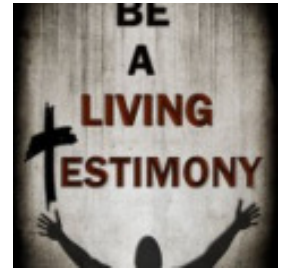


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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

Phone: 863-438-6900 // Fax: 863-438-6902

Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3
Clermont, FL 34714

Week of July 25 to August 2

**Seventeenth 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

For we are God's
handiwork, created
in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which
God prepared in
advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

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



An ambassador from a poor country had an opportunity to travel to a big metropolitan city. While there, this foreign diplomat was given the "red carpet treatment." After a two-week stay, the ambassador was escorted to the plane. As the diplomat boarded, a reporter asked, "During your stay in our country, what was it that impressed you the most?" Smiling at the reporter, the diplomat said, "I was

impressed with your trash cans!" Bewildered, the interviewer asked why. The ambassador said, "Because with all the food you toss out, I can feed my people for a long time!" (Paraphrased from *Illustrated Sermons for Preachers, Storytellers and Other Anecdotes*, Volume I and II.)

As Jesus feeds the 5,000, we are reminded of our call to share our resources with others. Something that Pope Francis continues to say over and over again. Realizing this, we should be aware not only of what we use but, more importantly, the things we waste. With Jesus, nothing should go to waste. Instead, it should be given to those in need. Since we are united in the Body of Christ, we are called to reach out to others as Jesus reaches out to us.

In our first reading from the Book of Kings, the prophet Elisha demonstrates the importance of showing compassion, particularly to those in need. In the time of the prophet, the poor were allowed to pay their debts by selling themselves OR their children as slaves. Many of the poor in Third World countries today continue to sell their children to adoption agencies in order that other members in their families may live.

Through God, Elisha orders rich people and creditors not to take advantage of these people, especially during their time of extreme need. Today's passage speaks of one of four miracles (providing food for 100 men) that God performs through Elisha to show His tenderness and care for those who are faithful to the Word of God. Showing compassion is all that God desires. If we do what we can, God will bless us as well as those we help.

Paul's vision of the Church is that believers grow together as the Body of Christ. God has chosen us to be Christ's representatives in this world. Paul challenges us to be worthy of that calling by being humble, gentle, patient, and understanding. No matter how small or large our gifts may be, it is important that we share them with others.

Our Lord works through us! In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the offering of a young child to give witness to one of His most incredible miracles. Regardless of who we are or what little we have, we should never think that we have nothing to give. With the selfless gift of that child, Jesus is able to feed more than 5,000 people, and have a lot left over. Jesus' generosity surpasses our need, and is overflowing.

Christ wants us to assist Him in His mission and ministry. He calls on each one of us to participate in His caring for others. Think of this youngster and his 5 barley loaves: on his own, he may have fed 10 people, but when he surrenders all he has to the Lord, when he gives himself completely, holding nothing back, the Lord is able to do marvelous things.

As a community united in the Spirit, may we become more aware of the Lord who saves us...and surrender ALL we have...and ALL we are to Him! When we do...fantastic things will happen!!!! (David R. Kohut, OFM-Homily Helps St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave

July 12th Offertory:

\$6.990



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: \$1,018,430
(as of July 12, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: NEW PARTNER: Tuesday, July 28th, we are invited to Devenney's Irish Pub & Restaurant at the Corner of Rte 27 and 192 from 4 PM until closing. PLEASE take a FLYER and present it to your server as you order and we will receive 15% of what you eat and drink. This is one of my favorite places. Stop by and enjoy Fish & Chips, Shepherd's Pie, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Guinness Pie, and a host of American favorites. **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 we will get 10%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** We received 2 checks from DiRomio's on July 8th. One for the April 28th event in the amount of \$80.00 and one for the June 30th event in the amount of \$40.00. Many thanks for 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 of .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.

2015-16 Faith Formation

Registration Dates:

Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Tuesdays, 5:15 – 6:30—

Pre-K, Kind. & Grades 1 & 2;

6:45 – 8:15—Grades 5 & 6

Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:30—Grades 3 & 4;

5:15 - 6:30--Youth R.C.I.A (Baptized);

6:45 - 8:15 -- Grades 7 & 8

Please note that class start and end times have changed.
Classes begin Tuesday, 9/22 & Wednesday 9/23

All classes follow the Lake County School Schedule for holiday or emergency closings.



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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.



To see a special message from Bishop Noonan regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that there is a constitutional right to same-sex marriage under the Fourteenth Amendment; please go to our web site at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/dioceseweeklynews.html>

The 2016 Mass Intention Booklet will be open on Monday, August 3rd.

Special thanks to our 3rd Place winner in the Raffle, **Isaac Nunez**, who donated \$50.00 of his winnings back to the Construction Fund...so that raffle profited the parish a total of \$592.50. Many thanks for your generosity and participation.

ST. FAUSTINA SOUVENIR DRINK TUMBLER'S FOR SALE AFTER MASSES AND AT THE OFFICE. For the rock bottom price of \$10.00 you can pick up a Souvenir Drink Tumbler that has some pictures of the 3 priests who have served at St. Faustina's since its founding in 2006. The tumbler has a twist off lid to protect from spilling, and a straw inserted in the lid for easy drinking. This will help keep you cool and refreshed during these hot summer days as you visit the parks, the beach, the local lakes, or just travel our busy, congested Florida highways. Get these handy tumblers and support our: 6 teens who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November!

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA (AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY): Next week, we will take up the Collection for Church in Latin America. Your generosity to this Collection is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and be as generous as you can. **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY:** In an attempt to reduce the number of special collections, the Diocese of Orlando has combined these 2 into one collection. There will be **NO SECOND COLLECTION.** Please use the envelope in your box and be as generous as you can to support these two ministries of our worldwide church. Drop your envelope in the first basket.

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.

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



HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND DAILY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

"Many men keep the commandments in the way sick men take medicine: more from fear of dying in damnation than for joy of living according to our Savior's will. Just as some persons dislike taking medicine, no matter how pleasant it is, simply because it is called medicine, so there are some souls who hold in horror things commanded simply because they are commanded . . . On the contrary, a loving heart loves the commandments. The more difficult they are, the sweeter and more agreeable it finds them, since this more perfectly pleases the Beloved and gives Him greater honor."
St. Francis de Sales



Mass Intentions

July 25 to August 2

Sat. 7/25

2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

4 PM -- Tonia Esposito + (Lucretia)

Sun. 7/26

9:00 AM -- Claudette Von Bampus + (Susan Eveland)

11:00 AM -- Good Health of Moreno-Yepez families

(Publio Moreno)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Wilfredo Rivera Diaz +

(Roberto Vazquez)

Mon. 7/27 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Exodus 32:15-34

Matthew 13:31-35

7/28 -- 8 am -- Special Intention from Anonymous

Exodus 33: 7-11, 34:5-28 Matthew 13:36-43

Wed. 7/29 -- 8 am -- All Living & Deceased Bishops,

Priests and Deacons (Carol Arroyo)

Exodus 34:29-35

John 11: 19-27

Thurs. 7/30 -- 8 am -- Anne Krizinauskas + 7th Ann

(Fr. Dave)

Exodus 40:16-38

Matthew 13:47-53

Fri. 7/31 -- 8 am -- C. Francis Houck, Sr. + (R. Satterlee)

Leviticus 23:1-37

Matthew 13:54-58

Sat. 8/1

Exodus 16:2-15 Ephesians 4:17-24 John 6:24-35

4 PM -- Bill Tucci + (Hank & Gloria Pozzuoli)

Sun. 8/2

9:00 AM -- Raymond White + (Friends of Polo Park)

11:00 AM -- Andrew Dioguardi + (Tony Franco)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Wilfredo Rivera Diaz +

(Roberto Vazquez)



PLEASE PRAY FOR Barbara McAndrew, sister of Debbie Bergeron who died on July 15th. Please pray for Barbara's husband, children, and other family members as well.

As of 7/17 we have 214 families pledging \$44,904.00 and paying \$34,646.10 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 42.1% 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.



Stewardship



Our Gospel reading from St. John relates the account of Jesus feeding the more than 5,000 gathered to be fed by the Word, little knowing that they would be fed in reality owing to one of the Lord's best known miracles. This phenomenal narrative is reported

in all four Gospels.

In many ways what Jesus did in this particular miracle is different from others He performed. He makes an effort to involve His Apostles by turning to them and appealing for assistance. Of course, there is some hesitance on the parts of Philip and Andrew who are cited as responding in somewhat negative ways. Jesus does not admonish them for their misgivings but goes ahead to accomplish what He set out to do.

Certainly the Apostles had witnessed previous incredible acts by the Lord, but yet they still hesitated to trust Him implicitly. How often do we do the same? Do we remember the many blessings we have received, and do we think of all the ways God has been with us in the past, or do we, like Philip and Andrew, doubt? Stewardship involves complete trust in God. This trust should be based as much on what has happened in our lives, as on our deep faith. Good stewards concentrate on the positive, not on the negative. When one focuses on blessings rather than challenges, miracles like this seem commonplace.