

# St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of June 13 to June 21

**Clergy**  
**Parochial Administrator**  
Father Dave Gillis  
**Assisting Priest**  
Father Fernando Gil

*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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Clermont, FL 34714



**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday, 4 pm  
Sunday, 9:00, & 11:00 am  
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

**Daily Masses**  
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday



**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



Today is Flag Day in the United States. Old Glory was first authorized by Congress on June 14, 1777, less than a year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Initially, as we all know, there was a star and a stripe for each state, making 13 of both for the states that at that time had just been erected from the original 13 colonies. As other states came into the Union, it became evident that there would be too many stripes. So in 1818, Congress decided that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to 13 (for the originals) while a star should be added for each succeeding state. That law is still in force, and so we have 13 stripes and 50 stars.

The colors of the flag may be thus explained: The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope, purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice, and truth. The star, one for each of the 50 states, is emblematic of our federal constitution, which reserves to the states their individual sovereignty except as to rights delegated by them to the federal government. The colors are displayed at many events when the national anthem is sung. Now that our civics lesson is done... here is the Gospel message.

When the coffin of a veteran is presented in Church for the Mass of Christian Burial, the flag is removed at the door and replaced with a white pall, reminding us that at our Baptism we were wrapped in the reign of God. Jesus preached the reign of God and told many parables to reveal the mystery embodied in His life.

Paul states that we are courageous when we allow God to reign in our lives and we follow the teaching of Jesus. Our faith is our personal relationship with the risen Christ, whose Spirit guides the choices we make in life. Paul proclaims that we walk by FAITH, not by sight. We do not see the reign of God growing. Jesus teaches us that it is growing just like a seed sown in a field. Today, He assures us that it IS growing. We are responsible for nurturing that growth. Pope Francis often reminds us of this reality.

He recognizes that the Church's participation in the growth of God's reign will be carried out by the LAITY. In Brazil, leading the bishops in an examination of conscience, he asked: "Do we give the laity the freedom to continue discerning, in a way befitting their growth as disciples, the mission that the Lord has entrusted to them? Do we support them and accompany them, overcoming the temptation to manipulate them or infantilize them?"

In today's parable of the Mustard seed, it seems Jesus is saying that God's reign is found in the ordinary, unattractive, mundane things of everyday life. For example, in: a) a married couple ministering the love of God to one another and to their children, b) the owner of a business who sacrifices some of his profit in order that his employees may be paid a salary adequate for their family and insurance coverage, c) people who welcome into their homes those seeking refuge from poverty and violence, d) the woman confined to bed who offers her sufferings for those who do not know God, e) in members of this congregation who are striving to love the least of our brothers and sisters, f) in people of a variety of religions, seeking to know God and God's will through meditation and contemplation, g) all who are honestly searching to know and live the truth. In Mass today, we have the opportunity to renew our Baptism and thus to renew our commitment to furthering the reign of God. May we have the strength and courage to do so!!! (Harry J. Meyer, 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: \$1,002,501**  
(as of May 31, 2015)



**A TRUE LANDMARK HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY: AS OF MAY 31ST, our Construction Fund is at \$1,002,501.00!!!! We have topped the Million Dollar plateau!!! Congratulations and many thanks to ALL!!!! Fr. Dave**

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: TEXAS ROADHOUSE** on Rte 192 invites us back **Tuesday, June 16th from 3:30-9:00 PM**. No Flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the St. Faustina box at the Hostess stand and the parish will receive 10% of your total for the building fund. **Tuesday, June 23rd, BOB EVANS on Rte 192 in Kissimmee** invites us to eat **ALL DAY** long. A flyer is needed and can be picked up at the church entrances. **PLEASE 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...** We received a check from **Texas Roadhouse** on June 4th in the amount of \$250.00. \$100.00 of it was from our Tuesday, May 19th event and \$150.00 was from the Sunday Afternoon Lunch crowds for the month of May. **Flipper's Pizzeria** on May 26th. We received a check for \$34.53 on June 6th. Many thanks to all who participated in these projects.

**NEW CATALOG FUND-RAISER** Please pick up a catalog and an order sheet for the **Robyn's Nest of Gifts-N-Treasures**. **We will receive 50% of whatever you purchase.** The World Products Marketplace catalog is full of articles for home and garden. **Please browse the catalog, fill out and return your order forms by June 21st, making payment to St. Faustina Church** (include shipping charges but NO SALES TAX). **Checks or cash, or money orders only...no credit cards.** There is a 30 day refund policy. Items will be shipped to St. Faustina Church and should be here by the middle of July. Shipping charges are to be calculated thus: \$10 for orders up to \$100. 10% of total order on anything over \$100.00. Please help us if you can.

**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

**May 31st Offering:**  
**\$4,562**



As of 6/5, we have 204 families pledging \$43,619 and paying \$29,246.74 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 40.2% of our 508 families. Please...please...those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Orlando.

**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.**



### MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES AHEAD OF TIME...

I hate to have too many collections on any one Sunday...however, we are going to be forced into a sticky situation next week. Due to the fact that we are having our MISSION COOPERATIVE COLLECTION on June 27 & 28 (which WILL involve a

guest speaker and a SECOND collection), we have had to move our Construction Fund collection for the month of June to NEXT week-end, June 20-21. The sticky situation is that there is ALSO another collection envelope already scheduled for the PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION. SO...we ask you to drop the Regular Offertory AND the Peter's Pence envelope into the FIRST BASKET. The SECOND COLLECTION will be our monthly Construction Fund!

**THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!!

**INDEPENDENCE DAY RAFFLE TICKETS** will be available for sale **NEXT** week-end June 20-21 at all the Masses. First prize is 25% of all money collected; 2nd prize is 15% and 3rd prize is 10%. That makes it a 50-50 between the winners and the parish building fund. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will be held Sunday, July 5th after the 11:00 AM Mass. YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN! Place name, address, and phone number on the ticket, and we will contact you when you win. Celebrate our nation's freedoms and support our parish project.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE PARKING MINISTRY**—Our Parking Ministry needs AT LEAST ONE fulltime member (for Saturdays) as well as a part-timer and swingman (mostly for Sundays but also for Saturdays). If you can help call the office.

**Father's Day is coming on June 21** – 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 return it by June 14. 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, Fr. Gil and Fr. Cadavid in your intentions.**

**HELP AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOME:** We have about 6 of our teens from the parish who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Council in November of this year. This is a great event for them to experience the Lord in a special way, meet thousands of faith-filled teens from around the United States, and improve their relationship with the Lord and the Church. It is a weekend event to be held in Indianapolis. The teens families will be responsible for the cost which could run up to \$750.00 each. We would like to help them as much as possible; so, we are putting this appeal out to all parishioners. If you would like to help them defray some of the costs, feel free to drop a donation in the offertory in an envelope marked **NCYC Convention**, and we will share the donation equally among the teens. Please be alert...there will ALSO be a few fundraisers in the next couple of months that the teens themselves will run to earn some reduction in costs as well. Please help these youngsters experience the Lord in a new way.

**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. call Debbie Bergeron to book cabins.

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



## Mass Intentions

June 13 to June 21

Sat. 6/13

**Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34**  
4 PM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)

Sun. 6/14

9:00 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)  
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Margarita Morales + (Lucia Basile)

Mon. 6/15 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-20 Matthew 5:38-42**

Tues. 6/16 -- 8 am -- Catherine Hama +-16th Ann (Fr. Dave)

**2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Matthew 5:43-48**

Wed. 6/17 -- 8 am -- Marie Yingling + (Kathy Crowe)

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Matthew 6:1-18**

Thurs. 6/18 -- 8 am -- Healing of Jaden Donzal

(Carol Arroyo)

**2 Corinthians 11:1-11**

**Matthew 6:7-15**

Fri. 6/19 -- 8 am -- Simone Neville + (Shirley Coutu)

**2 Corinthians 11:18-30 Matthew 6:19-23**

Sat. 6/20

**Job 38: 1-11 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41**

4 PM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)

Sun. 6/21

9:00 AM -- Lance Corporal John Mann + (Margaret Mann)

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

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Hector Velez + (Velez Family)

**Please pray for our Parishioner Ray White who died on June 2nd. He lived in Polo Park and was a long time member. Keep his family in your prayers as well.**



**PLEASE PRAY for Phillip Zellmer who died on June 4th. He and his wife live in Windmill Village. Pray for Mary and her 2 children.**

**GOING OUT OF TOWN?...find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

## Stewardship



"For we walk by faith, not by sight." Those words of great insight are in today's second reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Hymns have been written with that theme at the focal point. It is often quoted and used as a reference point for how we view our faith and the many mysteries of the Church.

We could also parallel Paul's statement by saying "We walk by hope, and not by sight." Through Christ's Crucifixion we believe, we know, that Jesus offered us the possibility and the hope of life everlasting. We live in a world that puts great credibility to what the eye can see. That is why the visual and social media seem to have such a huge impact on people's lives.

However, as Christians, we also know that the conclusions of the heart are as valid as those of the mind. Yet, this is one of the most difficult aspects of our relationship to God and to one another. Faith implies trust. Without that sense of trust, that feeling of hope, that awareness that there is more to truth than what seems obvious, we cannot pursue discipleship and stewardship the way Jesus has invited us to live. Our faith — our commitment to living as Christians — must pervade everything in our lives, everything we do every day.