

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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Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3
Clermont, FL 34714

Week of April 4 to April 12

EASTER SUNDAY
Resurrection 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
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

Happy Easter!



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*



Father Dave's Corner

There was a certain pastor renowned far and wide for his bold and eloquent preaching. People from other parishes would travel just to hear his lofty rhetoric. At the height of the pastor's popularity, however, something strange happened—he repeated the exact same homily, word for word, two weeks in a row. The people thought this was odd, but they figured he had simply been so busy that he had not had time to prepare a homily. The next Sunday, the pastor again delivered the same homily, word for word. At this, the crowds that had gathered to hear him began to get upset. When confronted after Mass by a group of perturbed parishioners as to why he kept delivering the same homily over and over again, the pastor replied, "You are right! I keep repeating the same homily, and I'll keep repeating it until YOU PUT IT INTO PRACTICE!"

Just like the pastor's homily, the Easter mystery we celebrate today has not changed for more than 2,000 years. We read the same story about the same people, with the same outcome, year after year. Yet we keep coming back: and next year we shall do it all over again. The question is: If Christ's resurrection from the dead was such a breakthrough in human history and in the story of our salvation, why do we need to celebrate it over and over?

The answer is simple: the story may not change, the outcome may always be the same, but it is WE who are to CHANGE EACH TIME WE GATHER to celebrate the mystery. Hopefully, each time we do so, we grow just a little bit more in our ability to live the mystery and to become the Easter people we are called to be.

For us, as Christians, Easter is NOT JUST a story we tell once a year. It is a WAY OF LIFE! As Paul so aptly puts it, we seek the things that are above to strive to fulfill the duty entrusted to us—the duty of giving witness to the faith by the way we live. At the same time, we reject the forces of death in our society and in our world that would lead us back into the tomb of slavery and sin from which Christ set us free.

In rising from the dead, Christ transformed the tomb from a place of death and despair to a channel of life and grace. As an Easter people, it is now UP TO US TO CONTINUE THE WORK CHRIST BEGAN by working to bring hope and healing where there is darkness and death in our world today.

No doubt, our task as Easter people is NOT an easy one. If we, however, follow the example of Christ by rising from the tomb of complacency to be His witnesses, we may just find that we have FINALLY begun to put our faith into practice, perhaps for the very first time. And, although the Easter mystery remains forever unchanged, WE SHALL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN! (Sunday Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$948,250

(as of March 23)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: IHOP in Clermont invites us to join them all week from Monday, 4/13 through Friday, 4/17 all day long. Please take a flyer and they will give us 15% of whatever you feast on. That same week...on Thursday, 3/16, we have a new partner, SHULA BURGER, East on 192 near the Target shopping center. Take a flyer and whatever you eat and drink from 11 AM to close, we will get 10%. **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 RESULT--**We received a check in the amount of \$180.00 from Texas Roadhouse.

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.

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.



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
for our people,
our ministries,
our future

As of 3/27, we have 188 families pledging \$38,897.00 and paying \$16,935.57 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 37% of our 508 families. Many thanks to those who have participated.

Faith Formation

Classes Resume this Week

- 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



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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.



PLEASE REMEMBER that the office will be closed Easter Monday and reopen on Tuesday, 4/7...**BUT...Anointing of the Sick will be offered at Mass on Wednesday, 4/8 this week.**

PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES-- Easter Sunday is the LAST 12:30 PM Mass for now...and Divine Mercy

Sunday is the LAST weekend for the 6 PM Sat. and 7:30 AM Sunday as we go back to our regular schedule.

NEXT Sunday, April 12 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).

CARRABBA'S CATERED DINNER AT CITRUS HIGHLANDS/North on Route 27 will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015. This is the LAST weekend that tickets are on sale 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).

MUCHO GRACIAS!!!! To our Spanish Community for their very generous donation of \$1,801.15 to our Building Fund from the Musical Concert, Lenten Reflection Weekend, and Food sales on the weekend of 3/20-3/22.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TAGLER FAMILY for their recent donation of proceeds from a Garage Sale they held in March...It was deposited in the Building Fund.

PICNIC BASKET-WINNER CORRECTION--One of the "Frozen" baskets last week was won by Jenny Alvarez (not Nunez).

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.

WE STILL HAVE ST. FAUSTINA SHIRTS AVAILABLE.

Church Ministries

For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org** and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.

Here is one of the devotions you will find, daily, on our Facebook page: *"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family. Be holy."*
— Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Mass Intentions

April 4 to April 12

- Sat. 4/4 EASTER VIGIL**
Gen 1:2-2 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
7 PM--(espanol) -- Spanish Community of St. Faustina
- Mon. 4/6 -- 8 am -- NO MASS**
Acts 2:14-33 Matthew 28:8-15
- Tues. 4/7 -- 8 am -- Louis Pesacreta + (Barbara Lou)**
Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
- Wed. 4/8 -- 8 am -- John Arroyo + (Carol Arroyo)**
Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35
- Thurs. 4/9 -- 8 am -- Healing for James Bourdage (Donna & Harold Goodhue)**
Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48
- Fri. 4/10 -- 8 am -- Blessings for Edith Meurer on her 98th birthday (Carolyn Koling)**
Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14
- Sat. 4/11 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
4 PM -- Adele Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)
6 PM -- Sergio & Maria Garcia + (Esther Garcia)
- Sun. 4/12**
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul Verostko + (Mary Ann Heary)
9:00 AM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Richard Rosado + (Norma Rosado)

March 22nd Offertory:

\$8,744



Stewardship



"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad." Of all days during our Church year, this is the holiest. It is on this day that we celebrate Christ's Resurrection and our salvation. As Catholics we are all called to holiness, and today is the day on which we can respond to that call most

enthusiastically.

Jesus is with us today, and He is with us through the Eucharist every time we go to Mass. As we approach to receive Communion today, and every time we do so, we need to search our hearts. We must remember the suffering Jesus endured for us. He shed His blood so our souls could be spared. We each need to thank the Lord for giving us life and for providing us with the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us.

Together we cry out "Alleluia!" St. Peter, in the opening of his first letter, put it this way: "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. (1 Peter 1:8) Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!