

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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NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



Week of May 28 to June 5

**SOLEMNITY of the Most HOLY
BODY & BLOOD
of CHRIST**

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

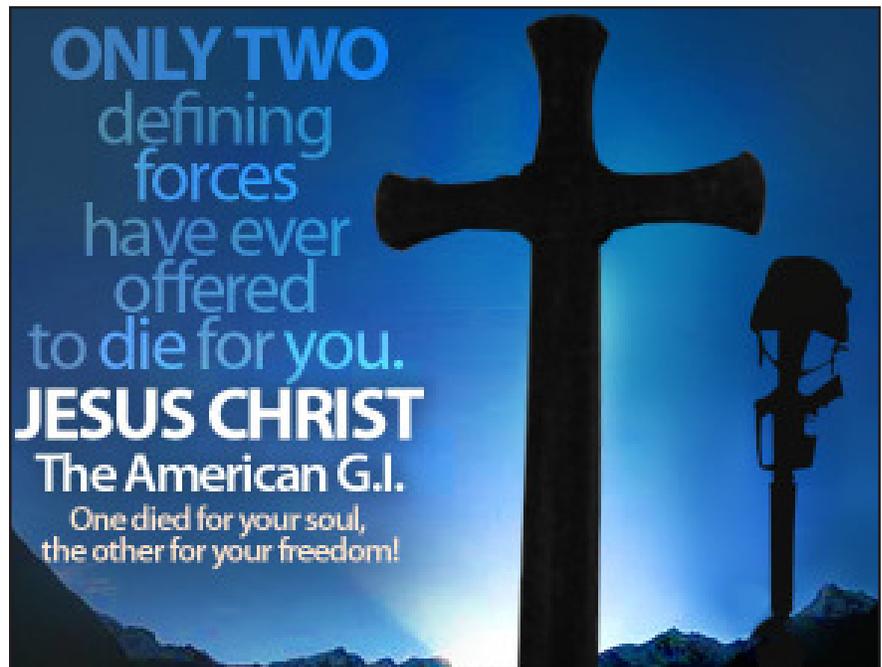
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

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*



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 and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, it is no wonder that all of our readings connect to our understanding of the Eucharist. Each in its own way brings an understanding and appreciation for what the Eucharist "should" mean to us.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis begins with this profound statement: "In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram..." The mention of the bread and wine provides us with a connection to the Eucharist; however, we also need to note Abram's response in gratitude: "Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything." This occurred about 1800 B.C. We might say that Melchizedek, as a forerunner of Christ, offers the bread and wine as a kind of thanksgiving offering, of the same type that Jesus offers to the Father at the Last Supper.

We also need to pay attention to Abram's **tithe**. Scholars generally agree that when Abram gave Melchizedek one tenth of everything, that referred to Abram giving one tenth of ALL OF HIS ASSETS, NOT just his income. It is as if Abram and Melchizedek are trying to outdo one another in blessing the other. Melchizedek blesses Abram out of what he had, and Abram offers a return blessing out of his resources. This is the same kind of attitude Christ asks of us. As a community of faith, we are called to the same kind of responses.

St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, our second reading, includes this brief summary by Paul of what happened at the Lord's Supper. We must always take note of what it says about the Lord's preparation of the bread and wine. It says "...after He had given thanks." We have often pointed out that the Greek word Eucharist means "to give thanks." The key to OUR celebration of the Eucharist, our recreating the Last Supper is to remember Jesus in this process: "Do this in remembrance of me."

According to *Sacrosantum Concilium*, a Vatican II document, "At the Last Supper, on the night He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of glory is given to us." That is a precise statement of what WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING when we approach the Eucharist. That is why receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is so sacred and SHOULD BE a profound experience for us EVERY TIME we experience it.

Before we receive the Eucharist, we need to do what Jesus does in the Gospel today: THANK GOD for blessing us with the many gifts He has bestowed on us...and show our gratitude to God through lives of stewardship, lives of loving and caring and sharing. (Reflection of Lectionary Readings, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.)

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

Father Dave



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

OCA update for 5/20/16 -- We have 282 of our 500 families (56.4%) pledging \$68,710.00 and paying \$41,729.56 toward our goal of \$45,000. MANY MANY THANKS!!!



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: \$1,245,565
(as of May 15, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, May 31st at CHILI'S on Rte 27 in near Cagan's Crossing. From 11 AM until 10 PM, the parish will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink for our building fund. Flyers are needed and must be presented to your server before ordering. Pick them up on the bookcases at church entrances. **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%.

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.

New to Our Website, The Stations of the Cross

In a never-ending effort by the Communications Ministry to keep everyone updated on what is going on at our parish, our website is frequently updated and is always looking for ideas from our parishioners and visitors. **The latest addition to the website is the Stations of the Cross**, which not only shows off the newly donated 3D plaques that now grace the walls of our church, but gives you a link as to how to follow the Stations and the history regarding Jesus' Road to the Cross. It can be found at www.stfaustina.org (then click on the link on the right of the page).



A new prayer was recently sent to us for the **"Share a Prayer"** section and we invite all of you to share a prayer that has brought you comfort and is a favorite by emailing it to: gcuttita@cfl.rr.com (website suggestions are also welcome at this email).

We are currently working on a free parish APP, in conjunction with our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, which should be ready for launching sometime during the month of June 2016. **AND....please don't forget our Facebook page**, "Saint Faustina Catholic Church", which can be accessed through your page. Our Facebook site is updated **daily** with devotions...**AND...**our Facebook followers are the **FIRST** to get any Breaking Parish News.

And for you Snowbirds, don't forget that the bulletin is posted EVERY week at www.stfaustina.org (click on the Bulletins link).

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 OF JUNE is the 3rd. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 8 AM Mass until 5 PM Benediction. Please sign up in the ushers room if you can spend a ½ hour or more with the Lord.

GREAT WORDS OF THANKS ARE OFFERED TO OUR CATECHISTS who have been sharing the Faith with our children and youths over this past school year. Bob & Cheryl Schaefer who do our Confirmation Program...Israel Santiago, who works with our Adults for sacraments and RCIA...Nancy Harrigan, Gloria Nestel, and Russell Perine, who did our first Communion class (& 2nd graders), Linda Lahey, Christine McConnell, Jorge Cordova, Ana Guerrero, George Cuttita, Maria Cofrancesco, Diana Gomez, Sr. Martha Kiefer, Toni Jean Franco, Milly Rivera, Georgeanne Mastro, Milissa Simonsen, and Pat & Marylou Maiellano.

The Legion of Mary will meet on Mondays fom 6-7:30 PM in the usher's room in the church.

MUCHOS GRACIAS to our Spanish Community. They held a music concert in our church on Sat., May 14th and raised a total of \$2,026.00 for our Construction Fund. The breakdown was \$1,080.00 for ticket sales. \$517.00 for sales of Raffle Tickets. \$419.00 for Food Sales. Many thanks to Jose & Odila Cordeiro, Hilda Rivera, Angel Pagan and ALL of the volunteers who worked the concert. Blessings to each and every one!!!

Fr. Tuttle will be saying the 11 AM Mass next week to cut you a break.

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. Don't forget to remember Fr. Dave and Fr. Gil in your intentions. They are fathers to all of us.

BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT supports the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center. On Father's Day weekend and we will pass the proceeds to those good folks in Clermont.

YEAR OF MERCY CATHOLIC SHRINES OF ITALY TOUR from Oct. 3-14 2016. Consider joining our own, Fr. Richard Tuttle, on this special Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Pisa, Padua, Venice and Milan. It will include a Papal Audience, a walk through the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, a visit to the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums, the Coliseum, Catacombs, and Major Basilicas in Rome. Information brochures and applications are available at the St. Faustina office. Non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is due June 30, 2016, with the balance due July 30, 2016. (Land-only price per person in double occupancy is \$2,920.00. Roundtrip air from Orlando is \$1,245 pp.) Pick up an information card on bookcases in church. Get detailed info at parish office.

RESPECT LIFE ARTICLES ON OUR WEB SITE--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 (**click on the Pro-Life link on the right side of the page**). **The fifth, and last, article in the series is entitled,**

"Abortion and the Economy (Part 2)

There are many more "Pro-Life Articles", "Videos" and "Images" on our web site www.pro-lifearticles.org Thank you for all you do for Pro-Life.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

May 28 to June 5, 2016

SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST

Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17

4 PM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)

Sun. 5/29

8:00 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)

9:30 AM -- Healing of Ellen Giffhorn (Brian & Saranne)

11:00 AM -- Donald Jones + (Russell Perine)

7:00 PM -- (espanol) Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

Mon. 5/30

NO MASS

2 Peter 1:2-7

Mark 12:1-12

Tues. 5/31 -- 8 AM-- Robert Stancarone +

(Santomaso cousins)

Romans 12:9-16

Luke 1:39-56

Wed. 6/1 -- 8 AM -- Bernard Hueskin + (Lenise Shope)

2 Timothy 1:1-12

Mark 12:18-27

Thurs. 6/2 8 AM -- Marie McLaughlin + (Mary Kay Miller)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Mark 12:28-34

Fri. 6/3 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 pm

8 AM -- Michael J. Gissonna + (Bill & Kathy)

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Romans 5:5-11 Luke 15:3-7

Sat. 6/4

1 kings 17:17-24

Galatians 1:11-19

Luke 7:11-16

4 PM -- Tom Kelly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

Sun. 6/5

8:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

9:30 AM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)

11:00 AM -- Billye Cutshall + (Les & Louise Johnson)

7:00 PM -- (espanol) Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

May 15th Offertory:

\$7,405



Stewardship



The more popular name for today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is Corpus Christi, which of course in Latin means the "Body of Christ." The Church has celebrated this feast at this time since it was proclaimed by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

We are asked on this day to concentrate on two expressions of the Body of Christ — the Holy Eucharist and the Church itself. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1327) states the importance of the Eucharist quite succinctly and directly: "In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith." At the center of every Mass is our celebration of the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word *eucharistia* which means "thanksgiving." It is through the Eucharist which we receive the Lord's greatest gift to us, and it should be in thanksgiving and delight which we receive it.

This holy day should also remind us of all those things for which we should be thankful. Gratitude is at the basis of a life of stewardship. It is through thanksgiving for all we have received, especially the Holy Body and Blood of Christ through the Eucharist, that we find the motivation and the commitment to be good stewards.

The Pontiff Emeritus Benedict XVI in one of his writings spoke of the Eucharist in this way: "In the Eucharist a communion takes place that corresponds to the union of man and woman in marriage. Just as they become 'one flesh,' so in the Eucharist we all become 'one spirit,' one person with Christ." Today we thank God for the incredible gift to us of the Eucharist.