

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of August 15 to August 23

**Twentieth 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

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.

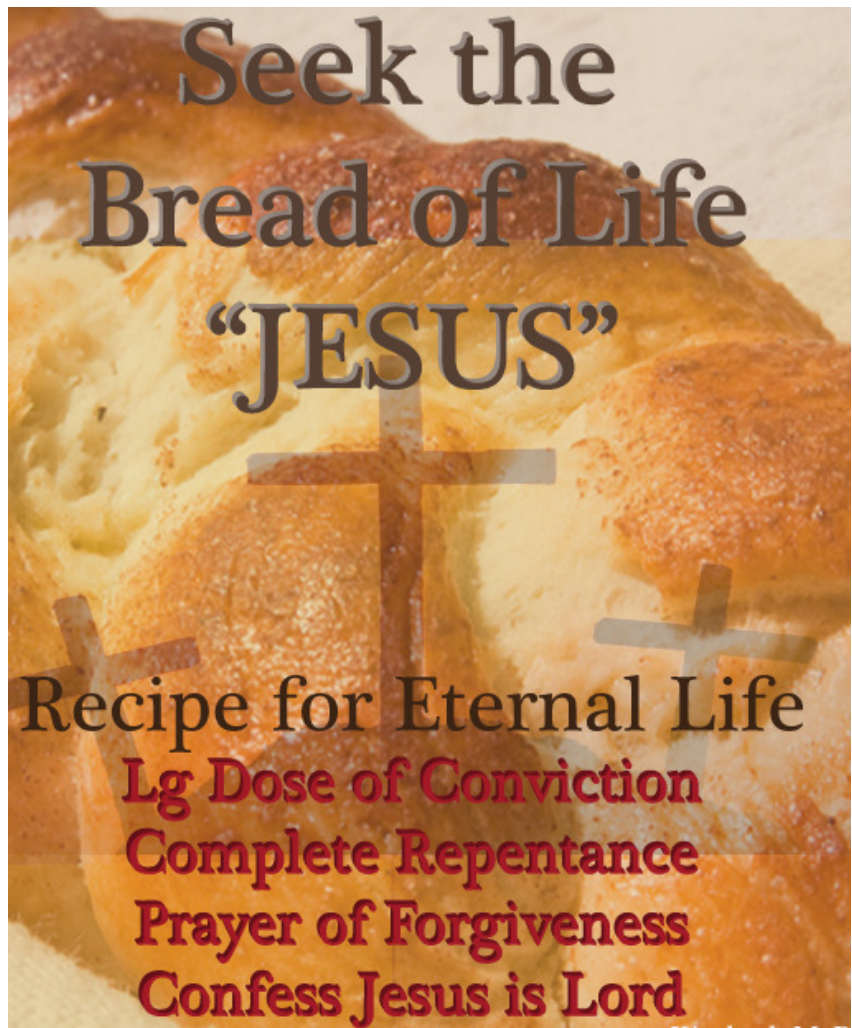
Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm
Phone: 863-438-6900 // Fax: 863-438-6902
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Clermont, FL 34714

*Create in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a new &
right spirit
within me.*



Psalm 51:10



**Seek the
Bread of Life
"JESUS"**

Recipe for Eternal Life
Lg Dose of Conviction
Complete Repentance
Prayer of Forgiveness
Confess Jesus is Lord

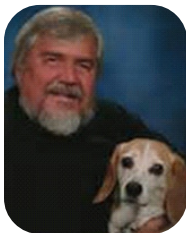
Reconciliation is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

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



During World War II, the Red Cross made blood available to all who needed it—ally or enemy. The Red Cross would also try to provide the soldier with the name of the donor. That way the soldier could write a note of thanks if he wanted to do so. A very poignant custom developed among the Red Cross medics in Europe. If a Nazi needed blood, they would find a Jewish donor. The medic would tell the officer, "The bad news is this: If left to your own strength

and resources, you will die. The good news: We have blood that will save your life—blood from a Jewish donor. All you have to do is accept it." Astoundingly, a few Nazi soldiers refused the blood—and in their case, a Jewish donor. But most of them gladly accepted the blood from a fellow human being. And, to accept life through this blood demanded a new view and attitude toward Jewish people. (from *Wordsworthnoting* by Fr. Nicholas P. Amato).

When we eat and drink the life-giving body and blood of Jesus Christ, we, too, may have a dramatic change in our relationship with Jesus (also a Jew) and others. The late Bishop Ken Untener wrote that the Eucharist is MEANT to do something to us, to transform us far more than the Nazis were changed in that opening story. Bishop Untener notes that there are 11 sentences in our Gospel passage today. In those 11 sentences, Jesus uses the word **bread** five times and the word **life** nine times. The bishop further notes that "Jesus didn't make Himself present to us so that we could come and do homage to Him. Jesus didn't give us the Eucharist so that we receive Him into ourselves and be that much closer to Him. **He gave us the Eucharist so that He could act upon us, affect us.**" This truth is far more amazing than those Nazis who were affected by the reception of Jewish blood.

Our crucified and Risen Lord wishes to affect us in the consumption of His very Eucharistic life into us—to be the arms and hands and heart of Jesus wherever we go!!! This isn't always easy, but we can be changed by this Body and Blood from this table IF WE WISH TO!

We are refueled at the table of the Lord for the task of building the kingdom of God. WE who consume Christ can gradually but surely become MORE LIKE CHRIST. We take and reveal our Eucharistic Lord wherever we go. He will show the way.

Pope Francis writes, "How beautiful, after receiving Communion, to think of our life as a prolongation of the Mass in which we bring the fruit of our Lord's presence to our family and neighborhood, our studies and work. It does us good, too, to think of daily life as a preparation for the Eucharist, in which our Lord takes all that is ours and offers it to the Father." By our Eucharistic Lord, our lives can become like bread broken and wine outpoured. By grace, we can be the arms and hands of Christ wherever we find ourselves. Remember that Eucharist is supposed to do something to us. What will the Bread of Life have you do today? (Timothy J. Cronin-Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave



For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES**, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.



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: \$1,032,945
(as of August 2, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: TEXAS ROADHOUSE invites us back on Tuesday, August 18 from 3:30 -9:00 PM. No Flyer needed (but they are available as a reminder), just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand on your way out, and our construction fund will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink that day. Please join 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 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, 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! A NEW informational flyer is now posted on our website regarding our 2016 St. Faustina Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. This flyer is especially for those who have not yet booked. 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.



As of 8/7 we have **214** families pledging **\$44,904.00** and paying **\$34,835.70** 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.

August 2nd Offertory:

\$5,980



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.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO will be taken up on **NEXT week-end, Aug. 22-23**. This is STRICTLY for priests of the Diocese who have served in the past, and who continue to serve. The Pension Program for the Diocese is NOT YET fully funded, and this collection is an attempt to get closer to full funding to take care of our faithful priests who have served us. We ask you to be as generous as you can. There is an envelope in your box and THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION that weekend to help these wonderful servants of the People of God!

PLEASE BE KIND TO FR. TUTTLE... I will be away from Sunday 9/9 until Sunday, 8/23 visiting family and friends in Pennsylvania. While I am gone, our favorite replacement priest will be handling all masses at St. Faustina. If anyone ends up in the hospital in need of a priest, please ask for the hospital chaplain on call. If there are any emergencies at your home, please call the parish office during the day and the staff will try to help you with getting a priest. Please pray for safe travels, and a quiet time of substitution for Fr. Tuttle.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT... Next weekend, 8/22-23, you will be asked to fill out a card to volunteer your time and talents to the parish for the upcoming year. The card has numerous ministries that are available at the parish (including one or two new ones), and we ask you to prayerfully consider coming forward for the next year (or more) to use the gifts God has given you for the benefit of our parish. Remember, this parish is only as good and as active as YOU ARE....PLEASE share your God-given abilities with others to build up His Kingdom on earth.

CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDER: We remind ALL parents of youngsters who are in need of Confirmation that it is a 2 year program. Attendance at 8th Grade Faith Formation Classes is Mandatory in order to be included in the 9th Grade Confirmation Preparation Program. Confirmation will be celebrated in the Spring of the students 9th grade (or older) Academic year. Remember, that Confirmation is necessary for anyone who wishes to be a Godparent in the future...and is actually, expected in order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please encourage your young women and men to accept this Sacrament of the Holy Spirit to aid them in their lives.

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

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.



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

"If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive."

— Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Mass Intentions

August 15 to August 23

Sat. 8/15

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

4 PM -- George Dagnault + (wife, Annette)

Sun. 8/16

9:00 AM -- Deceased of Delena Family from Lucretia

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Ismael Aponte + (Roberto Aponte)

Mon. 8/17 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Judges 2:11-19

Matthew 19:16-22

Tues. 8/18 -- 8 am -- Healing for John Ryan (Anne Keating)

Judges 6:11-24

Matthew 19:23-30

Wed. 8/19 -- 8 am -- Birthday blessings for Antoinette

Pesacreta (Barbara Lou)

Judges 9:6-15

Matthew 11:25-30

Thurs. 8/20 -- 8 am -- Marianne Singley 4th Ann. + (Fr. Dave)

Judges 11:29-39

Matthew 22:1-14

Fri. 8/21 -- 8 am -- Margaret Spelman + (Diane DeVincent)

Ruth 1:1-22

Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. 8/22

Joshua 24:1-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

4 PM -- Margaret Kelly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

Sun. 8/23

9:00 AM -- Edmund Dabiedath + (Margaret Mann)

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Providencia Sanchez + (Roberto Aponte)

2015-16 Faith Formation

Registration Dates:

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

Wednesday, August 26, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Class Times: 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

For the COMPLETE schedule for the year, please go to our web page at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/religiouseducation.html>

Stewardship



Have you ever been hungry? Really hungry? People who have experienced intense hunger may appreciate Jesus' words that He is the "Bread of Life" to a greater extent than others. We are aware that the world is filled with people who hunger and

thirst, but most of us have never experienced the true pain of that experience.

While most of us are fortunate enough to avoid the pains of physical hunger, in our modern world and society, spiritual hunger runs rampant.

When the Lord says in today's Gospel "This is the bread that came down from Heaven... whoever eats this bread will live forever," He is addressing a need we have that is much deeper than physical hunger. He is also telling us that the reward for eating this bread — for taking it into our inner being, for changing our mind and heart because of it — is eternal life. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread." This is the hunger we need to deal with in our faith lives, for when we love, we are beginning to satisfy that spiritual hunger to which the Lord refers.