

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

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

**Twenty-First
Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Week of August 22 to August 30

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.*



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



The English writer and lay theologian G.K. Chesterton once said: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried." Have truer words ever been spoken? Chesterton seemed to understand what is clear to anyone who takes seriously the call to Christian discipleship; that following in the footsteps of Jesus means being willing to accept a certain amount of suffering and pain and that, at times, one might become

discouraged and be tempted to give up. So what helps us to keep going when the going gets tough? How do we remain faithful to the call of discipleship when the cross we carry gets heavy? Turn to today's Scripture.

In the first reading, Joshua proclaims to the people that he and his household will serve the Lord, even though many around them had strayed from the path of righteousness. The reason Joshua and his kin were able to remain faithful was their awareness and gratitude for God's guidance in having led His people out of slavery, and God's ongoing intercession, guidance and blessing in their daily lives. The same can be true for us! When things get difficult, it's often our recollection of God's fidelity and providence in the face of past challenges that can give us the courage to go on.

Today's Gospel from St. John depicts a scene to which any committed disciple can easily relate—

that of facing the inevitable temptation to give up on following Jesus when the demands of being His follower become too great. Like Jesus' first disciples, we, too, at times are tempted to walk away from our faith and from the commitment to live out our baptismal call. So many of our own loved ones have done it. But, it's the words of Jesus that reassured His disciples THEN and reassures us NOW to continue forging ahead, because, at the end of the day, Jesus alone has the words of everlasting life: words of encouragement, words of forgiveness, words of mercy, words of love, words reminding us that darkness leads to light, brokenness to wholeness, death to life.

More important than the words that Jesus speaks, however, is the fact that, in His very own essence, Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, the Word made flesh, the expression of the **Father's love for His people**. Jesus doesn't just have the words of eternal life; He is in truth the Word **who leads** us to eternal life.

We are blessed and fortunate that Jesus offers us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Every time we come forward to receive Holy Communion, we truly and really receive Jesus—body, blood, soul and divinity. This is meant to draw us closer to Him and give us the strength and grace needed to live more fully and faithfully as His disciples. As we come forward to receive the Eucharist, may we do so with humble and grateful hearts; and like Joshua, may we make a firm decision to serve the Lord in ALL THAT WE DO!!! (Homilies- Diocese of Lansing, MI)

MAY THE LORD'S 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: \$1,034,668
(as of August 9, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: On Tuesday, 8/25 at Flipper's Pizzeria in the Target Shopping center on Rte 192. NO FLYER NEEDED. Just tell your server that you are there for St. Faustina Church from 11 AM until Closing and the parish will receive 20% of your receipt for our Construction 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 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 8/14 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 9th Offertory:

\$6,496



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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: Today at Mass, 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 our parish, 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.

LABOR DAY RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE TODAY-- 50% in prizes-50% to the Construction Fund. \$2.00 per chance-3 for \$5.00. 1st Prize 25% of cash collected; 2nd prize 15% of cash collected; 3rd prize 10% of cash collected. Drawing on Sunday, Sept. 6th at Noon. Need NOT be present to win!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO will be taken up on **THIS 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!

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.

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.

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

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:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

-- John 14:1-3



Mass Intentions

August 22 to August 30

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)

Mon. 8/24 -- 8 am -- NO MASS

Revelation 21:9b-14

John 1:45-51

Tues. 8/25 -- 8 am -- Margaret Spelman + (Diane DeVincent)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 23:23-26

Wed. 8/26 -- 8 am -- Dorothy Scott + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:27-32

Thurs. 8/27 -- 8 am -- Barbara McAndrew +

(Marie Sulzmann)

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Matthew 24:42-51

Fri. 8/28 -- 8 am -- Francis Daly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Matthew 25:1-3

Sat. 8/29

Deuteronomy 4:1-8 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-23

4 PM -- Healing for Diana Blossom (Celia & Jim Kelly)

Sun. 8/30

9:00 AM -- Phyllis Johnson + (Chauncey Family)

11:00 AM -- Blessings for Ida & Ralph Vieto-50th Wedding Ann. (Family)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina



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



It is reported in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Numbers that Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites. In fact, Joshua is explained as Moses' assistant, while Moses himself led the Israelites. Our First Reading today from the Book of Joshua recounts how, under Joshua, the Israelites renewed their Covenant with God.

For those who practice stewardship as a way of life, both renewal and covenant are significant. We speak of conversion in relation to the commitments we make to live as God-centered and loving people. Yet, there are times when it is important to personally renew our promises to God and make a new covenant with Him.

Many parishes have an annual stewardship renewal during which people are given the opportunity to "renew" their involvements in prayer, in ministry, and in giving through the offertory. These "renewals" may involve a commitment or pledge card. This is what has occurred in the Church for centuries. It is vital that we revisit our assurances to the Lord.

As Joshua addresses the people in today's reading, he states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." This quote is relatively familiar in the Christian world. Yet, this is exactly the kind of pledge and covenant each of us needs to make.