

# 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)

**First Friday Adoration  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**Week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 7**

**Thirty-First 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



Since Monday is the Feast of All Souls, it seems appropriate to include some "instruction" of the Catholic Church's beliefs and policy on burial and cremation of human remains. This comes from a statement approved by the Bishops of the Province of Miami (which includes Orlando) on Dec. 4, 2006.

As Christians, we profess faith in the incarnation of the Word made flesh and His bodily resurrection which we will share on the Last Day. While Jesus walked this earth, He had a human body.

On the Cross, His body endured intense suffering for our redemption. His body risen from the empty tomb is our hope of resurrection. We are reminded of the words of St. Paul who wrote to the Corinthians: "You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body." (I Cor. 6:19-20)

During the life-time of a Christian on earth, the body, which was created by God and raised in baptism to a special dignity, serves as a temple of the Holy Spirit. In our modern times, when life is valued by some as cheap, abortions are legal, and euthanasia considered charity, there is no wonder that those without faith, oftentimes, quickly and even carelessly dispose of the body.

In Masses for the Dead, the Church celebrates the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Christ's Passover for the departed and offers prayers and petitions for them. In communion with all Christ's members, these prayers bring both spiritual strength and a consoling hope. From the first century, Christians have followed the Semitic custom of burying the dead, both in contrast to the Roman practice of cremation and in opposition to the contempt shown Christians by their persecutors in their occasional cremating of the bodies of martyrs and scattering their ashes.

It is the expressed tradition of the Catholic Church that the practice of Christian burial of the faithful be maintained. In 1997, the Holy See permitted the local bishop in the USA to decide whether to allow a person's cremated remains at Funeral Masses in their dioceses. They state, however, "it is greatly to be preferred that the funeral liturgy take place in the presence of the body of the deceased prior to its cremation." Thus, while "cremation is now permitted, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites." (Order of Christian Funerals, 413) However, "when extraordinary circumstances make the cremation of a body the only feasible choice, pastoral sensitivity must be exercised by all who minister to the family." (OCF 415)

Any catechesis on the subject of cremation should emphasize that **the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body.** This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. (OCF 417)

(TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN-WITH SOME SPECIFIC PRACTICES THAT ARE OK AND SOME THAT ARE NOT OK-you may want to hang on to both of these bulletins for your future reference and planning.)

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

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: No dine to donate this week** due to Parish Italian Dinner catered by Carrabba's. But, IHOP in Clermont on Rte 27 invites us back for the whole week of Nov. 9-13 ALL day long. Dine as often as you wish, but a flyer IS NEEDED for each visit. The parish will receive 15% donated to the building fund.

**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 RESULT:** We received \$42.00 from our Oct. 13th event at I Love NY Pizza at Cagan's Crossing. Many, many thanks to all who participated.

**BELK'S DEPARTMENT STORE CHARITY SALE: (LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE TICKETS)** 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](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.**

## Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.  
-St. Padre Pio

Jesus promised St. Gertrude (1256-1302) that 1,000 souls would be released from Purgatory each time this prayer was recited. The prayer was extended to living sinners as well.

Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Holy Sacrifices of the Mass being offered throughout the world this day, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for sinners in my home and my family, and for sinners throughout the whole world.

**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.

**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.**



**First Friday is Nov. 6th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.**

**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. 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. **THERE WILL BE AN EVENING MASS ON MON., 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. **There will be NO tickets sold at the door and the last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, November 3.**

**HARBOUR HOUSE 24 HOUR HOTLINE:** Did you know that there is a shelter available for folks suffering domestic violence in our area? **Call (404)788-2856 24 hours a day...7 days a week.** Get safe...be safe...be loved.

**BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE NEW WORSHIP SPACE** WAS IN OUR POSSESSION on Friday, 10/16 and architect & contractor began work on Monday, 10/19. Please pray for a quick build-out.

**THIS MONTH'S BAKE SALE** will be held **NOV. 13-14.**

**REMINDER TO PARENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION YOUNGSTERS:** We will have our 2nd class to prepare children and parents for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, Nov. 2nd at 7 PM in the Church. All children and at least 1 parent are expected to attend in order for the reception of the sacrament.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Diocese of Orlando is THIS WEEKEND** There will be NO SECOND collection; just drop it in with your regular offertory.

**FLORIDA CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION WEEKEND** is Nov. 7-8.

**There are two new pages on our web site.** The first one, **CASH BACK**, is a handy reminder of St. Faustina's new fundraising program where you make a purchase online and can earn up to 35% cash back on qualified purchases while the parish receives royalties. Stores like Walmart, JC Penny, Best Buy, Apple, Home Depot, and many more "name" stores are participating to give you a wide range of shopping choices. Please go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/earnocashback.html> to access the page.

The second one, **The Decade a Day Disciples Mission**, is an opportunity for you to join the people of the world in praying a Decade a Day for each other's intentions and that we also all become Children of Mary. In our parish we have almost three full 20 decade Rosaries (by nearly 60 parish members) being said each day. Please go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/decadeadayministry.html> to see how to participate and join.

Also on **your** parish web site is the weekly bulletin, the weekly E-Scroll from Bishop Noonan, the weekly mass intentions, contact information, ministry information, Faith Formation information, and much, much more. Please go to: [www.stfaustin.org](http://www.stfaustin.org) to see what we offer. If you have any other ideas of what you would like to see on **your** parish website, please email George Cuttita at: [gcuttita@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gcuttita@cfl.rr.com). **ALL** ideas will be considered.



## Mass Intentions

**October 31 to November 7**

- 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**  
*Wisdom 3:1-9*    *John 6:37-40*  
6:00 PM -- Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Tues. 11/3 -- 8 am --** Joseph Schilling + (Ronnie)  
*Romans 12:5-16*    *Luke 1:15-24*
- Wed. 11/4 -- 8 am --** Margaret Hahn + (Al Hahn)  
*Romans 13:8-10*    *Luke 14:25-33*
- Thurs. 11/5 -- 8 am --** Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul Verostko + (the Family)  
*Romans 14:7-12*    *Luke 15:1-10*
- Fri. 11/6 --** **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 8:30 am to 5 pm**  
8 am -- Matthew Bann + (his Father)  
*Romans 15:14-21*    *Luke 16:1-8*
- Sat. 11/7**  
*1 Kings 17:10-16*    *Hebrews 9:24-28*    *Mark 12:38-44*  
4 PM -- Lucille Henault + (Dee & Ed Ruggiero)
- Sun. 11/8**  
9:00 AM -- Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus of St. Faustina from K of C  
11:00 AM -- Michael & Eleanore Giordano + (Mr & Mrs. John Giaimo)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)



**October 18th Offertory:**

**\$5,363**

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.



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Most of us are aware that every day of the year is Feast Day for some saints. In fact, and this is of great consequence to our understanding, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia* "The Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honors all saints, known and unknown."

Those who have Feast Days are "known." Yet, each of us has known "saints" in our lives who fall into the category of "unknown." It may have been a parent or a sibling or a friend or a co-worker or a neighbor or a member of our parish or merely someone with whom we came in contact at some point in time. The crux is that on this day we need to pray and to honor those saints who have been an important part of our life in some way.

Indeed this is a day which should remind us that we, too, are called to sainthood. Not that we aspire to be honored publicly by the Pope or by the Church, but we do need to recognize that each of us is called to holiness. It is those "unknown" saints who provide examples of how to live and love and treat others, how to be good stewards. May we pray for them and may we seek to be like them in our own lives![]