

# St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Jan. 10 to Jan. 18

## Feast of the Baptism 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*

*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.*

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### 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

*Please join us for daily devotions and important parish information by going to: St. Faustina Catholic Church from your Facebook page.*





### Father Dave's Corner

Let me be the last to wish you a Merry Christmas—sort of. "Merry Last Day of the Liturgical Christmas Season" would be more accurate. It might appear that today's feast, the baptism of the Lord, has little to do with Christmas or even little to do with Jesus, since strictly speaking he didn't need to be baptized at all. But if it appears that way, we should remember that appearances are often deceiving.

The baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River had great significance for Jesus himself, for the readers of Mark's Gospel, and has great significance for us today. From the beginnings of the Christian faith, believers wrestled with a tension between Jesus as truly divine and as truly, completely human. Insistence on his divinity, however, sometimes led to a watered-down presentation of his humanity, especially psychologically: Yes, like us, he got tired, hungry and thirsty. But temporarily uncertain, needing to sort things out, wondering what the future might hold—don't things like that seem to take away from his divinity?

No, they don't. Those things are part of being human. As Pope St. John Paul II said in a general audience, "We repeat with the New Testament, with the creed, and with the Vatican Council II that Jesus Christ 'has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin.'" Hence his baptism was NOT a mechanical gesture that he realized was unnecessary but was willing to go through for the sake of appearances. His vision of the heavens torn open, the Spirit descending upon him like a dove, and his Father's voice had to have been a profound, deeply affirming experience. It was perhaps a giant leap forward in his understanding of his Father's will and the purpose of his life.

Studies of Mark's Gospel often point out that at every step it leads up to an answer to the question, "Who is this man Jesus?" As with the Roman Centurion at the base of the cross, the answer is "Truly this man was the Son of God."

While Jesus' baptism might have been instrumental in clarifying, to himself, his mission and purpose, is there any meaning for us, since he had nothing to repent of, nothing to be saved from?

The question virtually contains the answer. Nothing to repent of or be saved from; yet in his baptism, Jesus, though sinless, identifies himself with the sinful: us (2 Cor 5:21). And not simply in the sense of, "I can understand how they operate," but in somehow taking on the guilt that was ours—not his.

In October of 2002, Saint John Paul II created a new set of mysteries for the rosary to accompany the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries. He named these the Mysteries of Light (or Luminous Mysteries). The first of these is the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan. Baptism makes an invisible difference in a baptized Christian. It is only with the "heart" of faith that we "see" it and all spiritual realities. May we have that "heart" of faith to "see" the many gifts that God has showered upon us. (Jim Auer, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

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

Father Dave

December 28th Offertory: \$6,407

Retired Religious: \$540  
Christmas Offertory: \$8,303



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: \$886,650

(as of December 30)

DINE TO DONATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 3:30-9:00 PM at Texas Roadhouse. No flyer needed, just drop your receipt in the box at the hostess stand. Parish gets 10% of your meal for the building fund. Don't forget our regulars: 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!!!

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...same products, same prices, same service. 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.

ALL YOU CAN EAT ITALIAN DINNER on NEXT Sunday, Jan. 18, 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.



### 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

There will be no classes the week of the parish mission, (2/3 and 2/4), the week of Ash Wednesday, (2/17 and 2/18) and Holy Week (3/31 and 4/1). For the complete Sacramental Prep Dates for the 2015 spring semester, please go to our website at www.stfaustina.org



Do you have special intentions that you would like others to pray for? If so, you are welcome to join the St. Faustina Decade a Day Ministry. 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.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT: If you need your year-end donations tax letter, please cut this request from the bulletin, and return to the office. Letters will be ready at the end of January.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**



share your special prayers with others (Share Your Prayers), and much, much more. To see what we have to offer you, go to [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page. If you have something you would like considered for posting on the site, please email: [bulletin@stfaustina.org](mailto:bulletin@stfaustina.org)

**PARISH MISSION 2015...** Please be sure to set aside time to join us at this year's Parish Mission on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 2-4 with Father John Anglin, OFM. **THEME OF THE MISSION: The Filling the World with the Gospel of Christ**-In a world torn by war, violence and injustice and in a Church dealing with scandal and declining membership. The call that came to Francis of Assisi 800 years ago—"Go, rebuild My House" is as vital and timely today in this new millennium as it was in the 13th century world of Francis. **Mass each morning at 8:00 AM** will last about 45 minutes with a homily including the Mission Theme. There will be an **evening Service at 7:00 PM** (Not mass), that will also include the Mission Theme. **DAY ONE- MONDAY, FEB. 2nd: God comes to us in humble love.** DAY TWO: Tuesday, Feb. 3rd: **The Cross: A gift of love and forgiveness.** DAY THREE: Wednesday, Feb. 4th: **The Cross: Source of meaning in our suffering.** PLEASE SET ASIDE THESE 3 DAYS TO HELP YOU GET YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE IN ORDER AS WE PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON OF LENT. For COMPLETE information on each of the day's themes and background on Father Anglin, please go to our web site at: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) click on the **PARISH MISSION link.**

**PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE** for the Home Missions and Farmworker Ministry this week. There will be NO second collection. Just drop both envelopes in the first collection. Please be as generous as you can.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS --**To find out more about the **January 18 All You Can Eat Italian Dinner**, the **February Cruise** and the **March 7th Fishing Trip**, please see our web site at [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)

**TO ALL RECENTLY ARRIVED SNOWBIRDS:** If you are interested in the present progress of our Building project, see Fr. Dave for a copy of the November 30, 2014 bulletin. In his Corner, there is the most recent update on where we stand with the project.

**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](mailto:bobandcheryl@stfaustina.org) to join.

**BISHOP JOHN NOONAN INVITES US TO JOIN HIM** in celebrating the **Mass commemorating World Day for Consecrated Life on January 31 at 11:00 a.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.** For more information, please go to our web site at: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org) click on the **Diocese of Orlando link.**

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

**The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.**



## Mass Intentions

January 10 to January 18

- 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
- Mon. 1/12 - 8 pm -- NO MASS**  
*1 John 5:14-22 John 3:22-30*
- Tues. 1/13 8 am -- Donald Crowe + (Kathleen M. Crowe)**  
*Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28*
- Wed. 1/14 - 8 am -- Healing for Becky Racine**  
(Robert & Kimmy Garven)  
*Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39*
- Thurs. 1/15 - 8 am -- Ask 10 Benefactors**  
*Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45*
- Fri. 1/16 - 8 am -- Intentions of our Parishioners**  
*Hebrews 4:1-11 Mark 2:1-2*
- Sat. 1/17**  
*1 Samuel 3:3-19 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 John 1:35-42*  
4 PM-- Tom Kelly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
6 PM -- John Gonyo + (Clayetta Gonyo)
- Sun. 1/18**  
7:30 AM -- Nancy Houck + (Rosemary Satterlee)  
9 AM -- Greg Haley + (Julie Haley)  
11 AM -- Horman Buckley + 1 yr Anniv (Sophia Buckley)  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

Please pray for our parishioner, **Louis Zezza**, who died on Dec. 30th. Include his wife, **Sadie**, and family in your prayers as well. Also, pray for snowbird parishioner, **Denis Denomme** of Tyngsboro MA, who died on Dec. 22nd in Massachusetts. Keep him and his beloved wife of 62 years, **Therese**, in your prayers. He is survived by 8 of his 9 children and many grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, they have asked for donations to St. Faustina Building Fund in his memory.



## Stewardship



The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries of our faith which is almost impossible for us to perceive and comprehend. Yet it is presented to us in today's Gospel all at once: The Son, Jesus, is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God proclaims, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#253) states, "The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity.' The divine persons do not share one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire." Each time we make the Sign of the Cross we reinforce our belief in the Trinity, and each time we make that sign we should think of the beauty of that concept. "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit... now and forever."

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and an appreciation of the Holy Trinity, we need to supplement that with our appreciation of two facets of our faith — prayer and liturgy. St. Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart." Stewardship, of course, involves a conversion of the heart. Each of us must strive for that conversion, and it is most easily accomplished through prayer and liturgy.