

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

Week of Jan. 3 to Jan. 11

Feast of the Epiphany Of the Lord

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 & 6 pm

Sunday, 7:30, 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

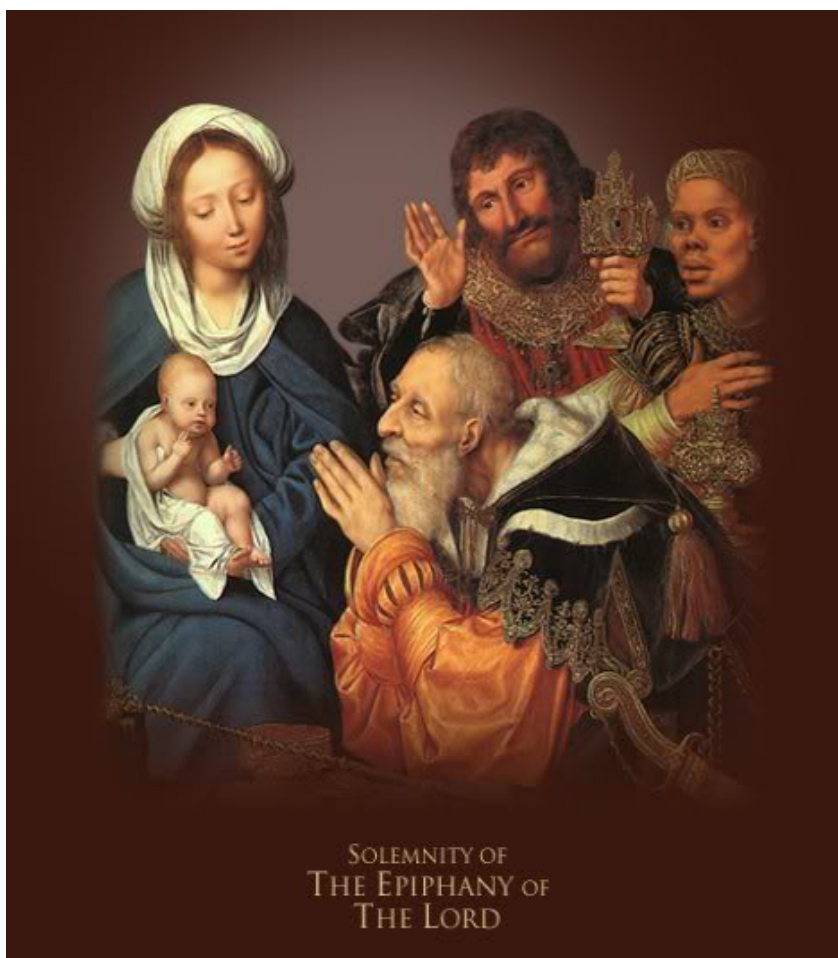
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

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*



Father Dave's Corner

Today, the Feast of the Epiphany...as I was growing up in that small coal-region town in Northeastern PA, we were surrounded by numerous and varied ethnic peoples. While I was predominantly Lithuanian, I had best friends who were Irish and Italian and German and Slovak and Polish and Ukrainian and Protestant and Greek Catholic and Russian Orthodox and on and on! This day became known as "Greek Christmas" OR "Little Christmas." And in our house it was another day of great rejoicing because it meant getting ONE MORE GIFT! Even after opening the "many" gifts of Dec. 24-25, a few weeks later, we were getting one more. We were thrilled and looked forward with eyes wide open and hearts aching to see what we could be getting next.

Well, with today's "Corner", I decided to do something a little different. Most of you should recognize Fred Rogers, from the famous *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Someone gave me a little book titled *Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way.* This is something I feel to be appropriate as a GIFT to you today:

Here's a gift you may not have expected. It's a gift for you to give yourself. Sometime in your day today, try to turn off all the noises you can around you, and give yourself some "quiet time." In the silence, let yourself think about something. Or if possible...think about nothing.

Most of us have so few moments like that in our lives. There's noise everywhere. There are some places we can't even escape it. Television and radio are probably the worst culprits. They are very seductive. It's so tempting for some people to turn on the television set or the radio when they first walk into the room or get in the car...to fill any space with noise. I wonder what some people are afraid might happen in the silence. Some of us must have forgotten how nourishing silence can be.

That kind of solitude goes by many names. It may be called "meditation" or "deep relaxation," "quiet time" or "downtime." In some circles, it may even be criticized as "daydreaming." Whatever it's called, it's a time away from outside stimulation, during which inner turbulence can settle, and we have a chance to become more familiar with ourselves.

How many times have you noticed it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra-special meaning? (Pg. 47)

And...if you NEED something to think about in this quiet time...and can't figure out what; here is another thought from Mr. Rogers that I think is well worth it on this Feast of Epiphany:

Finding out that we are one of a kind could be a lonely and frightening thing without the reassurance of knowing that we belong to humankind, and that all humans laugh and cry about many of the same things; that all have similar hopes and fears; that all have many of the same needs; and that those needs are best met by other human beings who can love us for both our similarities and our differences. (Pg. 75)

Today...in this world of ours...I think thoughts like these connected to the knowledge that our God loves each and every one of us equally JUST BECAUSE we are HUMAN, would quiet so much of the pain and violence and unrest that we are witnessing! Let's try to make a difference in the little, local worlds we inhabit...and pray that it spreads to the wider world where all humanity try to exist together. MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!!! MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND LOVE BE YOURS ALWAYS!!

Father Dave



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: \$875,456

(as of December 23)

DINE TO DONATE: Tuesday, Jan. 6th from 11 AM to 11 PM at Joe's Crab Shack...check out their special Happiness Hour from 4-6PM. There are flyers hanging in the lobby describing a great deal for a great FAMILY style meal. Take a flyer with you and St. Faustina's gets 10% of whatever you eat and drink. **Don't forget our regulars: Sunday's Grill south on 27 and Sand Mine Road** invites us EVERY Mon.-Fri. from 11 AM-5 PM. They are next to Publix. Pick up a flyer. **Mandarin Garden** (Right next door) and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS FOR SALE: We are selling Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards after Masses and at the office for \$10 each. Parish gets 10% of every card sold, and you get to use them anytime you wish. Let's keep on Building that fund!!!

ALL YOU CAN EAT ITALIAN DINNER on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 at Windmill Village Clubhouse, 427 Windmill Blvd. Davenport...2 seatings: 2:00-4:00 PM and 5:30-7:30 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$6 for children under 13. Tickets on sale at the Church after masses and the church office. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME** to help with cleanup and assorted issues. Please sign the volunteer sheet in the parish office. Come on out and feast to your heart's content. ALL PROCEEDS will benefit the parish Building Fund.

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 (hopefully St. Faustina's) of .5% of every eligible purchase you make. AmazonSmile is the SAME Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. To shop at AmazonSmile go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are NOT eligible. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases **before you begin shopping**. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation. Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are NOT tax deductible. **IF you are having trouble finding St. Faustina Church on the list, someone went to Catholic Churches in Clermont, FL and found us there!**

Faith Formation

Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Pre-K, Kind., & 1st grade;
7:00 – 8:30—Grades 4-5-6
Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Grades 2-3;
5:00 - 6:30--Youth R.C.I.A.;
7:00 - 8:30--Youth R.C.I.A (unbaptized);
7:00 - 8:30 -- Grades 7 & 8

PARISH MINISTRIES

The English-speaking Bible Study Group will begin on **THIS TUESDAY, January 6, 2015 at 8:30 am** in the Conference Room. Participants are encouraged to attend the 8 am mass prior to the study, which will end before 10 am. They will be studying Acts.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org

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.



REMINDER TO PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS: Our final prep class for Reconciliation is Monday, Jan. 5th at 7 PM in the Church.

2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES are in the lobby in Alphabetical order. Registered parishioners should pick them up as soon as possible. ONLINE Givers will need to call Carol in order to get a box IF they wish one. Seasonal visitors who do NOT find their box in the lobby, please see Carol or Fr. Dave after mass to track them down. Please pick them up and be ready to use the new envelopes on Jan. 1, 2015.

SING TO HIM, SING HIS PRAISE (1 Chronicles 16:9) and *Join St. Faustina's Contemporary Music Ministry!* Calling our parish high school teens and young adults (18-39) to lift your voice and sing with us at the 6pm Saturday Mass which will be returning January 3 -April 11, 2015. Rehearsals beginning soon. Contact Bob&Cheryl via email at bobandcheryl@stfaustina.org to join.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2015 are available in the parish office OR after all masses (*while they last*). **PLEASE, ONE per parish family.** Keep it handy for our contact info. **MANY THANKS TO THE FOLKS AT BECKERS FUNERAL HOME FOR SPONSORING OUR CALENDARS!**

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS --To find out more about the February Cruise and the March 7th Fishing Trip, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org

ATTENTION ALL PART-TIME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: Our Catholic Appeal for 2014 will finish at the end of December. Our goal was \$51,120.00 and has been reported in the bulletin, 237 families of our total 586 families have pledged \$47,611.01 so far, and paid \$41,322.90 (as of 12/13). The policy of the Diocese is that the parish is responsible for the entire goal, and if the parishioners fall short or stop paying their pledges, then the difference must be made up from the regular funds. So, that means that the parish will have to pay \$3,508.99(as well as any unpaid pledges(That is the lowest total St. Faustina's has ever had to make up). CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND HAVE HELPED OUR DIOCESAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ANYONE who would like to help with that final amount who HAVE NOT yet participated, we will gratefully accept that contribution. We WILL NOT have a special collection as we did in 2013...you folks have gotten so close...and we are extremely grateful for all you do!!! **ishop Noonan's weekly Escroll offers some interesting and important insights.** You can access this site from our web site at: www.stfaustina.org

OUR WEB SITE HAS BEEN REVISED AND UPDATED-- Do you have a special prayer that has been of help to you and that you would like to share? If so, email it to gcuttita@cfl.rr.com and your prayer(s) will be posted on our web site www.stfaustina.org

AHOY MATIES!!! COME JOIN US ON OUR NEXT FISHING TRIP on Sat. March 7th, 2015. We will be running a half-day fishing trip out of Clearwater Beach. We are chartering an entire Fishing boat that can accommodate up to 100 passengers. The trip will be in the Gulf of Mexico from 8 Am until Noon. Price is \$50 for adults/ \$35 for children under 12 PLUS the cost of a parking pass (half-day is \$3 full day is \$7 at the Clearwater Beach Municipal Parking Lot). Charter includes bait, fishing license and tackle. Fish cleaning is an additional \$.25 for small fish, \$1 for large fish. Food like Burgers, Hot dogs, soda, beer, water available for sale. YOU MAY bring your own food and drink, *but NO glass containers and no hard liquor.* Catch limits for Red Grouper--4 per person, must be 20 inches long; Gag Grouper--4 per person, must be 22 inches long. This time of year is excellent for King Fish and Spanish Mackerel. Ed Muller will be selling tickets *after TODAY'S* Masses OR call him for reservations/questions at 407-309-8789 or email at efmpd@comcast.net.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION meets the second Thursday of the month after the 8 am mass. They are studying *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.*



Mass Intentions

January 3 to January 11

- Sat. 1/3 **SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12
4 PM -- Tony Borges + (Marie Sulzmann)
6 PM -- Ask 10 Benefactors
- Sun. 1/4
7:30 AM -- Philip Dezotell + (Walt & Maggie Dezotell)
9 AM -- Marie LaMay + (Ann Wallace)
11 AM--Patricia Garven + (Marylu Mariniello & Carol Arroyo)
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners
- Mon. 1/5 - 8 pm -- **NO MASS**
1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-25
- Tues. 1/6 8 am -- Maria Repka (+ 1st Ann) (Sophia Buckley)
1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
- Wed. 1/7 - 8 am -- Benefactors of Ask 10
1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
- Thurs. 1/8 - 8 am --Dolores Masturzo + (Her Daughters)
1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22
- Fri. 1/9 - 8 am -- Those Memorialized on our parish chairs
1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
- Sat. 1/10 **FEAST of the BAPTISM of the LORD**
Isaiah 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11
4 PM--50th birthday blessings for Bill Murphy (His Parents)
6 PM -- Parishioners who are ill or have recently died
Sun. 1/11
7:30 AM -- Marcella Hummitsch + (Ernest Loving)
9 AM -- Charles Verbetich + (Mary Ann & Family)
11 AM -- Arthur Dorschuck + (Carol Arroyo)
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

December 21th Offertory:

\$7,324



Stewardship



Αἰεὶ μὴ — these symbols from the Greek alphabet and the word itself may not mean much to most of us, but this is the Greek word epiphania, which is the base word for today's Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Stewardship calls us to an understanding of our Church and our faith. The Epiphany of the Lord is a vital part of our liturgical year and our Catholic tradition. "Epiphany" literally means "becoming apparent" or "appearance." On this day we celebrate the fact that the reality of Jesus Christ as our Lord and as the divine and human son of God becomes apparent and real to us. This manifestation, following Christmas so closely, is another reminder to us of how gifted we are. It is an additional indication to us of how essential it is for us to acknowledge our giftedness and to respond in kind through stewardship.

Many of us identify the glory and the joy of the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and as Isaiah the prophet envisages in today's first reading, "Then shall you be radiant at what you see; your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you." And we, as St. Paul indicates in the second reading, "are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."