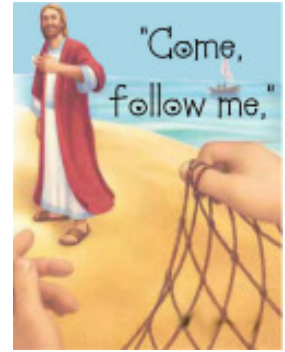


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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](http://www.stfaustina.org)

**Week of April 9 to April 17**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Clergy**

**Parochial Administrator**

**Father Dave Gillis**

**Assisting Priest**

**Father Fernando Gil**

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, 4 pm**

**Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 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.

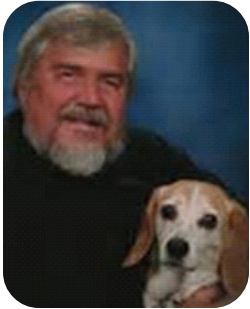
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



***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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and return it to the office.***

## Father Dave's Corner



Use your imagination...go into a situation in which you are about to face someone you have hurt, deeply hurt, or in which you are about to face someone who has deeply hurt you. Quite naturally, your emotions are powerful. If you've hurt that person, you feel remorse and guilt; if you are the one who has been hurt, you may have strong feelings of hostility and resentment. Like the prodigal son in that famous parable, you might rehearse ahead of time what you will say.

When faced with such situations, we may be tempted to give up on those relationships. We may employ avoidance techniques, or protect ourselves like a turtle with a hard shell of cold indifference, or we may, with feelings of righteous indignation, stubbornly refuse even the slightest move toward any reconciliation whatsoever. In all such situations, we have to deal with a powerful force within us called *criticism*. We can be either too critical of others, or we can be too critical of ourselves. In either case, simply giving up is the great temptation that looms in front of us, aided and abetted by a spirit of criticism.

Giving up is surrendering to weakness or even despair. Do we give up simply in order to take the easy way out? The temptation to give up comes to us in many forms in a number of situations, often seeming like the wise thing to do. Giving up, however, CAN be the work of the devil. When do we give up on others? We all know examples of parents, spouses and others who have given up on their loved ones. We've known family and friends who have given up on the Church, on religion, or even given up on God. God, however, NEVER EVER GIVES UP ON US, even when we've turned our backs on him or betrayed him. That's what today's Gospel is about.

Jesus encounters some of His disciples after His resurrection. The disciples were gathered together on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. It was in that encounter that Jesus asked Peter those three famous questions, questions that obviously recognized the triple denial of Peter during Christ's suffering. Implicit in those questions, however, was the fact that Jesus HAD NOT given up on Peter. Jesus' love and commitment to him were still there, even after all that had occurred. But Peter's triple denial had to be acknowledged and faced. Jesus faces it with loving forgiveness; all of which allows Peter to forgive himself. There is a wonderful freedom that flows from forgiveness.

"Unconditional love" is something we've all heard about. Theologians tell us of God's unconditional love. This type of love is something we want to give our children, our spouses and our family members. We all have our moments, though, when we abandon unconditional love and slap others with conditions on our love, telling them we'll love them or forgive them "if..."

This is why we need to seek God's forgiveness today, not simply to save our own skins, but so we might have the power to forgive others as He has forgiven us. With God's power, unconditional love is possible! (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

**Father Dave**



**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: \$1,211,607**  
(as of March 27, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: WEDNESDAY, April 13th at Sarah's Greek Cuisine in Cagan's Crossing. Take a flyer and present it before you order. They are open from 11 AM until 10 PM. 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 3/30/16 we received the following from our Dine partners: From GATOR'S DOCKSIDE \$117.55 for our Jan. 5th event; \$200.00 from IHOP for our 2/6-12 event; and \$112.00 from I LOVE NY PIZZA for our 3/22 event. Many thanks to all who participated and to these restaurants who continue to support us.**



**COME SAIL AWAY WITH ST. FAUSTINA'S WONDERFUL FOLKS** Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 through Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, join us on the Beautiful Royal Caribbean OASIS OF THE SEAS! The ship will sail from Port Canaveral to Labadee, Haiti, Falmouth, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Canaveral. This 7 night cruise has 3 days at sea, which you will be happy for because the OASIS is a destination in itself. There is so much to see and so many things to do on the ship. Prices at this time are \$953.45 Per person for an Interior cabin (only 9 of them); \$1125.45 per person for a Central Park Balcony (only 9); and \$1192.45 per person for an Ocean View Balcony (only 6). These prices are ONLY good until April 18, 2016. So contact Debbie at (407) 791-2444 soon. Remember, St. Faustina's church does use this as both a social event and a small fund-raiser for the parish.

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

**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 to [tohrblock.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelli**, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

**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.**



possible. (Fr. Tuttle will be covering for me, since I will be on my Post-Easter break).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** the following 3 young adults who received their First Holy Communion on this past Holy Thursday. They have been preparing for the reception of the sacraments for the past 2 years: **Ricardo de Jesus de La Cruz** and his sister **Nicole de La Cruz**; and **Gabriel Ramirez**, who will be receiving Confirmation this year in preparation for a future marriage. May the Lord's Spirit be with them always! Special thanks to George Cuttita and Israel Santiago for their preparation of these folks...and to Ms. Marylu Mariniello for her continued supervision of the program.

**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](mailto: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.**

St. Theresa Catholic Church in Belleview, Florida, is sponsoring a lecture by the esteemed Frank Duff on Saturday, April 20 from 8 am until 4 pm. For more information, please see our web site at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/frankduffseminar430.html>

**GOING OUT OF TOWN?...find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at:** [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**HARBOUR HOUSE 24 HOUR HOTLINE:** Did you know that there is a shelter available for folks suffering domestic violence in our area? **Call (404)886-2856 24 hours a day...7 days a week.**

For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES**, and who to contact, please see our web site at [www.stfaustina.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch)



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## Mass Intentions

**April 9 to April 17, 2016**

**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**

**Mon. 4/11**

**NO MASS**

**Acts 6:8-15**

**John 6:22-29**

**Tues. 4/12 -- 8 AM --Fr. Michael Danek +**

**(Carol Arroyo & family)**

**Acts 7:51-8:1a**

**John 6:30-35**

**Wed. 4/13 -- 8 AM --Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)**

**Acts 8:1b-8**

**John 6:35-40**

**Thurs. 4/14 -- 8 AM -- Clara Konopka + (Dennis Donovan)**

**Acts 8:26-40**

**John 6:44-51**

**Fri. 4/15 8 AM -- Angelina Stone + (Sarranne & Brian)**

**Acts 9:1-20**

**John 6:52-59**

**Sat. 4/16**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30**

**4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners**

**Sun. 4/17**

**8:00 AM -- Rosemarie Pavo + (Cheryle Lawrence)**  
**9:30 AM -- Flora Goncalves + (Ines Goncalves)**  
**11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)**  
**7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- ecundina Rosario + (Angel Pagan)**

**March 27th Offertory:**

**\$8,557**

**Easter Offerings: \$4,334**

**Good Friday Holy Shrines:**

**\$2,442**



## Stewardship



There is much to digest (literally) in today's Gospel Reading from St. John. It reports the third time that Jesus appeared to His Apostles. The Lord appears on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, which is another name by which the Sea of Galilee is known. It is early in the morning, and Peter and the others had been fishing

unsuccessfully, and obviously were near to the shore, but at Jesus' urging they cast their nets again and caught many fish, which they then brought to shore.

According to the Gospel Jesus had breakfast with them, and then He poses the question to Peter specifically, "Do you love me?" The exchange between the Lord and Peter is carefully narrated, as are Jesus' responses. However, at the end of the Gospel Reading for today, Jesus says two simple words to Peter, "Follow Me." Of course, these are the same two words with which we are familiar that Jesus used to call Peter and the others in the beginning.

We need to understand that these instructions from Jesus are not just for the Apostles but for us as well. How have we responded to that call? Our reaction does not have to be as dramatic as Peter's and the others, who abandoned their lives and their livelihood and became total followers of Christ. However, we, too, need to find the strength and the commitment to follow the Lord. How we carry that out is our stewardship, how we live our lives.