

# 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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Clermont, FL 34714

Lord God, I lift up  
all who need a  
touch today  
in Jesus name!  
AMEN! ★

**Week of June 27 to July 5**

**Thirteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

**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**

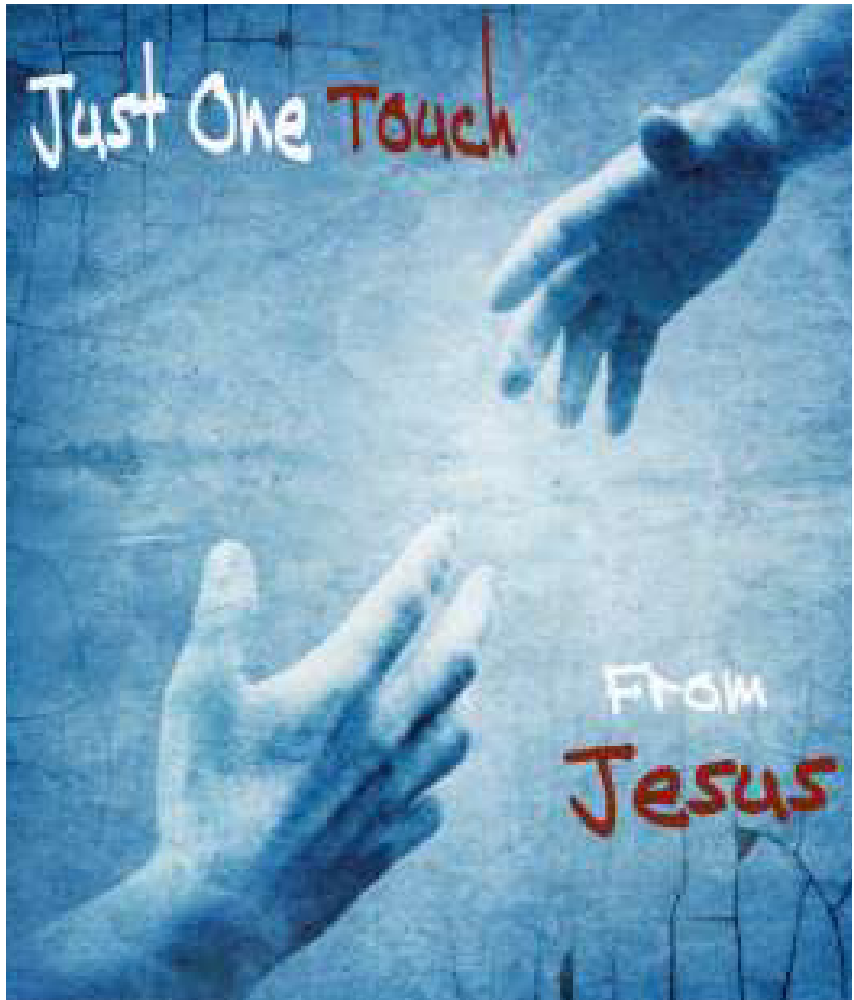
***Wednesdays @ 3 pm***

**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



Touching (hugging and other forms of gentle, bodily contact) expresses love and acceptance of the other person in ways that words cannot. Touching is a two-way street: It affects both the person touched and the person doing the touching. Traditional societies regulated touching by making rules regarding who and what could or could not be touched. Today's Gospel, therefore, is not simply a story of Jesus'

power to heal the sick and raise the dead. It is also a story of Jesus giving and restoring life by doing exactly what he was NOT supposed to do—namely, touching and letting himself be touched by those whom the law of Moses had declared unclean and untouchable.

There are 2 kinds of touching happening in our story today. The touch of the crowd(that produces nothing) and the woman's touch(which provides miracles). The difference between the many touches lies in the degree of expectant faith with which the touching is made. You may have heard the joke: "What is the difference between people who pray in church and those who pray in casinos?" The answer is: "The ones in the casinos are really serious!" The woman with the hemorrhage is different. She was really serious and expected something to happen when she approached to touch the clothes of Jesus.

Part of our being Christian is to touch the lives of others. We are called Christians for a reason, and the reason is that we have the duty and responsibility to take care of humanity. We have the task, not only to promote life, but to choose life. Our Gospel today reminds us that, by touching other people's lives (Even as far as the Philippines!), we are giving life to others. The indelible mark of Baptism leads us to love and care for one another concretely as sons and daughters of God. Jesus gave life to the woman who touched his clothes. He gave life to the dead girl when He touched her.

St. Paul in the 2nd reading today also offers us another practical way of touching others' lives. He praised the Corinthians for sharing what they had with people in need. We must imitate Jesus who stripped Himself of all His riches and became poor like us to make us rich out of His poverty. To share with others does not mean we have to make things difficult for ourselves. Rather, it is a question of balancing our surplus against the present needs. With faith in Jesus, we don't really have to worry. He reminds us that we must be concerned for those who are less fortunate than us. We are encouraged to help others grow in faith by promoting, preserving, and choosing life over death.

Like Jesus, we are called to touch others—even to the point of going beyond our cultural barriers. We are called to choose life. And to choose life, according to St. John Paul II, "involves rejecting every form of violence: the violence of poverty and hunger which oppresses many human beings; the violence of armed conflict which does not resolve division and tension and the violence of mindless damage to the natural environment." (Brian P. Maloney, OFM St. Anthony Messenger Press, Homily Helps)

Today, in our parish, we have the opportunity to touch and bring life to people in the Philippines that we don't even know by sharing our gifts with Fr. Dennis and his Missionaries of Faith in our Missionary Cooperative program. PLEASE share the Gift of Life!!!

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

Father Dave

June 14th Offering:

\$5,797



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: \$1,006,340 (as of June 16, 2015)

- INDEPENDENCE DAY RAFFLE TICKETS will be available for sale THIS weekend 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.

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK at DiRomio's near Polo Park from 11 AM to Closing. Please take a flyer and present it to your server and we will get 10% of whatever you eat and drink for our Building Fund. Please help us if you can. 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 DINE TO DONATE RESULT: We received a check in the amount of \$106.00 from I Love NY Pizza on June 12th for our June 2nd event. Many thanks to all who participated.

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 .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 and click on the AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.

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. 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 (407-791-2444) to book cabins. There is a \$35 transportation fee...per person...if you use the bus service.

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 Nigreli, of LaRosa Realty, has placed some postcards, and business cards on the bookshelf in the office.

GOING OUT OF TOWN?...find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at: www.masstimes.org

Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch



**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.**



spend some time with the Lord and pray for our nation and our world.

**OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 3RD TO OBSERVE THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.**

**MISSION COOPERATIVE VISIT AND COLLECTION THIS weekend--**Fr. Dennis Maglasang, of the Missionaries of Faith-Philippine Province will preach at all masses and there WILL be a second collection taken up for their work. Please drop your donation in the second collection.

**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: FREEDOM TO BEAR WITNESS** will take place from **June 21 to July 4, 2015**. This is a time when our Church liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel. Archbishop William E. Lori says: "Keeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person." In order for Catholic institutions to do this, the individual Catholic believer must do whatever they can in their private lives to reflect those Gospel values. PLEASE pray and do whatever you can to keep our freedom to bear witness to the Gospel alive in our nation today!

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

As of 6/19, we have 208 families pledging \$44,344.00 and paying \$31421.22 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 40.9% 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.



## Mass Intentions

**June 27 to July 5**

**Sat. 6/27**

**Wisdom 1:13-24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43**  
4 PM -- Louis Zezza + (Cheryl Macaluso)

**Sun. 6/28**

9:00 AM -- Madeline White + (Ray White)  
11:00 AM -- Robert Pollhammer + (Mary & William Bush)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Margarita & Maria Rojas +  
(Lucia Basile)

**Mon. 6/29 -- 8 am -- NO MASS**

**Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

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

**Tues. 6/30 -- 8 am -- Healing of Frances Calvin (Leo Calvin)**

**Genesis 19:15-19 Matthew 8:23-27**

**Wed. 7/1 -- 8 am Kenny Holtz + (Kitty Holtz)**

**Genesis 21:5-8 Matthew 8:28-34**

**Thurs. 7/2 -- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 pm**

**8 am --Claude Barta + (Ernest Loving)**

**Genesis 22:1-19 Matthew 9:1-8**

**Fri. 7/3 -- 8 am -- Donald L. Crowe + (Kathleen M. Crowe)**

**Ephesians 2:19-22 John 20:24-29**

**Sat. 7/4**

**Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6**

**4 PM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (I. Goncalves)**

**Sun. 7/5**

9:00 AM -- Tony & Dean Keating + (Ann Keating)  
11:00 AM -- Father Michael Danek + (Carol Arroyo)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Walter Lewisky + (Lucia Basile)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR our parishioner Edmund Dabiedath, husband of Loretta who died on June 13th. Keep the entire family in your prayers at this time.**



Our web page now has a list of discounts given to Senior Citizens. To see which companies will save you money, please go to:  
[www.stfaustina.org/seniorcitizensdiscounts.html](http://www.stfaustina.org/seniorcitizensdiscounts.html)

## Stewardship



In today's Second Reading, St. Paul quotes Exodus 16:18: "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." On the surface this may seem confusing, but it bears a strong stewardship message for us.

One of the challenges of our society is the tendency to gather and to keep and to measure our success by possessions. Jesus told us over and over in a variety of ways that "possessions" are a major stumbling block in our journey toward holiness. Stewardship was once defined by a bishop as:

*Following faithfully, Living responsibly, Sharing gratefully, Possessing loosely*

This, in a nutshell, is what it means to be a good steward.

That is the message from St. Paul, as well. As difficult as it may be for us, we need to focus on others in service more than we should try to glorify ourselves through what we may seem to have. In particular we need to focus on the "possess loosely" aspect. That is more than material items, of course. We have a tendency to "hang on" to traditions, people, and other things that we view as "ours." Pope Francis cautions us, "A heart occupied with the desire to possess is a heart full of this desire, but without God."