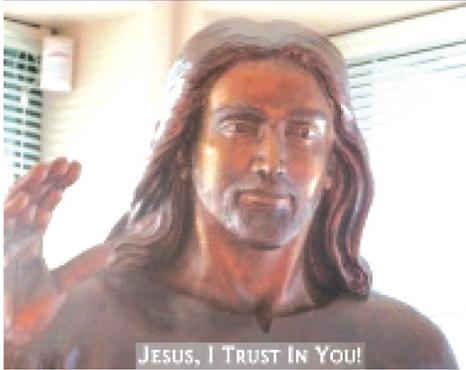


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



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

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

Web Site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)

Week of August 13  
to August 20

*Twentieth 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*



**Keep Your Focus on Jesus**

**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.

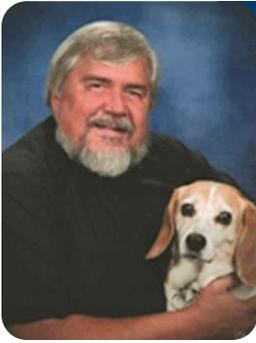
**Baptism:** Parents of children to be baptized must be registered and actively participating members of the parish for at least four months prior to arranging any baptism. Attendance at parental preparation class is required.

**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, *Accountant*; 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*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

Welcome  
—We are glad you are here—

*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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and return it to the office.*



# Father Dave's Corner

A friend of mine works as a consultant, helping companies that are going through major changes, such as mergers or re-organizations. Employees in these companies are usually comfortable with the way things are, and experience high levels of stress and anxiety when forced to change. My friend explains this reaction in terms of predictability: We are comfortable when our lives have basic patterns that help us predict what will happen to us.

This is true in relationships as well. We get to know a spouse or friend so well that we can predict how that person will behave, or what he or she will say. When they act "out of character," we find it uncomfortable because it calls into question our expectations of who that person is. Do we really know them as well as we thought?

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel may make us uncomfortable for the same reason. They don't seem to fit with our expectation of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, the teacher who said *Blessed are the peacemakers* (Mt 5:9)---the gentle and kind Jesus who healed the sick and gathered the little children to Him.

But perhaps it is healthy to have our expectations of Jesus challenged. We can become TOO COMFORTABLE in thinking that we know all there is to know about Him, and so we put Jesus into a well-defined box as if our human minds could fully understand the Son of God.

Jesus' words today are meant to shake us up, to challenge any notion we might have that following Him is **comfortable or predictable**. Instead, we may find ourselves at odds with those who are closest to us. The life Jesus calls us to live---to believe in Him and to love one another---leads us along a narrow path.

In the letter to the Hebrews, we are reminded that Christ Himself had to suffer, enduring even the shame of the cross. We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we run our own race, and to let go of sin which weighs us down, Jesus endured opposition from those who did not believe in Him. WE can expect the same.

Why does belief in Jesus cause us to be divided from the world? Because the difference between a life IN THE WORLD and a LIFE IN CHRIST strikes at the heart of who we are. The world tells us that **WE** should be at the center of our own lives. Faith tells us that **CHRIST** is the center of all things, and calls us to center **OUR LIVES IN HIM!**

How will we answer this call to be one of those who *might no longer live for themselves but for Him?* (2COR: 5:15) There is no comfortable compromise. We **MUST** choose to be on one side of the divide or the other. Our response will determine whether we lock ourselves in a cold, little world of our own making, or stand with Jesus to SET THE EARTH ON FIRE! (Sunday homilies: Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

**Father Dave**

## Mass Intentions

August 13 to August 21, 2016

**Jeremiah 38:4-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53**

- Sat. 8/13 4 PM—Germaine Loving + (husband, Ernest)  
 Sun. 8/14 8 AM—Tonia Esposito + (Lucretia)  
 9:30 AM—Deceased of Shillingford Family  
 (Marie & Joseph Dollard)  
 11:00 AM—Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas D)  
 7:00 PM—Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mon. 8/15 **NO MASS—Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Tues. 8/16 8 AM—Fred O'Neill + (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
 Wed. 8/17 8 AM—Richard Francis Hagge, Jr. +  
 (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
 Thurs. 8/18 8 AM—Renee Doolity + (Pat & Bob Hueston)  
 Fri. 8/19 8 AM—Dick Meyer + (Denver & Jackie Heal)

**Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-13 Luke 13:22-30**

- Sat. 8/20 4 PM—Living & Deceased  
 Parishioners of St. Faustina  
 Sun. 8/21 8 AM—Healing for Julie Pancerella  
 (Pat & Barry Knauer)  
 9:30 AM—Mae McBride + (Nancy Harrigan)  
 11:00 AM—Tony Borges + (Jo Borges)  
 7:00 PM—(espanol)—Miguel Ramirez +  
 (The Bercosme family)

### READINGS

- Mon.— Revelation 12:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Luke 1:39-56  
 Tues.—Ezekiel 28:1-10, Matthew 19:23-30  
 Wed.—Ezekiel 34:1-11, Matthew 20:1-16  
 Thur.—Ezekiel 36:23-28 Matthew 22:1-14  
 Fri.— Ezekiel 43:1-7 Matthew 23:1-12

## Stewardship Reflection

In our Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the writer says, "...persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." The author of the letter to the Hebrews has traditionally been considered to be St. Paul, although many scholars question that. However, the quote cited certainly sounds like Paul, doesn't it?

There are three elements in it that more or less jump out at you. The reference to life being a race is similar to other thoughts expressed by St. Paul ("I have run the good race; I have kept the faith"). In addition, there are two key words which also are themes Paul often expressed. Those are found in the word "persevere" and in the phrase "while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Paul often points to perseverance as a necessary approach to being a good and consistent Christian. And he also tells us over and over that we must keep our eyes and hopes and motivations on something above, on Jesus.

It is easy to look at life as a race. In doing that nonetheless, we all understand that we are not speaking of a sprint, but of a marathon. In Greek the word used which we translate as "persevere" is *hupomone* which also might be translated as "endure." God has set a race before us. God wants us to run that race and He wants us to finish it correctly. To do that requires endurance, the willingness to continue and to seek holiness as good stewards, because our focus is on what is to come, not what is.



**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL--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 [www.cfof.org/oca](http://www.cfof.org/oca) **As of July 29, we have pledged \$70,010.00 and paid \$49,610.38 with 287 families participating, which is 57.4% of the parish.**

**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

**OFFERTORY (7/31/16) \$5,375**

**FAITH FORMATION 2016-2017 Class Schedule & Registration**—will be held on **Tuesday, August 16, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM** and on **Wednesday, August 17, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Classes begin on **September 21, 22 and 25**. For more information, please go to our website at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org). You will also find a list of class donation needs on the site.

**ATTENTION READERS AND EMS: THE AUGUST SCHEDULE** can be found on our website [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and then go to the **Readers/Ministers link**.

**SPECIAL AVON PRODUCTS FUND-RAISER BEGINS THIS WEEK:** This week-end, we will kick off a special Avon Product fund-raiser. There will be flyers available that have special charm bracelets and special Bug Guard products available for purchase from Avon. You will have 2 weeks to order and sell to neighbors/friends/ family. Order forms are to be returned to the parish by the week-end of Aug. 27-28. Products “should” be available for pick-up at the parish by Sept. 9-10. Parish will garner about 40% of gross sales. Please help us if you can.

**The Feast of the Assumption (8/15) of Blessed Virgin Mary is NOT an obligation Holy Day this year**, because it falls on Monday. Sorry, no Mass celebrated here; try our neighbors.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN, James Lorini.** James spent the last 10 days working with us very closely to get a flavor of working in a small parish. He will be heading back to the Seminary for his continuing class work. He spent 6 weeks in Honduras learning Spanish so that he can serve in parishes that have multi-lingual communities...and now, he's back to studying Theology and preparing to become a priest in the Diocese of Orlando.

**NEXT WEEK IS FLORIDA CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL WEEKEND.** Please consider getting this bi-monthly paper sent directly to your home to keep up on things both in the Diocese of Orlando, and throughout the world.

**Pro-Life Articles need volunteers** to make approximately 20 telephone calls each month to Catholic Churches to obtain corrections to email addresses. You will need to use Microsoft Excel Computer Software. Please contact Martin Reiser at [reiser33@gmail.com](mailto:reiser33@gmail.com). August's Pro-Life Articles can be found on our website.

**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](http://www.stfaustina.org)**

**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.

**For more announcements, please go to our website:**  
[www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)

## Construction Fund

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BLANCE (7/31/16)**  
**\$1,278,412**

**DINE TO DONATE this Tuesday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at TEXAS ROADHOUSE on Rt. 192. From 3:30-10 PM.** No flyer needed (although there are a few on bookcases as reminders). Just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand on your way out.  
**DINE TO DONATE RESULT**—On 7/21, we received a check in the amount of \$102.00 from Texas Roadhouse for our 6/21 event and for the June Sunday lunches. Many thanks for participating. **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%.

**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

**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 a chair, please contact the office.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH:** Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrel, 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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link**.

**ONLINE FUND-RAISER**--See our website: [www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html](http://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 or download it from our website from the link, “Welcome New Parishioners”.**



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