the promise of new life both in this world and the next.

Christ has saved us, and that alone is reason for our joyous celebration. By receiving the Eucharist (communion) on this day, we make a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God.

Some are here today who may only come to church once a year, but this is the day to come to be sure. We welcome you with the love of Christ, and as good stewards, we invite you to become a more intimate part of our faith community, so that you, too, can realize that "God is good — all the time."