

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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Repentance
is a change
OF  MIND
and
Heart 

Week of April 18 to April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

Clergy

Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 9:00, & 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses

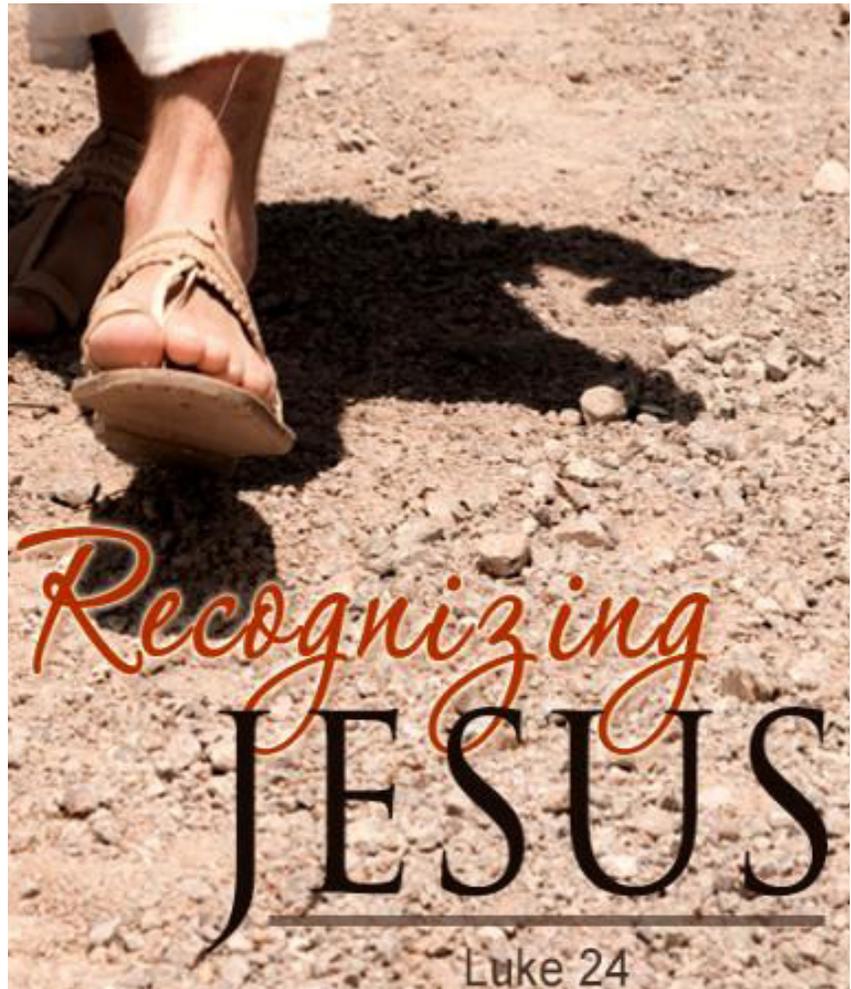
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

*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*; Bob Vince, *Music Ministry*



Father Dave's Corner

The Easter appearances to the disciples present a difficult picture of what resurrected life might be, but they definitely portray the strong commitment to proclamation that comes from an encounter with the Risen Lord.

An intoxicated man sat alone at a bar, staring at a beautiful woman who had entered moments earlier and was sitting several seats away. After gazing at her for a while, he walked unsteadily over and planted a big kiss on her lips. The woman jumped off the stool and slapped him silly. "Sorry! I'm sorry," the man protested. "I thought you were my wife. You look just like her."..... "Are you serious?" the woman exclaimed. "Get away from me you worthless, insufferable drunk." "Wow," the man said ruefully, "you even sound like her."

Part of what makes this joke amusing is the preposterous idea that any man, even a drunk, could fail to recognize his own wife.

In today's Gospel passage, we have a more serious situation of what might be called "faulty recognition." How is it possible that these disciples who were with Jesus daily for three years, do not know Him after He had risen from the dead? It seems that Luke had a threefold theological purpose in his recounting this scene: 1) to suggest that the resurrection is not so much bodily resuscitation as it is apocalyptic fulfillment, thus complicating the whole issue of identification; 2) to firmly set the connection between the crucified Jesus and the risen Lord; 3) to remind followers of Jesus that His resurrection empowers and commands them to go forth and boldly proclaim the gospel.

Luke's recounting of post-resurrection appearances tries to tackle the thorny problem of identity-in-transformation. A dictionary definition of the word recognize may contribute to an understanding of today's Gospel.

One sense of the word is "to identify, as someone previously seen or known." This is surely what the Eleven SHOULD have been able to do, yet they failed. Of course, they had known Jesus previously, but not like THIS!

Another sense of recognize is "to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics."

This is what Jesus invites when He offers His wounded hands and feet and says, "Touch me."

Luke sets the stage for Volume II—the Acts of the Apostles—by identifying the risen Christ (who will preside over the Church) with the earthly Jesus who was crucified. Things HAVE changed! Yet this is not a NEW faith. While on earth, Jesus preached forgiveness of sins in God's name. He spoke of total commitment to God and of unfailing love of neighbor. He demanded peace-making, humble service, and losing oneself in order to meet the needs of others. Our faith today is **Christian** if it is joined with the faith—both pre- and post-resurrection—of the first witnesses.

Finally, Luke's narrative of the appearance to the Eleven is a mission-inaugurating event. Whatever the disciples "saw," there can be no doubt about its effect. Once they recognized Jesus as risen to new life, they were impelled to proclaim this Good News. Who, having witnessed such a thing, could keep it in? At any rate, that mandate extends to US today. Filled with Easter faith, we SHOULD BE BURSTING with the Good News and eager to take it out to others.

How will Jesus appear to us today? Will WE be any better able to recognize Him than those first disciples? Only if we allow our eyes and minds to be opened by the Lord. Could it be that Jesus is showing us His wounded body in the sick and homeless who need our care, in the immigrants and prisoners who have been pushed to the margins of society, in those who have lost faith and hope and need to be rekindled by our Easter zeal?

We KNOW the Lord, as did those first disciples, in the breaking of the bread. May this Eucharist spark in us a true recognition of the Lord, alive in our midst, and a renewed commitment to take His message out to all the world. (Jim Johnston, Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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: \$978,676.00

(as of April 10)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: Texas Roadhouse invites us back on Tuesday, April 21st from 3:30-9:00 PM. Drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and the parish will receive 10% of what you eat and drink. Please support these businesses and us. **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 for \$124.31 from Flipper's for our 3/31 event. Thanks to all who participated.

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 4/10, we have 190 families pledging \$39,047.00 and paying \$22,267.43 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 37.4% of our 508 families. Many thanks to those who have participated.

Faith Formation

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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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

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.



Special thanks go out to Bob & Cheryl Schaefer, and Paige Kalinowski for their preparation program.

PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES--Easter Sunday WAS the LAST 12:30 PM Mass for now...and LAST WEEK'S Divine Mercy Sunday is the LAST weekend for the 6 PM Sat. and 7:30 AM masses. Next week we go back to our regular schedule, 4 PM on Sat. 9, 11 AM on Sunday and 7 PM Sunday en espanol.

AHOY MATIES!!!! Mark your calendar for our 2016 St. Faustina Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. We will be going on a 7 Day cruise leaving on Sat. Feb. 20, 2016 out of Tampa. Our ports will be Honduras, Belize, Costa Maya, Mexico, and Cozumel and back to Tampa on Sat. 2/27/16. Costs are being worked out as we speak...but, we think you will find this very reasonable. A ballpark figure for an inside cabin, port taxes & fees, roundtrip bus from St. Faustina to Port of Tampa looks like it will be about \$100 per night, per person. Needless to say, the Ocean View and Balcony cabins will be higher. Final Costs will be listed on our Flyer...and published in future bulletins when they are finalized. PLEASE SET THE DATES ASIDE NOW.

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.



April 5th Easter Offering: \$4,073.00
Easter Flowers: \$674.00
Good Friday for Holy Land: \$1,460.00
Regular Offertory: \$12,174.00

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: "If you wish to strengthen your confidence in God still more, often recall the loving way in which He has acted toward you, and how mercifully He has tried to bring you out of your sinful life, to break your attachment to the things of earth and draw you to His love." — St. Alphonsus Liguori



Mass Intentions

April 18 to April 26

Sat. 4/18

Acts 3:13-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

4 PM -- Dolores P. Ruffolo + (Andrew Osten-Sacken)

Sun. 4/19

9:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Bill Middleton + (Judy & Gary Mohler)

11:00 AM -- Una Doherty + 1st Ann. (Jo Doherty)

7:00 PM--(espanol) --Secundina Rosario + (Mr & Mrs. Paco Pagan)

Mon. 4/20 -- 8 am -- NO MASS

Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29

Tues. 4/21 -- 8 am -- Healing for Joe Rideout (Lois Losole)

Acts: 51-8:1 John 6:30-35

Wed. 4/22 -- 8 am -- Art Murosky + (Marie & Larry Buss)

Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40

Thurs. 4/23 -- 8 am -- Brittany Kunkel + (Jack & Susan Ronan)

Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51

Fri. 4/24 -- 8 am -- Al McElwee + (Mary Kay Miller)

Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59

Sat. 4/25

Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

4 PM -- Margaret Hahn (dec) from Al Hahn

Sun. 4/26

9:00 AM -- Margaret Hahn + (Al Hahn)

11:00 AM -- Hillerie & Brian Szeles + (Mary Kay Miller)

7:00 PM--(espanol) --Special Intentions for Ines Goncalves

Below are two examples of some of the devotions you will find, daily, on our Facebook page:

"Do not look for the faults of your friend. Do not repeat the shortcomings of your neighbors in your talk. You are not the judge of creation. You do not have dominion over the earth. If you love righteousness, admonish your soul and yourself. Be the judge of your own sins, and chastise your own transgressions." — St. Ephrem the Syrian

"If you ate only one meal a week would you survive? It is the same for your soul. Nourish it with the Blessed Sacrament."

— St. André Bessette

Stewardship



"Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." With these words St. Peter advises the Gentiles who are gathered outside the Temple in an area known as "Solomon's Porch." Of course, his advice is also applicable to us right here and now.

As mentioned previously the word "repent" means more than we normally may conclude. For us "repent" may simply mean to "be sorry." Peter's meaning is that we need to repent by "turning our lives around," by changing completely. That is more of a challenge for us, to be sure. This kind of "change" is closely associated with the idea of stewardship.

Stewardship requires a conversion of mind and heart. That is exactly the kind of "repentance" to which we are called by St. Peter. Salvation is more than just "wiping away" our sins. Salvation requires us to make dramatic changes in the way we live. If we do change, Peter assures us that our sins will be "wiped away." That reference is to writing at that time; although we see ink today as being indelible, it was not in Peter's time. Once something was written, it could still easily be wiped away. Only God can wipe away our sins, but the point is that if we sincerely change (repent) and seek conversion through God, our sins will truly be "wiped away."