

# St. Faustina Catholic Church



**Week of May 14 to May 22**

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

### 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*

*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**

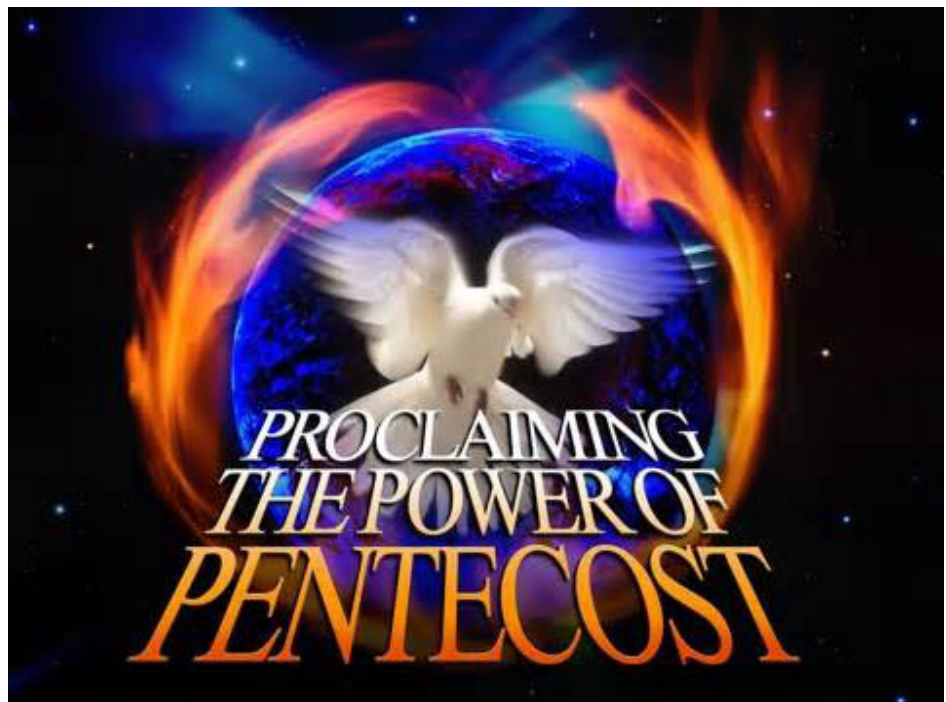
**Clermont, FL 34714**

**Web Site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)**



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BENEFIT**

*Pick up your  
bottle today!*



**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.

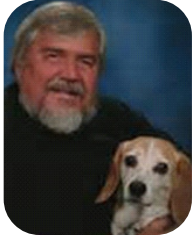
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



In the Geico TV commercial, when someone says, "You could save 15% or more on car insurance with Geico," someone else always responds, "Everybody knows that." Unfortunately, it's also true of familiar Bible stories too. "Everybody knows that" can stand in the way of appreciating items of faith more deeply. Let's turn our attention to several key lines in the Sequence of today's Mass wherein we invoked the Holy Spirit's aid.

**Come Holy Spirit, come:** How often we've prayed and sung those words. It's worth asking; Do we really want the Spirit to come no matter what? Or only on our own terms? The Spirit's wind is sometimes a gentle breeze—and at other times a gust that almost knocks us flat! Come Holy Spirit—gently or turbulently, but please come.

**Heal our wounds.** We all have some: painfully broken relationships or the echoing words of an abusive adult who said, "You'll never amount to anything." Sometimes it's our own disappointment with ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit, show us where we need healing and bring it about.

**Our strength renew.** Who needs this? Caregivers for the elderly, especially those with Alzheimer's. Single parents. Teens who have to be the adult in the household. Parents working two jobs. Come, Holy Spirit, you know what exhausts us. Be there when it happens.

**On our dryness pour your dew.** For years, unknown to all but one person, Mother Teresa (of all people) felt an agonizing distance from God, sometimes doubting whether God cared or even existed. Yet she steadfastly continued doing what she thought her life was about. We sometimes experience our own versions of that. Our prayers feel like the Simon and Garfunkel lyric: "All my words come back to me in shades of mediocrity, like emptiness in harmony." Come, Holy Spirit, help us feel the warmth of God's tender love.

**Wash the stains of guilt away.** Even when through faith we know we've been forgiven, a residue of guilt and regret can hang around like the proverbial monkey on the back. Guilt and regret perform a necessary task. But once that's accomplished, they can stand in the way of fully accepting God's forgiving love. Someone cowering down cannot receive a hug. Come, Holy Spirit, let us know that the sins of our past are that: past.

**Bend the stubborn heart and will.** We probably don't recall being two years old and newly discovering the satisfying thrill of saying, "NO!" But we did. A bit of that two-year-old survives and reappears occasionally. It no longer shouts defiance. But when we pray, "Thy will be done," it sometimes whispers, "except..." Come, Holy Spirit, help us to move from "except" to "I accept."

**Melt the frozen, warm the chill.** Ebenezer Scrooge thought that his avarice was normal behavior—the ONLY normal behavior. It blinded him. Are WE frozen into an endless compulsion to acquire more and more things we don't really need, while we tune out the less fortunate? Come, Holy Spirit, warm our hearts when they become cold to our sisters and brothers in need.

**Guide the steps that go astray.** It's not likely we'll wake up one morning and decide to go astray from the Lord. What can happen, however, is that we absorb too much of a sometimes pagan culture which compromises and even mocks moral behavior. It's disturbingly easy to go from there to accepting and virtually condoning things we shouldn't.

**In your sevenfold gift descend.** The Spirit's seven gifts are WITHIN us. With these gifts, may our speech and our actions "make bold proclamation" of "the joy of the Gospel." Come, Holy Spirit, help us to be the apostles we are called to be. (Jim Auer, 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: \$1,245,288**  
(as of May 1, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY:** DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY this Tuesday, May 17th at TEXAS ROADHOUSE on Rte 192 from 3:30 -10 PM. Whatever you eat and drink the parish will receive 10% of if you drop your receipt in the box at the host stand. Please join us if you can. **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 RESULT:** On 5/1/16 we received a check in the amount of \$101.42 from SONNY'S BBQ for our March 8th event. MANY THANKS.

**COME SAIL AWAY WITH ST. FAUSTINA'S WONDERFUL FOLKS** On 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. Contact Debbie at (407) 791-2444 for more information. 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.

**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.

**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.**



May 1st Offertory:

\$7,806

**OCA update for 5/16/16 --** We have 281 of our 500 families (56,2%) pledging \$68,365.00 and paying \$37,335.33 toward our goal of \$45,000. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. Please pay those pledges on a timely basis.





**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.**



**BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT** supports the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS AND THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES:** On Sat. May 7th, these youngsters received Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time: Jessica & Alexia Aguilar, Zion Bonilla, Shyanne Cardona, Joann Castor, Daysha & Joshua Castrillo, Anthony & Carlos De Jesus, Addison DiNetta, Faith Jewell, Kamila Martinez, Isaias Nunez, Javier & Jerry Rivera, Hannie & Ghislaine Romo, Katherine Saldarriaga, Brendan & Logan Simonsen, Madeline Tettemer, and Cynthia Valderrama. Maylin Perez will be receiving with her extended family in Chicago sometime in June. **MAY THE LORD BE WITH THEM ALWAYS!!!**

**FATHER'S DAY is coming on June 19th** – If you would like to remember your father, grandfather, or any other special father-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 June 12th**. On Father's Day, all the envelopes will be placed on the altar and we will pray for all the special fathers in our lives.

**ALERT TO THE 4:00 PM Mass-goers:** On Sat. May 21st, Bishop Noonan will be present to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our 5 teens and 1 adult. All are welcome to attend...but, please know, there will be some seats reserved for our Confirmandi and their families. Please pray for these young people that the Holy Spirit will fill them and stay with them!

## 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 third article in the series is entitled, **"Reason for Optimism for LIFE"**.

**"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."**  
*Susan B. Anthony*

**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).

## 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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and then click on the link on the right



## Mass Intentions

**May 14 to May 22, 2016**

**Sat. 5/14 SOLEMNITY of PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 John 20:19-23**  
4 PM -- Tony Borges + (Jo Borges)

**Sun. 5/15**

8:00 AM -- Healing for Marlene Calvin (Leo F. Calvin)  
9:30 AM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)  
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)  
7:00 PM -- (espanol) Viky Fajardo + (Fajardo family)

**Mon. 5/16 NO MASS**

**James 15:9-17 Mark 3:13-18**

**Tues. 5/17 -- 8 AM-- Healing for Frank Perry**  
(Celia & Jim Kelly)

**James 4:1-10 Mark 9:30-37**

**Wed. 5/18 -- 8 AM -- Fr. Michael Danek +**  
(Carol Arroyo & Family)

**James 4:13-17 Mark 9:38-40**

**Thurs. 5/19 8 AM -- Joan Abdul + (Kathleen Turner)**

**James 5:1-6 Mark 9:41-50**

**Fri. 5/20 8 AM -- Joan Abdul + (Diane Peterson)**

**James 5:9-12 Mark 10:1-12**

**Sat. 5/21 SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15**  
4 PM -- Confirmation Candidates of Parish

**Sun. 5/22**

8:00 AM -- Joan Abdul + (Diane Peterson)  
9:30 AM -- Ricky McAndrew + (Margaret & Joel Pashkin)  
11:00 AM -- Living & deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
7:00 PM -- (espanol) Manuel Antonio Matos +  
(Elvira Nunez)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: May McBride**, a visitor from Scotland who died in her home country in the beginning of May. Include her husband Robert in your prayers as well. ALSO, please pray for **David Szweczykowski** of Polo Park East who was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 3rd. Please include his family and Patsy in your prayers as well.



## Stewardship



Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

One of the most ancient feasts of the Church, Pentecost is mentioned and explained in both the Acts of the Apostles (today's First Reading) and in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The name comes quite simply from the Greek word,

*Pentekoste*, which meant "the 50th day" as Pentecost is 50 days after Easter Sunday (counting Easter).

Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church" as it was on this day — with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and about 120 followers of Christ, including our Blessed Mother Mary and other men and women — that Christ's mission on earth is completed.

However, that mission continues with us. We, too, have received the power of the Holy Spirit through Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, and other sacraments. It is this Holy Spirit that allows us to be the Lord's Disciples actively working in today's Church and today's society. Nevertheless, we must accept and recognize that fact.

In a homily given on Pentecost Sunday 20 years ago Pope St. John Paul II said, "In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke describes the extraordinary manifestation of the Holy Spirit. This divine gift is light and power, light to proclaim the Gospel truth and power to infuse each of us with the courage of witnessing to the faith." Living out this call is the essence of stewardship.