

St. Faustina Catholic Church



**Week of
July 23 to July 31**

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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**

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
Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920
Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714
Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



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

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*; Donna Cuttita, *Front Desk Receptionist*; Bruce Bergeron, *Maintenance/Sacristan*; Bill Mattingly, *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 calling for the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said: "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." The pope has remarked over and over again how critical mercy is to the Church. Each of us exists as an act of God's mercy, which is pure unmerited gift.

The pope's words express hope and expectation that by gazing attentively on mercy, we will in turn BE MERCIFUL like our Father. Today's readings offer us a glimpse into HOW our Father is merciful, and show His mercy in intimate and personal ways.

In the first reading, God, having received claims against Sodom and Gomorrah, is in the process of verifying these allegations. Abraham entreats Him to consider the innocent as well as the guilty. With each number proposed by Abraham, God demonstrates His mercy by agreeing to save the wicked for the sake of as few as ten innocent people. In today's Gospel Jesus, when asked how to pray, tells us to call God FATHER, or ABBA (Daddy). He goes on to say: *And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

What more can we possibly need than to know and receive the Father's mercy? According to Pope Francis, "God NEVER tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." God's mercy is FREELY and ABUNDANTLY given.

Like those in the first reading, God HAS saved us. No claim of unworthiness, rendered by ourselves or others, can have the final say in our lives. God extends His mercy. All we need do is ACCEPT it. WE acknowledge this in the last response we make together at Mass before receiving the Eucharist: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

This prepares us to receive the perfect and living embodiment of God's love and mercy—Jesus.

Jesus, who freely chose to die upon the cross to win our salvation. Jesus, who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist so we might continue to grow in our love for Him, and have the grace and strength needed to be founts of His love and mercy in this world.

This Eucharistic celebration resounds with God's mercy, and so we fittingly end each Mass with great gratitude by saying, "Thanks be to God." (Sunday Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave



Mass Intentions
July 16 to July 24 2016

- Sat. 7/23
Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13
4 PM--Angie McKenzie + (Marilyn Moseley)
- Sun. 7/24
8:00 AM--Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 AM--Thomas Barnett + (Paulene Carter, Ann Sistare, Kathy Johnson)
11:00 AM--Ricardo Goncalves + (Auta Goncalves)
7:00 PM--(espanol) Cruz Aponte + (Adrey & William)
- Mon. 7/25 **NO MASS**
2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28
- Tues. 7/26--8 AM--Bart Hall + (Arleen Bergen)
- Wed. 7/27--8 AM--Alice Lahey + (Sal & Linda Lahey)
Jeremiah 15:10-21 Matthew 13:44-46
- Thurs. 7/28--8 AM--Donald Glodowski + (Gutowski Family)
Jeremiah 18:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53
- Fri. 7/29--8 AM--Anne Krizinauskas + (8th Anniversary) (Father Dave)
Jeremiah 26:1-9 John 11:19-27
- Sat. 7/30
Ecclesiastes 1:2-13 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
4 PM--Nancie Drumtra + (Bob & Cathy Pelletier)
- Sun. 7/31
8:00 AM--C. Francis Houck, Sr. + (R. Satterlee)
9:30 AM--Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:00 AM--Josephine Campo + (Gloria Nestel)
7:00 PM--(espanol) in honor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (Rose & Maria Vargas)



Stewardship Reflection

St. Paul advised us to pray constantly. In Today's Gospel, Jesus in effect tells us the same thing. It is difficult for us to underestimate the power of prayer. An active and consistent prayer life is a key factor in being a good steward.

St. Teresa of Avila had this to say about prayer: "The most potent and acceptable prayer is the prayer that leaves the best effects. I do not mean it must immediately fill the soul with desire... The best effects are those which are followed by actions...when the soul not only desires the honor of God, but really strives for it."

Her point is that prayer requires action. That is the same conclusion we might draw about stewardship as a way of life. Adding the phrase "as a way of life" implies that it is more than an attitude. It is something that should fill every moment of every day for us.

That is what Jesus is trying to communicate to us — that we must be consistent and persevere in prayer. Our lives should reflect our ongoing prayer. You might say how we live our lives is a living prayer. That is what the Lord wants from us. As the Lord advises us, "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."



Did you know that gifts to Our Catholic Appeal can be made online? To make a pledge or a payment using your credit or debit card, visit <http://www.cfof.org/oca>. As of July 15, we have pledged \$70,010.00 and paid \$48,621.48 with 287 families participating, which is 57.4% of the parish. MANY THANKS!!

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.

Weekly Announcements



Construction Fund

LEGION OF MARY is looking for new members. They meet on Mondays in the Church from 6-7:30 PM. If interested, please call Maria at (954)600-5587

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA HOME VISITATION: The Legion of Mary is also offering this visitation in YOUR home. Families hosting the statue are asked to set up a small home shrine where the Blessed Mother's statue will be placed and then they are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to your home to pray the rosary. Legion members will bring the statue to your home and pray the rosary with you. The statue may remain in your home from one week to one month with the family praying the rosary daily in its presence. If interested, contact Maria again. There is also An Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home, that follows a similar procedure. If interested, contact Maria.

AUGUST RIGHT TO LIFE ARTICLES can be found on our web page, www.stfaustian.org

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS: In case you did not know, Nancy Harrigan is up north tending to family business for an unspecified time. While she is there, the Parish office has taken over the scheduling of ministers. IF you have any vacation plans when you will NOT be available...or IF you are back in town and ARE available, please call the office and leave a message.

AN 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.

PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS HELP-- The Diocese of Orlando is seeking individuals who love our Lord and are willing to serve him as a minister to the incarcerated at Coleman Correctional Institution in Wildwood, Sumter County. There will be an Informational Briefing on Prison Life and Ministry to the Incarcerated on Saturday, July 30th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00- p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Leesburg (1330 Sunshine Avenue; Leesburg). Please contact Deacon Mike Balchus at: (352) 818-9275 or mbalchus@ccstpaul.com for more information.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

LOST AND FOUND--If you have recently lost anything of personal Value please check on the bookcase in front of the Usher's Room in the church.

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

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. **For instructions on how to download the app, please go to our web site at www.stfaustina.org**

FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS of Corpus Christi parish has placed a box outside the usher's room in the church to collect "used" sneakers and athletic shoes. They have a company that will take these shoes and do some sort of recycling of the materials left after use.

NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html> or email Kelly at kmucci@stfaustina.org

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found on our web page, www.stfaustina.org then click on the Announcements link.

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,268,783
(as of July 3, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: this **Tuesday, July 26th at JOE'S CRAB SHACK on Rte 192. It runs from 3:30-10 PM and you must present a flyer before you order.** Flyers are available on the bookcases in the back of church. We haven't been at Joe's in awhile, so if you can join us, we will get 10% of whatever you eat and drink that day.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigreli, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--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.**

ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Many times people have attended Mass regularly, and for many years don't realize they are NOT registered. To Sponsor someone for Baptism or Confirmation, you are required to have a Certificate of Eligibility from your Church. Also to Baptize your child or enter them into the Faith Formation Classes, you must be a registered parishioner.

Please register by picking up a Parish Registration Form and Guide in the office reception area.

July 4th Offertory: \$7,932



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