

# 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.*

*Eucharistic*



*Adoration*

FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION  
May 6  
8:30 am to 5 pm  
Rosary at 1 pm

**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 29 to May 8**

## **Sixth 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.

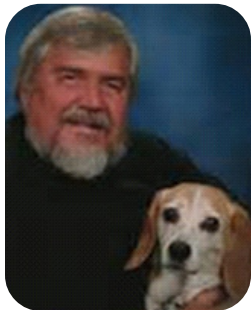
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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

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

## Father Dave's Corner



The deathbed wishes or words of a loved one have a way of remaining with us. There have been several occasions when I have had the privilege of being with parishioners or family members who were with a dying loved one. Powerful words between the dying and the living are often exchanged at moments like that.

The setting of today's Gospel is the night before Jesus' own death. It is a continuation of the Last Supper discourse, which we also

heard last Sunday. The reading is given to us in the Easter season as a reminder that the promises of God to God's people HAVE BEEN FULFILLED. Jesus was sent to redeem us and has returned to the Father. The Holy Spirit was sent to guide all people to truth.

The words of today's Gospel are quite possibly some of the most comforting words to be found in the Bible. Jesus says to His disciples, "Peace is my farewell to you: my peace is my gift to you."

Our society craves peace, yet for all the talk of peace in our lives, our Church, our world, do we truly recognize that gift? We hear about peace virtually every day in the media, yet peace can mean different things to different people. For someone in chronic pain, one or two hours without pain could be peace. For students and teachers, anticipating the end of classes and exams in the next couple of months might bring a sense of peace. For the harassed mother of active young children, it may be a state of being left alone. Hopes of an end to war, violence, and terror can bring peace. Yet these images do not fully capture or describe the peace of which Jesus speaks.

His concept of peace is quite different. It is not simply a blanket isolating us from the pressures of daily life, sheltering us from trouble. It is a VIRTUE, a positive state of mind, a temperament for compassion. It is all-involving. If you want peace, you must work for justice. If you want peace, you must SEEK GOD'S WILL. Jesus promised the Paraclete, the third person of the Trinity, a comforter, to help give God's peace to us. But a Paraclete does more than comfort.

As the poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, put it in a homily about today's Gospel, "a Paraclete is one who cheers, who encourages, who persuades, who exhorts, who stirs up, who urges forward, who cheers us on...What clapping hands are to a speaker, what a trumpet is to a soldier, a Paraclete is to the soul." (Sandra DeGidio, OSM Sunday Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

May more of us surrender our wills to the Father, so that we might have that "temperament for compassion" that brings the Peace of the Lord to ALL!

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

**Father Dave**



**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. **Please contact Debbie Bergeron at (407) 791-2444.**



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: \$1,219,676**  
(as of April 17, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY:** Tuesday, May 3rd at GATOR'S DOCKSIDE in Cagan's Crossing. All day-from 11 AM until closing, we will receive 15% of whatever you eat and drink. No flyer needed, just drop your receipt in the box at host stand. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** Texas Roadhouse sent us checks on 4/15 for \$240.00 for our Tuesday, March 15th event and \$108.00 for the Sundays in March. Many thanks for all who participated and to our friends at Texas Roadhouse. **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%.

## Celebrate May by Hosting The Pilgrim Virgin Mary

Celebrate May, the month that the Catholic Church dedicates to our Blessed Virgin Mother, the Rosary, the Respect for Life by hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Mary, please visit our website at:

[www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/pilgrimvirginvisits.html](http://www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/pilgrimvirginvisits.html)



**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.

**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 Nigreli**, 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.



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**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.**



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is Friday, May 6, from 8:30 AM until 5 PM. At 1 PM** we will gather in the church to say the Rosary for life before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us anytime during the day and see for yourself how great it is to spend some time with Our Lord.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS.** The 4th & Last Preparation for Parents and students takes place on Sat. 4/30/16 at 11 AM in the Church. This will include a practice/rehearsal for the youngsters who will be receiving the Eucharist on Sat. May 7th at 11 AM. All are welcome to attend the Mass that day.

**Mother's Day is coming on May 8** – If you would like to remember your mother, grandmother, or any other special mother-figure in your life, please take one of the envelopes from the congregational chairs, fill it out and **drop it in the collection basket by May 1.** On Mother's Day, all the envelopes will be placed on the altar and we will pray for all the special mothers in our lives.

**4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS of Corpus Christi parish** has placed a box outside the usher's room in the church to collect "used" sneakers and athletic shoes. They have a company that will take these shoes and do some sort of recycling of the materials left after use. They will receive some financial reward from the company. SO, instead of tossing those old, used sneakers in the garbage...drop them in the box. (You may want to tie them in a plastic bag to cut down on the "smell" in the box...LOL).**NEWS**

## Respect for Life Articles for May



May is the month of the Blessed Mother, the Rosary and of Respect for Life. To celebrate our Christian Respect for Life, in honor of Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary, we have reprinted a series of articles (in both Spanish and English) on our website, [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) (click on the Pro-Life link on the right side of the page). Each week in the bulletin there will be a Respect for Life quote that encourages you to pray for all life. Please take some time to go to our website and read these important articles.

The first article in the series is entitled, "Motherhood".

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other." ~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta* ~

**BEGINNING NEXT WEEK-END, MOTHER'S DAY May 8th** and running through to Father's Day, June 19th, we will be supporting South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center with a fund-raiser **BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT.** Please pick up a baby bottle next week and use the weeks until June 19th to fill the bottle with your change. Then all bottles will be returned on Father's Day weekend and we will pass the proceeds to those good folks in Clermont.

**FROM BISHOP NOONAN--On Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.** at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (5300 Old Howell Branch Road in Winter Park) you are invited all to participate in the "Vigil to Dry Tears," a prayer service to console those who are suffering or hurting in any way. This opportunity for prayer and closeness with our Lord is offered in dioceses around the world as part of the Jubilee of Mercy. **On Saturday, May 28** at St. James Cathedral (215 N. Orange Avenue in Orlando) you are invited to attend the ordination to the priesthood of transitional deacons--Martin Nguyen and Luis Salazar--The Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. **The Diocese of Orlando's annual Corpus Christi procession will be held on May 29...further details to follow in next week's bulletin.**



## Mass Intentions

**April 30 to May 8, 2016**

Sat. 4/30

**Acts 15:1-29 Revelation 21:10-23 John 14:23-29**  
4 PM -- Philip Dezotell + (Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dezotell)

Sun. 5/1

8:00 AM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)  
9:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners  
11:00 AM -- Michael J. Gisonna + (Bill & Kathy)  
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Juan Villafane + (Evelyn Garcia)

Mon. 5/2

**NO MASS**

**Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4**

Tues. 5/3 -- 8 AM -- Paul Casey + Birthday remembrance (wife, Mary)

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14**

Wed. 5/4 -- 8 AM--Lenny Lagnese + (Barbara & Joe Begen)

**Acts 17:15-18:1 John 16:12-15**

Thurs. 5/5 -- 8 AM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)

**Acts 18:1-4 John 16:16-20**

Fri. 5/6

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

8 AM--John & Pat Friedrich 60<sup>th</sup> Ann. Blessings (John & Pat)

**Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23**

Sat. 5/7 **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53**

11 AM -- First Communion Class

4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sun. 5/8

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

8:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Mothers of Parish  
9:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Mothers of Parish  
11:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Mothers of Parish  
7:30 PM -- (espanol) Living & Deceased Mothers of Parish



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

**OCA update for 4/22/16** -- We have 279 of our 500 families Pledging \$68,245.00 and paying \$33,234.33 toward our goal of \$45,000. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. Please pay those pledges on a timely basis.

## Stewardship



Our Gospel Reading from John 14 recounts what Jesus says to His disciples as He prepares to leave them. Specifically the Lord says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." You may be aware that in Jesus' time (as well as in many parts of the world today) the common greeting was *Shalom*. That means, of course, "peace." It is nonetheless not only a greeting but it is also what people said when they parted.

Jesus makes a point of making it clear to His followers and to us that He is not just saying "Peace" the way people usually do, but from Him it is filled with more strength and meaning. It is "Not as the world gives" that Jesus is saying "Peace be with you." Jesus is telling us that He through the Holy Spirit will always be with us, stand next to us, and strengthen us. That is something we must believe. Trusting in the Lord is a key aspect of stewardship.

In our world we are more likely to say "Good-bye" than "Shalom." However, even that has a meaning with a much deeper message. "Good-bye" derives from the farewell "God be with you" or "God be with ye." Thus, when we say "good-bye" we are also giving someone the same message that Jesus gives us. God is with us — always. He loves you.