

St. Faustina Catholic Church

*Jesus,
I Trust
in You.*

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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NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Week of April 2 to April 10

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Clergy

Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Winter Mass Schedule

(FINAL WEEK--See New Times Inside)

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.

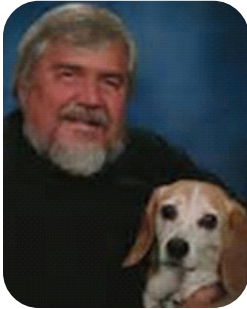
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



In today's familiar Gospel passage, an incredulous Thomas tells his fellow disciples that he will NOT believe their claims that Christ is alive "unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks..." Imagine that! He does NOT trust what these 10 close companions of him tell him! Luckily, we are not like him. Once he finally encounters the Risen Lord and gets to do what he said, he utters five words that have become a staple for many of us (at the consecration); "My Lord and My God!"

Imagine how so many others have come to believe in Christ! The Apostles fearlessly preached the Risen Lord (after Pentecost) and cured the sick, and "great numbers were added to them." Five thousand heard Peter's speech on Pentecost (Acts 4:4) and came to believe. Other passages in Scripture tell us that there were more than five hundred witnesses to Christ's resurrection. (Acts 1:22, etc.) Even though many had known Jesus in His public ministry, their faith was confirmed, with the help of divine grace, from their DIRECT experience of the **reality** of the Risen Christ. (CCC 645) He ate and drank with them; He breathed His Spirit upon them; He repeatedly offered them His mercy and His peace.

And how did **YOU** come to believe in the resurrected Christ? Perhaps your parents first shared the faith with you. Perhaps a coworker or friend told you about Christ. Perhaps you experienced the charity and joy of a Christian community. Perhaps you read about Christ in sacred Scripture, especially the word of God proclaimed each week in the liturgy. YOUR FAITH has been planted and has grown through the grace of the sacraments over the years—baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, perhaps matrimony, and more.

Like the Apostles, as believers, each of us has the **obligation and solemn duty** to share the good news of salvation, and that Christ is alive in our midst. It is not easy, because we live in a culture that has become convinced that belief and religious expression should not affect laws and societal norms. BUT, that is exactly what the Christian message is all about...changing the way we human beings deal with each other. Making sure that God's love, peace, justice and mercy ARE ALIVE AND WELL in our human communities. It is called "building the Kingdom of God" on earth!

Because of our societies reluctance, and people's wanting to "be left alone" in their unbelief, WE ARE STILL OBLIGED to do God's will. While it is not easy, believers have ALWAYS been moved by Divine Grace to become witnesses to the truth of the resurrection, to the forgiveness of sins, and to the promise of eternal salvation. Do you know someone who needs to hear about Jesus Christ? If you do, without hesitation or delay, go and tell them so that they might come to know the joy we have found in Jesus. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave



March 20th Offertory:

\$12,261

Central E. Europe: \$980

Propagaton of the Faith: \$380

OCA update for 3/24/16 -- We have 241 of our 500 families Pledging \$57,531.00 and paying \$25,261.00 toward our goal of \$45,000, which is 48.2% of parish. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. Please pay those pledges on a timely basis.



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: \$1,93,477
(as of March 20, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: THERE IS NO Dine to Donate this week due to Carrabba's dinner at Citrus Ridge. 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 to Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant (Postcards are available at Church entrances. **ANYTIME** you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** On 3/21, we received a check from Bruno's Italian restaurant in the amount of \$125.00 for those who have been stopping by to dine for the past 2 months. Many thanks for your participation.

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!

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.**



"THANK YOU" everyone who donated long-sleeve shirts, funds, prayers or any other kind of support since we began this drive for the Farmworkers Association of Florida on Ash Wednesday. The dozens of shirts were delivered to the association's headquarters in Apopka.

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 NEXT WEEKEND, 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 and 7 PM (in Spanish) 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).

PREPARATION SESSION FOR our First Holy Communion class and their parents will take place on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 PM in the church. One adult and the children are expected to attend this 3rd preparation session to receive in May.

MUCHOS GRACIAS TO OUR Spanish Rosary makers who donated \$1,000.00 to our building fund on 3/21/16. This comes from the sale of their hand-made rosaries that they sell at the Spanish Mass and elsewhere. Thanks to a visiting Spanish Music group who also donated \$150.00 back in March after doing a performance for our Spanish community.

PALM SUNDAY RAFFLE RESULTS: A total of \$2,012.00 was collected for the raffle. 50% of that (\$1,006.00) went immediately to the building fund. Our first prize winner was Phil Kaiser of Minnesota, and he received 25% or \$503.00. Our 2nd prize winner was Linda Pesonen who won 15% or \$301.80, and donated \$100.00 to the building fund. Our 3rd prize winner was Ron Henefer who won 10% or \$201.20 and donated half back to the building fund and the 2nd half to be used as we see fit. **MANY THANKS** to all who participated and to the winners for their generosity!!!

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR OUR SEMINARIANS will take place NEXT Sunday, April 10th (The Diocese moved to this date after we ordered our envelopes). **SO, go to the box for our envelope from OCTOBER 9th.** There will be no second passing of the basket, just drop your regular offertory AND the Seminarian envelope in the first collection. Please, remember our own James Lorini as you prayerfully support that collection. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: the envelope dated April 10th for the Mission Cooperative SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL the week-end of April 16-17!!!** We will have a visiting speaker on that week-end from the Servants of the Lord, a group of Sisters, who will speak about their mission work and we WILL have a second collection for the support of their work. Please use the envelope then. Please be as generous as possible.

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

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

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.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

March 26 to April 3, 2016

- 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 of the Winter Schedule. Please see the announcements section for the new mass times.**
- Mon. 4/4** **NO MASS**
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
- Tues. 4/5 -- 8 AM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)**
Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
- Wed. 4/6 -- 8 AM -- Donald Crowe + (wife, Kathy)**
Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
- Thurs. 4/7 -- 8 AM -- Doris Preischel + (Kathy Crowe)**
Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-38
- Fri. 4/8 8 AM -- Marie Kirst + (Kathy Crowe)**
Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
- Sat. 4/9**
Acts 5:27-41 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
4 PM -- Allen McNamara + (Linda Lahey)
- Sun. 4/10**
8:00 AM -- Flora Goncalves + (Ines Goncalves)
9:30 AM -- Daniel & Kathleen McCarthy + (Mom & Dad)
11:00 AM -- Michael Passanisi + (Roberson Family)
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Living & Deceased Parishioners

Stewardship



The purpose of Sacred Scripture is in part to teach us about the faith, to provide to us what the Church calls "divine revelation." Our Second Reading from the Book of Revelation provides insights of which we need to be aware. The name of this Book – Revelation – is derived from the very first words of the Book, which are "The revelation of Jesus Christ..."

Written in Greek, the word translated as "revelation" is *apokalypsis*, meaning "unveiling" or indeed "revelation." As indicated in today's reading this book is written by "John...on the island called Patmos." Our Catholic tradition tells us that this is John the Apostle, although scholars sometimes disagree with that assessment and conclusion. We do nonetheless know what and where Patmos is.

The Island of Patmos was the Roman Empire's version of Alcatraz Island, a place where some were exiled and forced to work in the marble quarries found there. Ten miles long and six miles wide, Patmos has been described as lonely and desolate. Yet for John, the writer of this Book, it does not separate him from God or from his fellow Christians. He describes in today's narrative the revelation which came to him there, but to experience such a revelation he had to be aware and open to the Words of the Lord.

We may at times feel just as exiled, just as lonely, but if we remain open and conscious of God's presence, we, too may find solace and comfort and instructions. That is what being a steward is all about — being attentive to what God is saying to us.