

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

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

**Week of Sept. 5 to Sept. 13**

**Twenty-Third 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**

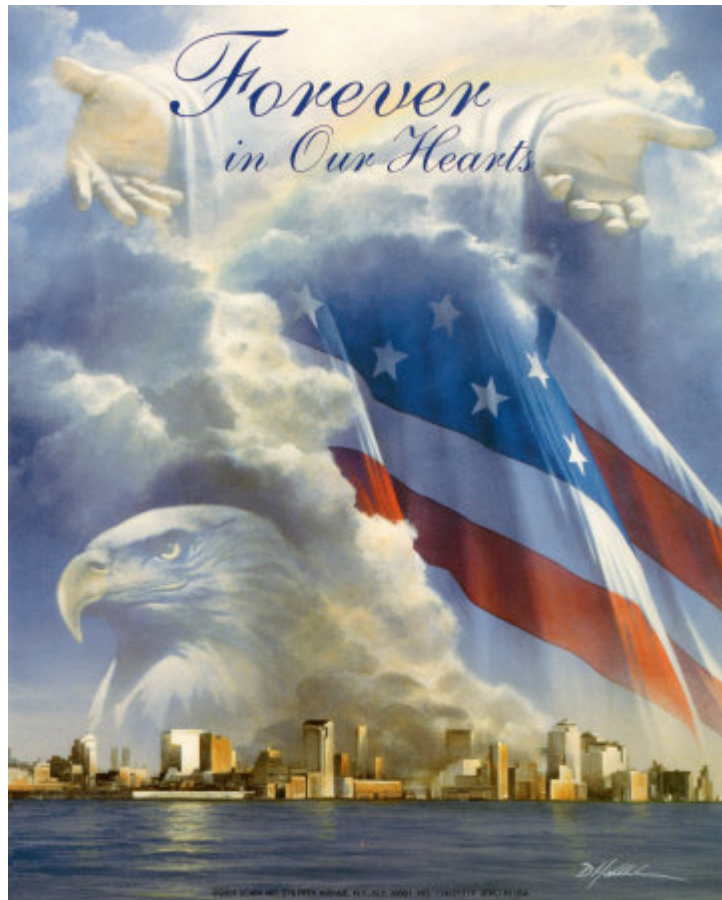
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

*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



**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*



***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.***

## Father Dave's Corner



The five senses (touch, sight, taste, smell, and hearing) are necessary to communicate with the world as well as with anyone around us. When either one or another sense is not functioning properly, the body is impaired and the mind tries to compensate for the shortage. Imagine what would happen if ALL five of our senses were completely gone. One would surmise that our chances of remaining sane would quickly diminish.

Jesus, in today's Gospel story, heals a deaf-mute in order to bring all of us to our senses. The readings today emphasize the importance of witnessing to the kingdom of God through doing good deeds.

Isaiah, in the first reading, portrays a final kingdom where God will establish justice and destroy evil. Justice is the hallmark of goodness. Isaiah pictures a setting where life will be peaceful and everything will be made right. This is the world that the redeemed can anticipate where "the eyes of the blind are opened and the ears of the deaf cleared." This promise is revealed to us FOR ALL CREATION. This leads to mercy for those sinners who have sincerely loved and placed their trust in God.

James, in the second reading, aims his letter at Jewish Christians who allow their intellectual pride to pass for true faith. Real faith is PROVED by doing good to others, especially the poor. Faith without good deeds is useless, he says. He also condemns favoritism. Too often people do not search a person's character, but rather make judgments based on wealth, appearance, manner of dress, and social status. We must come to our senses and realize that Christ is our Lord and we MUST live and act by HIS VALUES.

As a servant, Jesus is called upon by the crowds to cure a deaf-mute. In doing so, He performs this miracle to emphasize the importance of being open to God's word and to practice our faith through doing good works for others. "Actions speak louder than words!" Remember this the next time we are confronted with a situation that requires our helping another. When someone is in need, they do not want a discourse of excuses from us, but a helping hand to assist them. We must not let appearances get in the way of seeing the Christ-like character in those whom we are called to assist. Let our senses help us move toward action. Jesus healed the deaf-mute because our Lord saw the need to alleviate suffering and pain through love and compassion. May our reception of the Eucharist today change us and enlighten us to become more open to the needs of others, particularly those who are in most need of the Lord's mercy. (David R. Kohut, OFM Homilies, St Anthony Messenger Press).

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

**Father Dave**

## 2015-16 Faith Formation



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### 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>



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

**BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT**

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,038,699**  
(as of August 23, 2015)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY:** Our next Dine to Donate opportunity falls on **Tuesday, Sept. 15th at Texas Roadhouse from 3:30-9:00 PM.** No Flyer needed. Just place your receipt in the box at the hostess stand on your way out. **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 a check on 8/10 from Texas Roadhouse for the month of July and the July 21st Dine out in the amount of \$140.00. Many thanks for your participation.

**MANY THANKS to Kim Nigrelli and LaRosa Realty for their August 20th donation to the building fund of \$200.00.** This is from Kim's commission on a recent sale. Please check the bookcase in the front office for information about Kim in case you have realty needs.

**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](http://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.

## October is Respect For Life Month

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH...**Our parish has a newly formed Respect Life Committee and will be giving away various items and information for all life. "Every Life is Worth Living" and during October you will see inserts in the bulletin as well as flyers throughout the parish. Also, please regularly check our web site and Facebook page for information from the Diocese of Orlando and Bishop Noonan. We will have prayer cards and personal novena cards available. We are a people OF life and a people FOR life, and especially now with such heart-wrenching truths coming forward as to what is happening in the abortion mills. **WE MUST DO SOMETHING POSITIVE!!!**...learn what is happening, know what the truth says, and BE PART OF THE PLAN TO CHANGE THE HORRIBLE CRIME AGAINST BABIES, THEIR PARENTS, AND THE WORLD.



**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.**



**LAST CHANCE FOR TODAY'S RAFFLE TICKETS--** 50% in prizes-50% to the Construction Fund. Drawing **TODAY** Sunday, Sept. 6th at Noon. You DO NOT need **NOT** be present to win!

**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 fund-raisers in the next couple of months that the teens themselves will run to earn some reduction in costs as well.

**Next Week's BAKE SALE will benefit those teens going on the above mentioned trip.**

**PARISH MOVING UPDATE:** While I was away in August, Darryl of the Design and Construction Office of the Diocese was busy. He was soliciting 3 bids for contractors to do the build-out work of our new worship suite at the Sweet Bay Mall. On 8/27, the 3 contractors were able to visit the site and see what they had to work with and compare the working plans with the reality. Before I left on 8/10, I was informed that the Lease for the new site was finalized by the Diocese, but I do not have ALL of the specifics. I WAS informed that the New Landlord agreed to give us the first 6 months rent free to compensate us for some of the costs of the build out. When I get the specifics, I will let you know. AT THIS TIME, we NEED you to do some heavy duty praying! As I have been saying all along, I DO NOT WANT TO STAY HERE PAST 11/30/15. However, we are now only 11 weeks from that deadline. Please PRAY that all the permits from the County and all the construction work, and moving work can get done in this time. (In case you're wondering...I have been pushing them on this process since early April...and they kept saying, "we have time...you'll get there before the 30th.")

**THANKS TO ALL WHO FILLED OUT THE CARDS FOR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT...If you did not get a chance to do so, feel free to pick one up at the office OR just VOLUNTEER for any of the ministries that we have available.** Remember, when we move to the new worship space, we will probably need more help to keep everything moving smoothly. PLEASE remember what OUR PRAYER says...This CHURCH is ONLY as good, loving and active AS YOU MAKE IT!!!

**DIocese OF ORLANDO PRIEST'S CONVOCATION** takes place this Tuesday-Thursday (9/8-9/10) at the Omni Resort. Please pray for all of us as we get some updated ministerial education AND share some time with our brother priests. Due to the Convocation, my availability at the office will be limited. If you wish to see me these days, PLEASE call ahead and check if I am here.

**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 teen to accept this Sacrament of the Holy Spirit to aid them in their lives.

**August 23rd Offertory: \$5,505**

**Priests' Retirement & Care: \$1,980**



## Mass Intentions

**September 5 to September 13**

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 -- Don Evans + (Ernie Loving)

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

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Abelardo F. Cossio + (Glenda & Isabel Cossio)

Mon. 9/7 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

*Colossians 1:24-2:3 Luke 6:6-11*

Tues. 9/8 -- 8 am -- Mary Lou Van Slyke + (Kathleen Crowe)

*Micah 5:1-4a Matthew 1:1-16*

Wed. 9/9 -- 8 am -- Barbara McAndrew +

(Debra & Bruce Bergeron)

*Colossians 3:1-11*

*Luke 6:20-26*

Thurs. 9/10 -- 8 am -- Joe Samson +

(Debra & Bruce Bergeron)

*Colossians 3:12-17*

*Luke 6:27-38*

Fri. 9/11 -- 8 am -- John Turner +

(Diane DeVincent)

*1 Timothy 1:1-14*

*Luke 6:39-42*

Sat. 9/12

*Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-28 Mark 8:27-35*

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

Sun. 9/13

9:00 AM -- Cyril Brunousky + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty +

(husband, Thomas Doherty)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Angel Villegas + (Linda Velia)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Peggy Stoffel** who died on August 11th in Wisconsin. Include her beloved husband, Alan and her whole family as well.



As of 8/28 we have 214 families pledging \$44,563.00 and paying \$37,499.33 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.

## Stewardship



Today's Gospel from Mark includes an extraordinary occasion when Jesus cured and healed a man who had been unable to hear or speak. In the process of healing him the Lord said one word — *Ephphatha*, a word that means "Be opened." In a homily given in the fall of 2012, Pope Benedict XVI stated: "At the heart of today's Gospel there is a small but very important word, a word that in its deepest meaning sums up the whole message and the whole work of Christ. It is the Aramaic *Ephphatha*."

The Holy Father went on to point out that many are inwardly deaf to the world around them and remain mute at a time when the world is in need of spiritual guidance. The Pope's meditation on that Gospel and that one important word also included a reminder that the Lord speaks to each of us in a language of love, and calls us to be baptized disciples.

The man in the Gospel had been isolated and insulated from the world around him. We may tend to be that way at times also. Jesus calls us to see our vocation in human society, and to strive to be good stewards of that vocation. In closing his homily that day, Pope Benedict prompted us what our response should be: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3: 10)