

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 6

**Twenty-Second 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
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Clermont, FL 34714
Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

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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



As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

(from Bishop John Noonan) My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Joshua leads the Israelites amid great difficulty and uncertainty to God. He speaks about all the opportunities the Israelites are offered to step away from God and worship others, and he reminds the people of the breadth of God's love; the beauty of His forgiveness. He proclaims his and his family's fidelity to serve the LORD.

Today, we may easily affirm that we serve the LORD. What do we mean? To serve the LORD means that we serve God with 'all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. (Mark 12:30)' It means that the Lord our God is with us; we bring forth God to others in all that we are. We lead sacramental lives, offering each other the gift of God's indelible love, through our experience of the Eucharist.

Joshua offers his entire family to the LORD. St. Paul says about this sacramental offering when he discusses marriage with the Ephesians. He says, "Wives and husbands, be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21). The love between a husband and wife comes from God. It is placed in our hearts by God to fulfill his loving design for each person. The sanctity of marriage unites the entire being of spouses in love and is a sign of God's love for humanity.

The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, unity and permanence, which embraces their entire life. St. Paul speaks about this to the Ephesians as he wrote, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Ephesians 5:31). The spouses are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving. This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the Sacrament of Marriage. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian marriage.

In a profound way, marriage represents and reflects the love Jesus Christ has for his Church. St. Paul offers, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Those who are called to the vocation of marriage are called to place God in the center of their marriage, realizing that God instituted marriage as a Sacrament. Pope Francis asked of visitors during a Papal audience recently, "But we must ask ourselves in all seriousness: Do we fully accept — we as faithful and pastors, too — this indissoluble connection between the relationship of Christ and the church with the relationship of marriage and the human family? Are we willing to seriously take on this responsibility? That is, that every marriage takes the path of the love Christ has for the church? This is something huge."

Marriage is the joining together of a man and a woman to be co-creators with God to bring children into the world. Family is a microcosm of the world and it is how we are introduced to our faith and our understanding of self-less love. When we love and trust God and follow his will for our lives, we cherish families, marriages and the children entrusted to us. We also respect the gift of life from conception to natural death. Pope Francis said, "The family provides the principal place where we can begin to "breathe" values and ideals, as well to realize our full capacity for virtue and charity." The husband and wife are a domestic Church, partners in the creation of "a new heaven and earth."

Let us pray, my sisters and brothers, that we help each other to create a new heaven and a new earth through the beauty of marriage as a Sacrament.



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: \$1,036,861
(as of August 16, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: Tuesday, Sept. 1st Dine to Donate at Miller's Ale House from 11 AM to 9 PM. FLYERS ARE needed. Please present flyer to server before you order. 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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.



As of 8/21 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 16th Offertory:

\$6,766

Latin America & Catholic University: \$521



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.



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 **NEXT** Sunday, Sept. 6th at Noon. You **DO NOT** need **NOT** be present to win!

JOIN US FOR FIRST-FRIDAY ADORATION this Friday, September 4, from 8:30 am until 5 pm. As for what you can do during your hour with Jesus, or for reasons why you should consider spending some timewith Our Lord, please go to our website: www.stfaustina.org and scroll over the Adoration link on the right side. You will even find a prayer from our very own St. Faustina. Even if you don't have an your, Jesus appreciates any amount of time you can give to Him.

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.

2015-16 Faith Formation



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>



Mass Intentions

August 29 to September 6

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) -- Cecilio Verra +

(Angel & Carmen Garcia)

Mon. 8/31 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Luke 4:16-20

Tues. 9/1 -- 8 am -- Mary Upman + (Mary Bush)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Luke 4:31-37

Wed. 9/2 -- 8 am -- Lisa Hausmann-Manley +

(Betty & Jack Hausmann)

Colossians 1:1-8

Luke 4:38-44

Thurs. 9/3 -- 8 am -- Donald Crowe + (Kathy Crowe)

Colossians 1:9-14

Luke 5:1-11

Fri. 9/4 -- **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 AM to 5 PM**

8 am -- Virginia Mondello + (Ron Teixeira)

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 5:33-39

Sat. 9/5

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

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

Sun. 9/6

9:00 AM -- Living and Deceased

Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:00 AM -- Barbara McAndrew + (Jackie Heal)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased

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Stewardship



In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah as he addressed the Pharisees, reminding them that they are hypocrites: "The people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me," Jesus said.

Unfortunately, some of us may fall into the same category.

We may attend Mass regularly; we may pray daily; we even may be supportive of the Church with our time, talent, and treasure as good stewards. However, Jesus is challenging us to do more than just make the appearance of being a good Catholic. The root Greek word for "hypocrite" is *hypokrisis*, which meant one "who is an actor" or one "who wears a mask." The Lord's point is that we must reach deeper and strive to have Him in our hearts.

Our society is quite taken with images and appearances. We need to recognize that Jesus sees through and beyond what we appear to be and do, and He sees into our hearts and souls. This may make us uncomfortable, but it is something with which we must deal on a daily basis. Whatever we do and whatever we may pursue needs to be motivated by love of the Lord and of "our neighbor." Love like that — having our hearts close to Jesus — is work, but it is a labor worth pursuing.



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

"Just as in one man there is one soul and one body, yet many members; even so the Catholic Church is one body, having many members. The soul that quickens this body is the Holy Spirit; and therefore in the Creed after confessing our belief in the Holy Spirit, we are bid to believe in the Holy Catholic Church."

— St. Thomas Aquinas