

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

NEW Phone: 352-515-9297 // **Fax:** 352-559-3920

NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

**Week of
June 25 to July 3**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*



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 and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



In today's Gospel, Jesus and the disciples begin the final journey to Jerusalem where God's plan for salvation will be fulfilled. Their commitment to God's plan will be tested as Jesus has warned them that He must endure suffering at the hands of His enemies. The journey is an urgent one, even more important than a son's duty to bury his father.

Judging things purely in a human way, James and John are ready to "call down fire from heaven" to destroy the Samaritan village which rejects Jesus. Jesus does not simply say, "No, but thanks anyway." Luke tells us Jesus **reprimands** them. He not only tells them NO, but also tells them the thought is reprehensible to Him; retaliation is NOT the way of the Kingdom of God. The reproach of Jesus to James and John for their desire to do evil to His enemies demonstrates how the Lord's Kingdom is not one which is worldly. It is not based on the desire to eliminate enemies, to exercise power over others, or to destroy nations and peoples. The Kingdom of God is based on LOVE, UNDERSTANDING, and the desire to FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN.

As they move along, Jesus encounters people who say they want to follow Him but who are not committed enough—at least not yet—to be single-hearted in their discipleship. This is similar to Elisha's desire to get things in order before he follows Elijah. Elijah tells Elisha that it will not always be convenient to follow God's plan and to make such a decision will include sacrifice. Jesus echoes that same sentiment. Jesus does not reprimand these potential disciples, but makes it clear that to embrace the Kingdom, they must give up EVERYTHING and FOLLOW HIM. To be a disciple of Jesus is to have first place in the lives of those who answer the call. Family obligations, even the sacred duty to bury one's father, are set aside for the sake of the Kingdom. The message of the Kingdom is not based on worldly values but on those of God.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul tells the early Christians that they should NOT give in to the desires of the flesh or of the world such as revenge, hostility, or violence. The gift they have been given by the Lord is NOT for such living, but to be at the service of each other out of love. It is to such a life of loving service, filled with forgiveness and understanding, that the Lord calls His disciples, and each of us, to embrace whole heartedly and with total commitment. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, 2004)

There is no doubt that being a true follower of Jesus Christ in this secular world calls for an almost inhuman courage to live it out. That is why His grace...His Body and Blood...the Holy Spirit's inspiration are ALL NECESSARY for any of us to even get close to being faithful.

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

Father Dave



Find us on
Facebook

This appeared on our Facebook page on June 14th and reached almost 500 people. "In light of the tragic events that took place in Orlando, Liturgical Publications is making available this artwork to encourage parishioners to remember in prayer all those affected." Were you one of them?



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

**BUILDING
GOD'S
PROJECT**

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,254,092
(as of June 12, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, June 28 at SONNY'S BBQ on rte 27 in Haines City. From 11 AM to 9:30 PM. Take a flyer and present it to your server and whatever you eat and drink that day the parish will share in anywhere from 15%-25%. The more folks who attend this event, the higher our donation from Sonny's will be. Please pick up a flyer and join us. **DINE TO DONATE RESULT:** we received a check on 6/16 from Texas Roadhouse for the month of May in the amount of \$198.00. Many thanks for your participation. **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.

PARISH IS SEEKING PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

WE HAVE GROWN AND CONTINUE TO GROW: Due to this fact, we are looking to hire a Front Desk Receptionist (this position has been manned by volunteers since the establishment of the parish). This person presents the First Impression of St. Faustina Parish to inquirers and visitors. **QUALIFICATIONS:** High school grad, computer literate, professional appearance; verbal, typing, and written communication skills; ability to deal with stress, attention to details, ability to handle money, maintain confidentiality, and show discretion. This person should be able to write legibly using correct grammar and spelling. Being bilingual in Spanish would be helpful.

TASK AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE (but not limited to) Answering phones, screening and directing calls, taking and relaying messages (verbal or written); providing information to callers including giving travel directions; provide general administrative and clerical support; use computer and copier as directed. Accept Mass intentions and prepare mass book accepting stipends, preparing receipts for any monies, selling tickets, gift cards, etc. Plus other responsibilities as needed.

PART-TIME position (20-24 hours weekly), no benefits.

IF INTERESTED, please call Fr. Dave to set up an appointment. (352) 515-9297 Tuesday through Thursday 10 AM-4 PM; Friday, 10 AM -1 PM.

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 THE MONTH THIS WEEK: July 1st, we will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM. If you can spend some time with the Lord, please sign the sheet in the Usher's room.

NEXT WEEKEND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RAFFLE TICKETS are on sale. 1st prize is 25% of all money collected. 2nd prize is 15% of all money collected. 3rd Prize is 10% of all money collected. Chances are \$2.00 each of 3 for \$5.00. Drawing will take place at noon on July 3rd. Need not be present to win. Chances for sale after all masses and at the parish office. Proceeds go to Building Fund.

AVON REPRESENTATIVE IS PARTICIPATING in our give back to the parish program. A newly registered parishioner, Lucy, who is an Avon rep has some flyers on the bookcases in church. If you order through her, there will be a donation given back to the building fund. If you buy Avon products, please check it out.

ATTENTION SHUT-INS: If anyone is in need of hospital bed for recuperation at home, a parishioner has one that he is willing give (including delivering and helping set it up). If anyone is interested, call the St. Faustina Parish office for his number.

Our all new St. Faustina App IS NOW LIVE and ready for use. From it you will be able to download mass times, the bulletin, the website, parish news and announcements as well as many other functions. **To download the app, the user can text the word "app" to phone number 88202. If he/she doesn't have texting, the user can go to the App Store (for Apple devices) or Play Store (for Andoid) and search for 'myParish App Catholic Life every day' and download from there.**

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be installed on June 26th in the afternoon. For the complete list, please go to their web page on our St. Faustina website at: www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/knightsforcolumbus.html

THANKS TO H&R BLOCK and whichever parishioner became a new customer of them this spring. We received a \$20 check from them as promised through their program for charities.

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.

DECADE A DAY MINISTRY MEMBERS--It is time to 're-up' your commitment for Decade a Day for next year. Hopefully you have had a rewarding year in this program and will want to continue this FIVE MINUTE A DAY commitment and sign up again for another year. If you would like to 're-up' or join, please contact Jerry Fuzak either by email (jfuzak@gmail.com) or phone (815-498-1776 (Home) 815-540-5666 (Cell)) to let me know of your desire to continue (or not) and whether you would like the same Mystery or change to another. For more information about the Ministry, please to our web site at: www.stfaustina.org and click on **Decade A Day Ministry**.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

LOST AND FOUND--If you have recently lost anything of personal Value please check in the front office.



Mass Intentions

June 25 to July 3 2016

Sat. 6/25

1 Kings 19:16-21 Galatians 5:1-18 Luke 9:51-62

4 PM -- Tony Borges + (Jo Borges)

Sun. 6/26

8:00 AM -- Chester A. McGuire + (Mr. & Mrs. Wm Moeller)

9:30 AM -- Ana Barris + (Aida V. Jaume)

11:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

7:00 PM -- (espanol) Silvia Hernandez+ & Amparo Florez+ (Claudia Hernandez)

Mon. 6/27

NO MASS

Amos 2:6-16

Matthew 8:18-22

Tues. 6/28 -- 8 AM -- Bernardine Kupec + (7th Ann) Fr. Dave

Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12

Matthew 8:23-27

Wed. 6/29 -- 8 AM -- Jackie Doolan + (Theodora Syper)

Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Thurs. 6/30 8 AM -- Leslie Sage + (Carol & Lil)

Amos 7:10-17

Matthew 9:1-8

Fri. 7/1 **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 pm**

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

Amos 8:4-12

Matthew 9:9-13

Sat. 7/2

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-20

4 PM -- Donald Jones + (Nancy Harrigan)

Sun. 6/26

8:00 AM--Bronislaus Kosiorowski + (Roberta Kosiorowski)

9:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:00 AM -- Thomas Barnett + (St. Faustina Staff)

7:00 PM -- (espanol) Colombia di Domenico +

(Adrey Alvarez)



OCA update == As of 6/17/16, we have 285 families Pledging \$69,735.00 and paying \$45,025.47 (that is \$25.47 PAID over our goal of \$45,000-CONGRATULATIONS)...anything paid beyond this, the parish will be able to keep 2/3 of: 1/3 for an endowment fund for our future and 1/3 for usage as we see fit. The other 1/3 will go to help fund the Diocese of Orlando Priest Pension fund. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED. Please continue to pay your pledges faithfully.

June 12th Offertory:

\$6,591



Stewardship



"No one who sets a hand to the plow, and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God." Jesus was fond of using agricultural terms and images when teaching His Apostles and His followers, and this quote, which comes at the end of our

Gospel Reading from Luke today, is an excellent example of that. In fact, you almost have to have had experience with farming and plowing to understand what it means. It is important for the health and sustenance of crops that the furrows made by a plow, and in which the seeds will be planted, are straight. Whether plowing in Jesus' time either by hand or with a plow pulled by oxen, in order to plow straight rows, someone had to focus on where he was going, not on where he had been. It has not changed with our modern farm equipment today.

In other words, the secret is to look forward, and to assure that you are going in a straight line. Looking back invariably made the person plowing lose focus. That is Jesus' point to us. As good stewards we must keep our focus on Him, on following Him, and on being His disciple. That allows us to move toward our goal of holiness and of being the kind of disciple He wants us to be.