

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Oct. 24 to Nov. 2

Thirtieth 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.



**October
Is
Respect Life
Month**

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

Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



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.

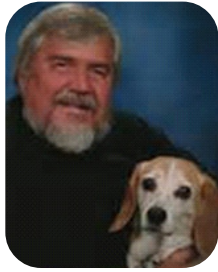
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish 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*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!**

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



Any reading of salvation history will remind us that God is faithful. He is true to His promises, steady in His allegiance, merciful, compassionate and loving. Even when countless generations ignored His prophets and turned away from His commandments, God remained faithful to His covenants. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die for our sins.

That level of faithfulness inspires faith. Faith, in itself a gift from God, does NOT require repeated proofs. We are convinced of God's fidelity to His promises as made through Jesus Christ, manifested in Christ's death and resurrection. Faith grows when one has unwavering TRUST in another person. Our faith in God requires humility and gratitude. When our faith is strong, it is easily expressed and readily shared.

Bartimaeus, the blind beggar in today's Gospel, appears to have had such faith. He persistently called out to the person he could NOT see, but knew only by reputation—*Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me*. Finally, he approaches Jesus with a fervent request: *Master, I want to see*. Bartimaeus had every confidence. He somehow knew that Jesus could accomplish what seemed, to others, to be impossible.

Jesus responds to the beggar's deep faith: *Go your way, your faith has saved you*. Immediately, the blind man can see and he follows Jesus.

We, too, seek Jesus' help, whenever we pray. We cannot see Him, but we call out, confident that He WILL answer. We even dare to call Him by name, the name that the angel gave to Mary—JESUS, that is, "YHWH SAVES." Because Jesus has already been faithful to us, we approach our Savior, our redeemer, our friend—and we ask for His help, we beg for His mercy and we plead for His miracles.

Jesus does NOT tire of our prayers. His Spirit inspires us to speak them. Our faith reminds us of His faithfulness and the salvation He has already won for us. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave

To the End of Our Days

The Church has always proclaimed the inherent value and dignity of life at every stage and condition. And for over 2,000 years, physicians have pledged to neither help nor encourage a patient to take his own life. But today, rising healthcare costs and a growing cultural blindness to the sanctity of life are driving the promotion of a throw-away society with abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. The States of Oregon and California already have an assisted suicide law on the books! Doctors there have said it degrades the quality of care and compromises the integrity of the medical profession. Pope Saint John Paul II's teaching about the respect and care due to elderly and dying persons was not only his Encyclical, but he showed us by example how to live until the moment God calls you home. Please pray for our families and for ALL LIFE, especially during this month of October.

ST. FAUSTINA PARISH'S RESPECT ALL LIFE COMMITTEE

The heads of the committee are Nancy & Tom Madden. If you would like to get involved, please call the church phone number and we will forward any calls to them.



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: \$1,061,181
(as of October 4, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Oct. 27 Devenney's Irish Pub on Rte 27 invites us back from 4 PM to Closing. Flyers MUST be presented before ordering and they can be found at the Church entrances. We will get 15% of whatever you eat and drink. So, please stop by and enjoy some wonderful food served by the friendliest servers on the planet. **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%.

BELK'S DEPARTMENT STORE CHARITY SALE: On Saturday, Nov. 7th from 6:00-10:00 AM there is a private ticketed event at the Belk's Dept. Store in Clermont (Citrus Tower Blvd). We are selling tickets here for \$5.00. The parish gets to keep the \$5 for our Building Fund, you get \$5 off your first purchase AND the right to enter the store. There are flyers available listing some of the large savings, but you do need to purchase a ticket. They will be on sale here until the week of the event. Please help us if you can.

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--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.

NEW ONLINE FUND-RAISER--St. Faustina has partnered up with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Just do your shopping as you normally would, but order your items through St. Faustina's web page. You get your items, and some great deals, some Cash back, and the parish benefits as well. There is a flyer in the office that takes you step by step through the sign-up process. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182). We need all the cash we can get to Build our church, so please help us if you can.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelì, 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.

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;

4:00 – 5:15—Youth R.C.I.A (Baptized);

6:45 – 8:15 -- Grades 7 & 8



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.



ALL SOUL'S MASS REMEMBRANCES

(Mon. 11/2)-- If you have loved ones that you would like to remember at this Mass, please use the special envelope in your box and list their names on the back of the envelope. Your envelope can be placed in the collection basket anytime between now and October 25. The Mass on All Soul's Day will be celebrated for the repose

of their souls. We will also leave these envelopes on the altar throughout November and continue to pray for our loved ones. **THERE WILL BE AN EVENING MASS ON MONDAY, NOV. 2ND, THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS AT 6:00.**

ON FIRST FRIDAYS--Beginning on Friday, November 6 at 1 pm--we will gather in the church to say the Rosary for life before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us if you can.

ST. FAUSTINA ITALIAN DINNER catered by Carraba's Italian Grill, will take place on Thursday, Nov. 5th, 2015 at Citrus Highlands Clubhouse on Route 27 North, just past the Eagle Ridge Publix shopping center. Two seatings: 4:00-5:30 PM and 6:00-7:30 PM. Buffet Dinner will include a Caesar Salad, Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Bread & Dessert and non-alcoholic beverages (BYOB-alcoholic beverages) for \$10 per person and \$7.00 for children under 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available after all masses and at the parish office during the week. Please car pool if you can, since there is limited parking at the clubhouse.

MUCHOS GRACIAS to our Spanish Community who held a Special Spanish Music Concert with the Imanuel Band (Sabor A Cristo), back on Sat. Oct. 3rd. From food sales, ticket sales, and donations, they donated to St. Faustina's Building Fund, \$2,300.00. Thanks to Odila & Jose Cordeiro, Evelyn & Gualberto Garcia and all of their volunteers. Great thanks to all who attended.

PLEASE do not bring flowers to the church or place flowers at the statues without the permission of Fr. Dave. Our flowers are planned ahead of schedule, and are prepared and placed correctly in specific vases. There is electronic equipment up front that cannot get wet! We appreciate your cooperation, as any flowers that are brought to the church without permission will be taken away. If you would like to pay for Altar Flowers, please speak with Fr. Dave. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Diocese of Orlando is NEXT WEEKEND, 10/31-11/1. There is an envelope in your box and we ask you to be as generous as you can. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Charities throughout the Orlando Diocese, so you are aiding your neighbors when you contribute here. There will be NO SECOND collection; just drop it in with your regular offertory.

FR. DAVE is on ANNUAL RETREAT this week from Monday evening until Friday morning. Fr. Tuttle will celebrate mass Tues-Thurs. at 8 AM. Please pray for me, I will be praying for all of you.

The annual TRUNK or TREAT will be held on October 25 at 12:30 PM. Students can wear their costumes to the 11:00 AM Mass.

ST. MARIA GORETTI, PATRONESS OF PURITY: Her body, and her major relics are making a pilgrimage here in the United States; and this week, she is in the Diocese of Orlando. On Thursday, Oct. 29th, she will be at Blessed Trinity Church way up in Ocala. See the bulletin board for times of veneration and mass. On Friday, Oct. 30th, she will be a little closer to us at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe, off I-4. Public veneration begins at 10:00 AM with Mass being held at 7:00 PM and veneration continuing after mass until Midnight. Her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness. As we prepare for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy (beginning Dec. 8th), this would be a worthwhile visit if you can make it.

THE BAKE SALE is the second Sunday of every month.



Mass Intentions

October 24 to November 2

Sat. 10/24

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

4 PM -- Peggy Stoffel + (Don Villeneuve)

Sun. 10/25

9:00 AM -- Germaine Loving + (husband, Ernest)

11:00 AM -- Howard Rothwell + (John & Carmela Giaimo)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Adela & Margarita Morales + (Rosalinda Bautista)

Mon. 10/26 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Romans 8:12-17

Luke 13:10-17

Tues. 10/27 -- 8 am -- Geri Pecore-Vince +

(Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vince)

Romans 8:18-25

Luke 13:18-21

Wed. 10/28 -- 8 am -- Health of Sara Jones

(St. Faustina Senior Group)

Ephesians 2:19-22

Luke 6:12-16

Thurs. 10/29 -- 8 am -- Belen C. Guevara +

(Alfredo & Patricia Cebada)

Romans 8:31-39

Luke 13:31-35

Fri. 10/30 -- 8 am -- Genevieve Jankiewicz + (Mary Siegel)

Romans 9:1-5

Luke 14:1-6

Sat. 10/31

Revelation 7:2-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

4 PM -- George Daignault + (Wife Annette)

Sun. 11/1

ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 AM -- Increase of Vocations to the Sisters of St.

Joseph of St. Augustine (The Sisters)

11:00 AM -- Vincent & Rose Giaimo +

(Mr & Mrs. John Giaimo)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Leopoldo Ramirez +2nd Ann.

(Maria del Carmen Ramirez)

Mon. 11/2

ALL SOULS DAY

6:00 PM -- Holy Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Terry Gagnon-Sampieri who was buried on Oct. 14th. Include her husband, Pete and their whole family in your prayers as well.



October 11th Offertory:

\$5,949

As of 10/9 we have 223 families pledging \$47,184.25 and paying \$40,581.84 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 43.9% of our 508 families.



Stewardship



Most of us are accustomed to being called Christians — that is, followers of Christ. However, the Lord's first followers were not called by that name at all. It was not until many years after His Crucifixion and Resurrection that the term Christian became popularly used. There is a subtle, yet profound reference and

statement in today's Gospel from St. Mark, a reading which presents to us the healing of a blind man.

After Jesus has responded to the blind man's calls for mercy and healing, and the Lord has told him that it was his faith which had saved him, the Gospel tells us of the former blind man, "Immediately he received his sight and followed him (Jesus) on the way." What is noteworthy about this is at that time and for the first years after Jesus' Resurrection, His disciples were called "followers of the way." They recognized Jesus as the way to live and the way to salvation. (Jesus stated more than once, "I am the way.")

Thus, the man became not just healed but a follower of the Lord. Jesus healed the man on His way from Jericho to Jerusalem, where He would be crucified. The man most likely was with Him all the way. Would we be willing to follow the Lord on such a journey? That is exactly what He is asking us to do.