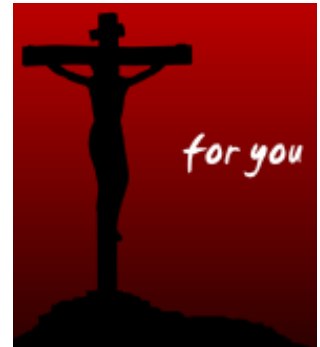


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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

Week of March 28 to April 5

PALM SUNDAY
Passion of Our Lord
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

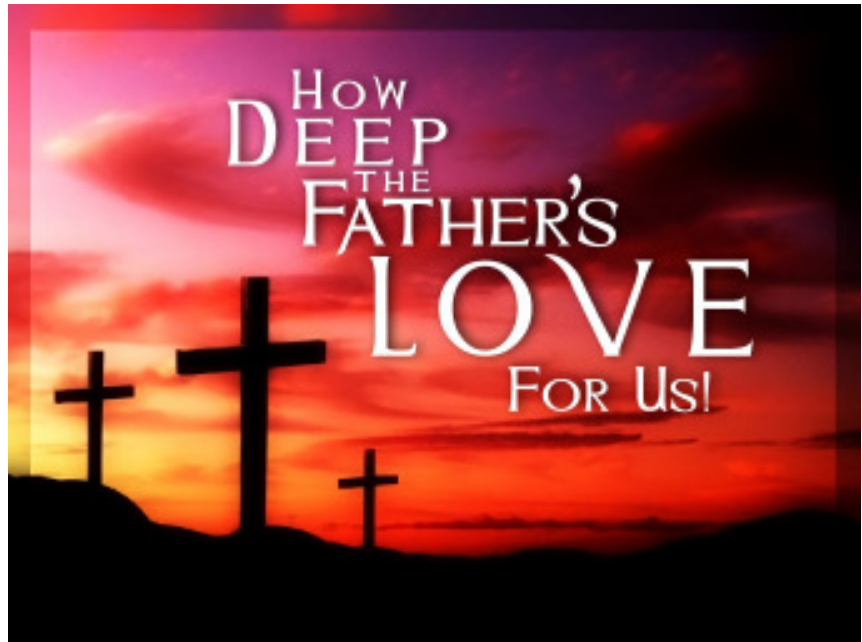
**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

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 & Veneration of Cross (English),
5:00PM Passion & Veneracion 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, -- **NO MORNING MASS on** Holy Thursday 4/2 and
Good Friday 4/3



Father Dave's Corner

Remembering is NOT a trip down memory lane. To face the real events of Jesus' loving actions on our behalf points the way to both love's cost and grace's true triumph. We all have moments we would rather forget. We may be separated by a painful divorce, but memories of that relationship linger, and too many things remind us what we had to endure when things were reaching the breaking point. Even more painful, we lose a very special person to death after a long illness, and it's still painful to recall what they went through in their struggle for life.

This week the Church asks us to dwell on the memories of Christ's suffering and death. This whole week is devoted to "dredging up the past." The Romans, the Sanhedrin, the betrayal, the humiliation and insistent cries to "Crucify him" are all laid before us again. We would rather avoid these memories and go right to celebrating the empty cross and the glorious resurrection. But, remembering is at the core of our Christian faith. What we remember in this annual ritual is the cost of salvation. This week is not simply a price paid for our redemption, but more about a historical moment endured by our God in Jesus Christ. These memories give witness that REAL LOVE demanded a cost, a sacrifice: a death to self to live for something and someone greater.

Remembering will keep us from denial and delusion. There is an unconscious conspiracy to deny that suffering is a real part of love. There are abundant commercials on relieving suffering, how to take it away, but few ads about HOW TO FACE IT. The sick often feel captive to that denial from others: afraid to talk about what they're feeling, hesitant to be seen as needy or useless. We're often afraid to of where sickness might lead the ones we love and try to "cheer them up."

Remembering brings alive God's faithful love and brings courage to our own sacrifices. Our Passover is not ONLY a story. It is an ONGOING act of God's saving His people. Suffering for love's sake is still very much a present story. Countless Stations of the Cross during Lent helped us to remember that many still hang on their crosses of misunderstanding, of prejudice, of works for justice, of professions of their faith in Christ, and yes, even of parenthood. Christ's death and resurrection give us courage to know that love and grace accompany us on our journeys to love's final victory.

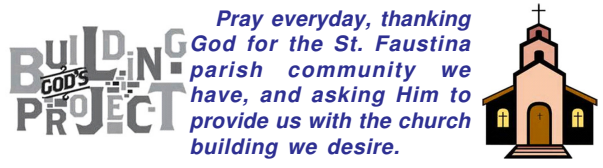
Knowing the cost of love will allow us to face it with the just-as-certain knowledge that it IS worth the journey and the only path leading to the new life promised in Easter. (John Petrikovic, OFM Cap. -Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

I realize that many of our "snowbird" visitors will be departing soon. As you go, I want to leave you with some glimmer of hope...and a special request for continued prayers for our building project.

Sometime in the month of April, there will be a presentation made to the Diocesan Finance Council on behalf of the parish of St. Faustina. It will include a number of proposals about the future of our parish and the possibility of starting construction. This board of advisors to the Bishop have been hearing many good and positive things about our parish for the past year or more. They are finally at the point of believing that we are a "viable" parish and have a future. So, they will entertain this presentation with the outcome to be decided by them. The lease we have for this location ends on Nov. 30, 2015, so, they have to make some type of decision for us. As you know, even if they give us a go ahead on the building on the property, it will take more than a year to get all of the permits and construction finished. I thank our year-round residents for your continued patience, hard-work, and generosity...I thank our visitors and part-year residents for your support and generosity. I ask ALL OF YOU to pray a little more fervently in the next month for a promising decision for our wonderful parish. St. Faustina, pray for us!!!

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

Father Dave



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$946,157

(as of March 12)

PICNIC BASKET WINNERS-- Al Berger (Texas Roadhouse - Kids); Elvira Jimenez (Disney "Elsa"); Fran Alcor (Vintage Jewelry); Kitty Holtz (Joe's Crab Shack); Marilyn (Honey "Necklace"); Betsy Bechtel (DoggieSpa); Mike DiPersio (Breakfast Club); Pete Sampiere (Day At The Beach); Tristini (Relax Spa Therapy); Jerry Westrick (Games, Games and More Games); Nancy Cummins (Polish Basket); Pat M. (Frozen); Julius Aito (Wine for Two); Margaret Nimbler (Body Works); Jenny Nunez (Frozen); Linda M. (Hurricane Center Piece); Linda M. (Hurricane Center Piece); Christine (Easter Basket); Iris Bracato (Kitchen Essentials); Patricia Glad (Texas Roadhouse - Adults); Marge Tagler (Puppy Love); Joyce (Dirimio's Italian Basket); Mauricio Coral, jr (Disney "Buzz Light Year"); Gift Certificate Tree--B. McBride; Gift Card Tree--Connie Tambling. Drawing was held at 3:15pm on Sunday April 22, 2015. Father called the winning tickets with the assistance of several children from the Parish.

DINE TO DONATE: UPCOMING DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: 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. **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). **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS--** Bruno's New York Style Pizza and Restaurant sent us a check for \$100.00 on 3/19. Thanks for dining with them and taking a post card with St. Faustina's name on it.

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.

March 15th Offertory: \$10,101
Catholic Relief Services: \$439

Our Catholic Appeal Update

As of 3/20, we have 177 families pledging \$36,978.00 and paying \$20,900.43 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 34.8% of our 508 families. Many thanks to those who have participated.

Facebook

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

Faith Formation

NO CLASSES the week of Holy Week (3/31 & 4/1).

WWW.STFAUSTINA.ORG

We would you like to take the opportunity to invite/remind people, particularly our snowbirds, to keep up-to-date with our construction progress, weekly mass intentions and readings, parish ministry news, and anything else that goes on here while you are home by checking out our web site www.stfaustina.org often; and remember, you can also access the weekly bulletin from the site.

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.



The Office will be CLOSED on Good Friday, 4/3 AND Easter Monday, 4/6, so the staff can get a bit of a break.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED AT LAST WEEK'S PICNIC AND BASKET FUND-RAISER: The men (and women)

who transported tables and chairs and ice and water, AND set up everything at the park. To ALL who helped us with clean-up and bringing stuff back to the parish. SPECIAL thanks to Debbie, Nancy, Tom & Dorothy, Kimmy, Carol, and ANYONE ELSE who worked so hard on the sales of tickets for the baskets and getting them to the picnic site. We had 440 people buy admission tickets for the picnic, and somehow we all fit around and in that pavilion on a warm Florida day. We will have a final financial report in a few weeks (when Elaine gets back from vacation), but as you are able to do simple multiplication, we collected \$2,200 in Food ticket sales (the true cost from Sonny's was \$11.99 each for a bill of \$5,275.60, plus a \$300 gratuity, for a total cost to Sonny's of \$5,575.60). MANY, MANY THANKS TO the Spanish Community for their donation of water and ice...and to Ron Pavlacka of Sarah's Seasonings for the donation of bottled water, and to the Andrusko family for the donation of the dessert cakes, TO ANYONE who donated or helped in any way. Again, it was a GREAT, SUCCESSFUL EVENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **WE THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED AND ENJOYED THE DAY!! (Basket Winners are listed under the CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE)**

MANY THANKS TO Bob Moore and Bill Murphy who refurbished the outside of our Rear Church entrance with their labor and costs for material...and to Bob Moore, Bill Murphy, Ron Texeira, and Alan Stoffel who recently replaced the "old sign" on our property with a brand new one. Many thanks to our K of C council for paying the costs of that sign.

THE ONLY MASS THAT WILL BE CELEBRATED ON HOLY SATURDAY, 4/4 IS AT 8:00 PM... THE EASTER VIGIL, where we will NOT have any baptisms, acceptances into the Church, BUT ONLY BLESSING of the Baptismal Font.

PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES--Easter Sunday is the LAST 12:30 PM Mass for now...and Divine Mercy Sunday is the LAST week-end for the 6 PM Sat. and 7:30 AM Sunday as we go back to our regular schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 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.

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 and 4/5 so that we can give Carrabba's a count. 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).

Sunday, April 12 (the first Sunday after Easter) is Divine Mercy Sunday--St. Faustina Parish will celebrate with masses in English at 7:30, 9 and 11 am with an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) from 12:30 until 3:30. Reconciliation (Confession) will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The Divine Mercy Service will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 pm and will be highlighted by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which will take place at 3 pm. *Misa en Espanol* will be held at 7 pm. **WE REMIND YOU** that 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*).



Mass Intentions

March 28 to April 5

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)

Mon. 3/30 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

Tues. 3/31 -- 8 am -- Rui Goncalves + (Auta Goncalves)

7 PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 13:21-38

Wed. 4/1 -- 8 am -- Vincent Kelly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

Isaiah 50:4-9

Matthew 6:14-25

Thurs. 4/2 --

HOLY THURSDAY

8 am -- **NO MASS**

5 pm -- Spanish Community of St. Faustina

7 pm -- The young men and women making their

First Holy Communion

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Fri. 4/3 --

GOOD FRIDAY

8 am -- **NO MASS**

3 pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross

(English)

5 pm Passion & Veneration (en espanol)

Isiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

Sat. 4/4

EASTER VIGIL

Gen 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-4:4 Ezekiel 36:16-28 MARK 16:1-7

4PM & 6 PM -- NO MASS

8:00 PM St. Faustina's Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sun. 4/5 **EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION of the LORD**

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul Verostko +

(Verostko Family)

9 AM -- Frank Brocato + (Iris Brocato)

11 AM -- St. Faustina's Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:30 PM -- St. Faustina's Living & Deceased Parishioners

2 PM--(espanol) -- Spanish Community of St. Faustina

Stewardship



The end of our Lenten journey is imminent. Have we altered our lives? Have we rededicated ourselves? Have we renewed our covenant with the Lord? These are major conversions and changes, and perhaps the best question we can ask ourselves is quite simply, "Is

anything different?"

According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, "the real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare us for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ... the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be." We have been called to a conversion of heart.

In the few days we have remaining we must strive for some form of purification, by some effort to reject sin and selfishness. As good stewards we need to identify something in our lives, someone in our lives perhaps, with which or with whom we must reconcile. First and foremost we must reconcile with God; if we fix that relationship, everything else naturally follows.

We have been given gifts through the Holy Spirit. This is a vital time for us to use those gifts to build the Kingdom of God. St. David of Crete said this of Palm Sunday: "Let us run to accompany the Lord as He hastens toward His Passion, not by covering His path with palms, but by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish."