

# 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.*

*May your spirit blaze with the fire of God's love.*

## 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 23 to May 31

### **Pentecost Sunday Birthday of the Church**

#### 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

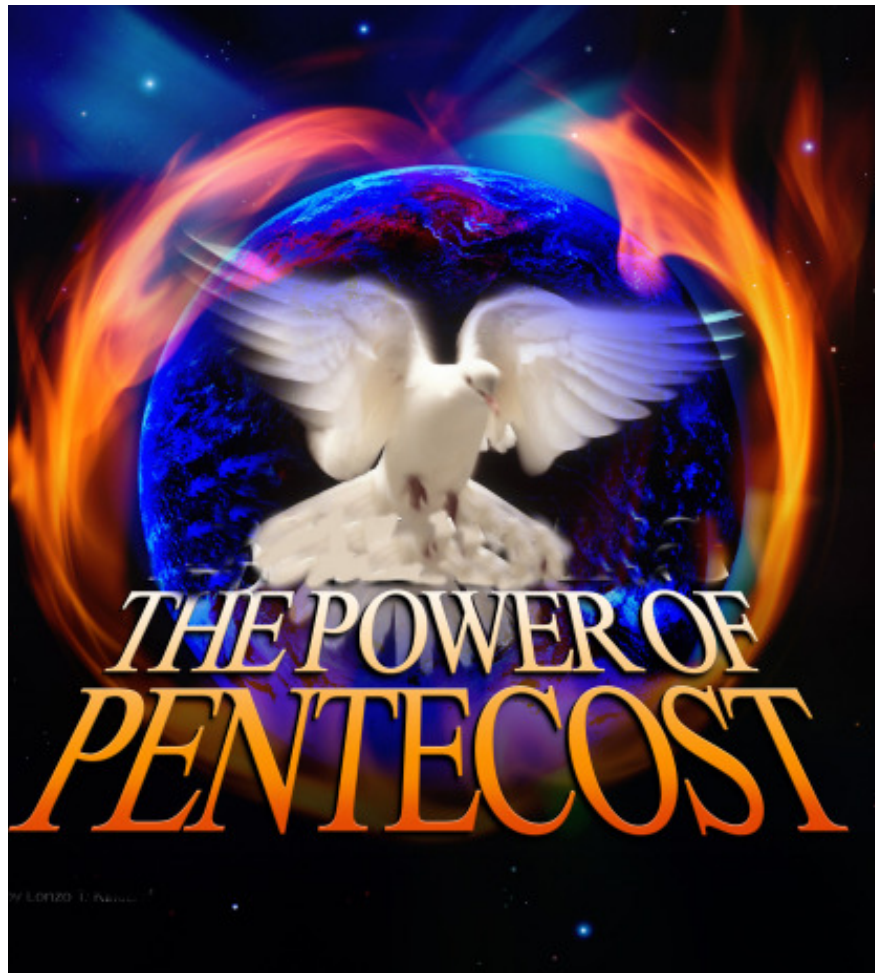
*Wednesdays @ 3 pm*

#### Anointing of the Sick

*First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass*

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm*



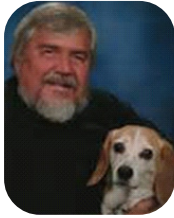
**Reconciliation** is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

**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



Everybody loves a birthday—unless maybe you are of an age when you would just as soon forget another birthday. But generally speaking, everybody loves a birthday. It's a time to celebrate a life and to inaugurate a new year of that life as best wishes and blessings are shared. Cake, ice cream and presents top off the day.

Today, Pentecost, we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. Jesus' mission takes on a new life as the Holy Spirit fills the faithful with the gifts needed to continue Jesus' work in the world. Now it is up to the Church to be the presence of Christ in the world.

Luke uses language that is reminiscent of the creation story in Genesis. Luke speaks of a strong, driving wind that filled the whole house where the disciples were gathered in fear—similar to the wind that swept over the waters at the beginning of creation. In Genesis, God breathed the breath of life into Adam. Now the Holy Spirit of God fills each person present in the house. Tongues of fire appear over the heads of each as they are empowered to boldly proclaim the Good News. They have become a completely NEW CREATION.

At Babel, the various human languages were a sign of discord and a means of pursuing mere human endeavors. At Pentecost, language is the binding force among various peoples as the ALL hear the Good News of Jesus proclaimed. Here language is being used to SERVE the Kingdom of God. The Spirit is effecting a NEW CREATION.

Saint Paul picks up on that theme of the Holy Spirit and explains the effects of the Spirit in life. The fruits of the Holy Spirit dwelling within one's heart are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. When these are evidenced in a person's life, we KNOW that the Holy Spirit is operative in that person's life. On the other hand, when we see selfishness and self-indulgence evident in a person's life, we know that God's Spirit is NOT at work.

As the disciples gathered on that first Easter evening, locked up in fear, Jesus appeared to them and offered them peace, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The results of this gift can be seen in the story from today's Acts of the Apostles as they overcome their fear and courageously proclaim the Good News of Jesus. That same Spirit is given to us...it is now our turn to courageously proclaim OUR faith for all to hear. May the Eucharist we receive give us that courage and strength to be the NEW CREATION!!!

(Donald Miller, OFM-Homily Helps; St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

**Father Dave**

**May 10th Offering:  
\$6,472**



As of 5/11, we have 201 families pledging \$41,894.00 and paying \$26,353.70 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 39.6% of our 508 families. Many thanks to those contributing. We beg those who have NOT yet pledged to prayerfully consider doing so.



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: \$992,522**  
(as of May 11)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES:** **FLIPPER'S Pizzeria** invite us back on Tuesday, May 26th all day. No flyer needed; just mention St. Faustina when you order and we'll get a percentage. Please support these partners if you can. **I LOVE NY PIZZA** in Cagan's Crossings invites us back on Tuesday, June 2nd. Please be sure to pick up a flyer and join us for a nice dinner or Pizza. **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).

**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. The parish will earn 50% of your purchases. Please pick up a catalog and do a little home improvement shopping. SINCE checks, money orders and cash will be to St. Faustina Church, there will be NO STATE SALES tax on your order. The parish has a non-profit exemption from State Sales tax. **Please remember that NO CREDIT CARD orders can be taken.**

**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, 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](http://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 Nigrelli**, of LaRosa Realty, has placed some postcards, and business cards on the bookshelf in the office.

## 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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.

**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.**

Oh Holy Spirit, soul of my Soul, I love you, I adore you, I thank you for being in my life.

You have never let me down...not once...even though I have fallen short of your expectations on a regular basis.

Help me be the person the Father created me to be.

Help me be the person that Jesus expects me to be.

Tell me what to do and command me to do it.

Tell me what not to do and then embrace me because it is only with your love, your mercy, your grace, and your protection that I am able to resist the temptations of my own mind, my own body, Satan, and this world. I've proven that can't do it alone.

I promise to accept whatever you send into my life, just let me know what that is and then please be there to hold me up and keep me from falling into old habits. Amen.

Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your decisions and emotions today!



**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED on Monday, 5/25** in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday. Please remember those who have fought and died for our freedoms and to protect our world from evil.

**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. **We received a check from Advantage Cruise lines for our Feb. 2015 cruise in the amount of \$800.00. Many thanks to all who sailed with us.**

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:



"The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful. — St. Damien of Molokai



## Mass Intentions

May 23 to May 31

- Sat. 5/23 **Pentecost Sunday**  
*Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 John 20:19-23*  
4 PM -- Louis Zezza + (Cheryl Macaluso)
- Sun. 5/24  
9:00 AM -- Irene Gillis + (19th Ann.) (Fr. Dave)  
11:00 AM -- Father Vince Nicosia + (Carol Arroyo)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)
- Mon. 5/25 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**  
*Sirach 17:20-24 Mark 10:17-27*
- Tues. 5/26 -- 8 am -- Nellie Murphy + (7th Ann.) (Fr. Dave)  
*Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-21*
- Wed. 5/27 -- 8 am -- Intentions of Darlene Kohn  
(Marge & Pat Tagler)  
*Sirach 36:1-17 Mark 10:32-45*
- Thurs. 5/28 -- 8 am -- Intentions of Joe Henderson  
(Marge & Pat Tagler)  
*Sirach 42:15-25 Mark 10:46-52*
- Fri. 5/29 -- 8 am--Healing for Frank Perry (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
*Sirach 44:1-13 Mark 11:11-26*
- Sat. 5/30 **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
*Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matt 28:16-20*  
4 PM -- Suzanne Epps + (Nancy Harrigan)
- Sun. 5/31  
9:00 AM -- Joseph DiGangi + (Marilyn Moseley)  
11:00 AM -- Joseph Cornecelli + (Carla)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Margarita Lopez De Alem'ao + (Hilda Miller)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Kenneth "Whitey" Wellens**, a long-time member of St. Faustina who died back on April 13th and was buried up North. Please include his sister and other family members in your prayers as well.



## Stewardship



Today is Pentecost Sunday, a day called by many "The Birthday of the Church." We commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Easter is the greatest feast in our Catholic calendar, followed by Christmas. However, Pentecost is one of our most significant feasts after those two celebrations.

Pope Francis has often referred to the magnitude of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In his first homily on Pentecost he said, "Our soul is a kind of sailboat. The Holy Spirit is the wind which fills the sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind when it moves more rapidly are the gifts of the Holy Spirit." Although we celebrate the many gifts that were given by the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and the early followers of Christ, we need to be aware that these are gifts given to us as well.

Stewardship calls us to use these gifts to benefit our Church, our Catholic parishes and communities. Stewardship also reminds us that each of us has received unique gifts, and without our particular gifts, regardless how small they may be, our community is not whole. The key of course is our openness to receiving and using these gifts. To use Pope Francis' image of the sails, we need to see that if our sails are not up, if we are not open to the Holy Spirit, it cannot fill us. When we accept the Holy Spirit and are filled with it we indeed can be fulfilled.