

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

Phone: 863-438-6900 // Fax: 863-438-6902

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

Week of May 9 to May 17

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day**

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

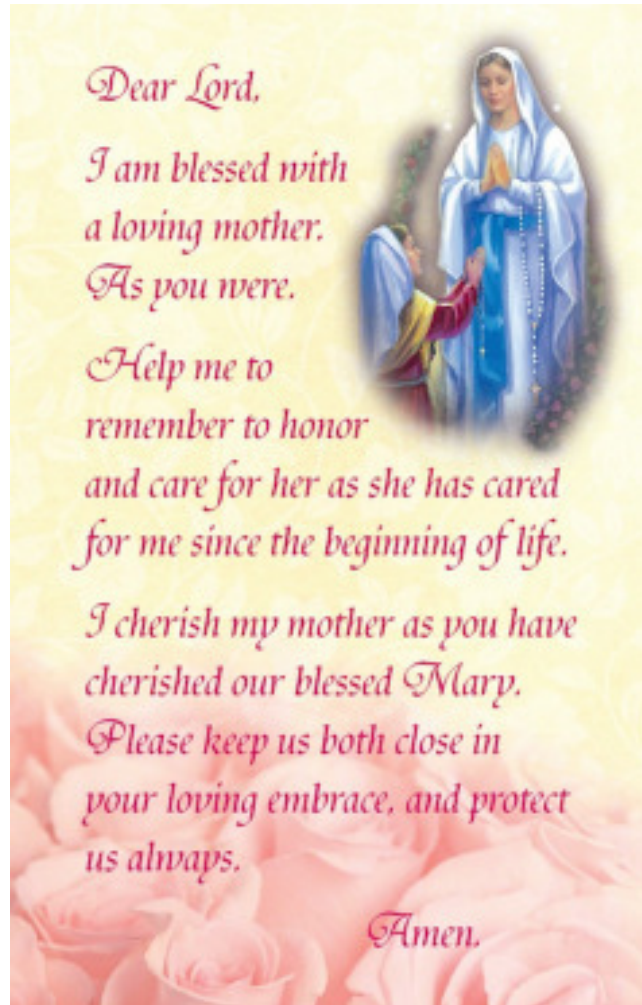
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



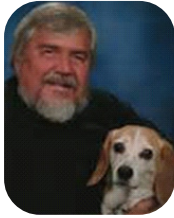
Reconciliation is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

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



We are still in the Easter season. Some people have a tough time grasping the concept of liturgical seasons. We are more likely to celebrate the single day rather than a weeks-long season. For example, Advent is almost 4 weeks long, Christmas is almost 3, Lent about 6, and Easter is 7 weeks long.

The longest season, Ordinary time, is roughly 34 weeks long. ALL of these are seasons of love, compassion, and forgiveness; they all look at God's love and grace through differing prisms.

All of today's readings resound with the word LOVE. The love and grace of God have great impact on our lives and how we live it out every day. One of the most difficult commands of Jesus is: "Love one another as I love you." Love like this takes courage...and sometimes seems impossible (let's use the example of the truth that our Lord "expects" us to love our enemies...even the barbarian ISIS terrorists!).

At times we need to be the first one to extend an act of goodwill in a painful situation. To love like this means that our sense of what is fair and right is NOT dependent on someone else's actions. Our love is given because it is OURS to give; it is our choice.

It takes almost no effort to stray from the love commands of Jesus. We do it on a daily basis. Gossiping and slanderous talk are a good example. Such talk damages a person. The favorite place for sin to hide is in normalcy (everybody's doing it). Jesus teaches that those kinds of actions are wrong.

We do not merit God's love and grace. They are freely given to us. The more we receive these gifts of love and grace, the more we are able to choose to offer them to others. To love like God loves us means we need to pray to God to discern His will in our lives and we need to receive the sacraments. The Eucharist nourishes us and strengthens us and the sacrament of reconciliation softens our hearts, and helps us experience our own sinfulness so we are open to God's pardon, mercy, and love. In doing so, we can foster a disposition of the heart that will enable us to recognize when we need to offer compassion and mercy to those we encounter.

On this Mother's Day, it is a good reminder to us that we have witnessed somewhere in our own lives human beings who DO seem capable of the same unselfish...sacrificing...almost impossible loving as the Lord, Himself...in the person of a loving Mother. There is such a tight bond between mother and child, that she can never cut herself off from her child, even if they carry out the most evil and heinous act against humanity. THAT is the love our God has for ALL OF US! Oh, how we need to pray to get a little closer to that love for others in our own lives!

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

Father Dave



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

As of 5/1, we have 200 families pledging \$41,494.00 and paying \$25,878.70 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 39.4% of our 508 families. Those who have not yet participated are asked to reconsider and give a pledge to the Diocesan ministries supported by this important appeal.



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: \$988,169
(as of April 27)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: Shula Burger invites us back on Thursday, May 14th from 11 AM to 9 PM. Please bring a flyer with you. They are located in the front strip of the Target shopping center on 192. **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 RESULTS:** Texas Roadhouse results: We received a check on 4/28 for the following...Our Tuesday 4/21 event earned \$130.00...the Month of March Sunday lunches earned us \$120.00 and the month of April Sunday lunches earned us \$40.00 for a total of \$290.00. Many thanks for your participation in these worthy events. We received a check from Shula Burger on 4/26 in the amount of \$50.46 for our event on April 16th.

NEW FUND-RAISER FOR BUILDING FUND: In the next couple of weeks, we will be offering a new type of fund-raiser for your possible participation. **Robyn's Nest of Gifts-N-Treasures** is a business owned by Joe D'Ambro, Jr. and Robyn Griffith who are parishioners here. You get a catalog from World Products Marketplace, full of articles for home and garden to keep in your possession and browse for 2 weeks. Using the order form on page 92 (or so) of the catalog you place your order, make payment in full including shipping to St Faustina Church and return it by May 31st. Orders will be placed and delivered to the parish within 10 days for pickup. (Even though the order form allows payment by Credit Card...for our purposes, we CANNOT take orders with them...ONLY Cash, Checks, or money orders please...To ST. FAUSTINA, please). There is a 30 day refund policy. Please browse through the catalog and help us if you can.

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**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta, a parishioner and also a Real Estate Agent, is offering 15% of her Commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby. We have another real estate agent who is a parishioner who offered to share 20% of her commission with St. Faustina's Parish. **Kim Nigreli**, of LaRosa Realty, has placed some postcards, and business cards on the bookshelf in the office.

REPORT ON DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: On Wed. 4/8, Fr. Ed Waters, Michael Zirkle (Finance Office), and Tom Ustler (Diocesan Real Estate) made a presentation to the Bishop and his entire Finance Committee on our behalf and our future. The presentation had 5 different proposals as possibilities for our future. To see the results of this meeting, please go to our web page at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/buildingupdatehistory.html>

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.



Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Celebration FL, Invites All Parishioners in the Diocese of Orlando to a Free Life Planning Seminar on: Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm – 8:00pm At Corpus Christi, Pastoral Center 1050 Celebration Ave, Celebration (321) 939-1491 Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, Wills and Estate

Planning...Guardianship of Minors...and Health Care Surrogate. There is no charge and no obligation. **Seating is limited so please RSVP by Wednesday, May 13 to** The Parish Office at (321) 939-1491. For more information, please visit our web site at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/communitynewsevents.html>

SPECIAL THANKS TO Kim Nigrelli and LaRosa Realty for a recent donation of \$300.00 to our Building fund. As promised, this is a percentage of Kim's Real Estate activity. If you need a realtor, consider Kim and her company as they are sharing their profits with us.

RESERVED SEATING AT MASS IS AVAILABLE if you are interested in being a "Swingman" or Saturday/Sunday substitute for the months of May through October. This important position opened up as a result of the loss of our Snowbird volunteers (Chuck D. & Chuck G.) and John.

ATTENTION CRUISE-GOERS! An informational flyer is now posted on our website regarding our 2016 St. Faustina Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. Inside cabins start at just \$615.31 per person INCLUDING taxes, fees and port expenses for this seven-night event (there is, however, a \$35 transportation fee...per person...if you use the bus service). 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. To view the flyer, please go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/2016parishcruiseinfo.html> and click on the PDF.

The Rosary Program, Decade a Day is looking for some one to take charge. This involves calling members once a year during Lent to check on their wishes about continuing with the program for the following year. It is not necessary to belong to the Program to help with this. If you have a computer, it would be a help to you to organize and manage this function, however, it is not mandatory. Everyone can be contacted by telephone. Please call Jerry Anne Fuzak at 815-540-5666 if you are interested.

The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.

Here is an example of a devotion that you will find, daily, on our Facebook page:



"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being." **Job 12:7-10**



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.

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;



Mass Intentions

May 9 to May 17

Sat. 5/9

Acts 10:25-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

11 am -- First Holy Communion Class intentions

4 PM -- Flora Goncalves + (Ines Goncalves)

Sun. 5/10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Ismael Aponte + (Roberto Aponte)

Mon. 5/11 -- 8 am -- NO MASS

Acts 16:11-15

John 15:26-16

Tues. 5/12 -- 8 am -- Christopher Thoener +

(Paul Casey family)

Acts 16:22-34

John 16:5-11

Wed. 5/13 -- 8 am -- Angelina Stone + (Saranne & Brian)

Acts 17:15-18

John 16:12-15

Thurs. 5/14 -- 8 am -- Intentions of Kay Groeger

(Senior Group)

Acts 1:15-26

John 15:9-17

Fri. 5/15 -- 8 am -- Glory of St. Faustina (Brian)

Acts 18: 9-18

John 16:20-23

Sat. 5/16 Celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

4 PM -- Kathleen McCarthy + (Mom & Dad)

Sun. 5/17

9:00 AM -- Healing for Alexandria Coen (Celia & Jim Kelly)

11:00 AM -- Joseph Passalacqua + (Toni Jean Franco)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Ismael Aponte + (Roberto Aponte)

April 26th Offering:

\$5,647



Stewardship



"This I command you: love one another." Note that in this direct quote from today's Gospel that the Lord does not offer this as a suggestion nor as an option. It is a command. He reinforces this several times in Holy Scripture as He offers it as one of the two most important commandments. If

we make an effort to genuinely love one another, we will have gone a long way to living out discipleship and stewardship.

It is appropriate on this Sixth Sunday of Easter when we celebrate Mothers' Day throughout the United States that our readings are filled with the message of love. The love of a mother is one of the great blessings anyone can receive. We should have no difficulty on this day letting our mothers — in fact, all those women who have provided support and forgiveness to us — know that we love them.

If loving one another is one of the hallmarks of stewardship as a way of life, showing that love to our mothers, and for mothers, showing and expressing their love to their children is paramount on this day. As Christ said in today's Gospel, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's love for one's friends." Mothers do that constantly, sacrificing so much for their children. We are blessed; let the "mothers" in our lives know that they are a blessing.