

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.



THANKSGIVING MASS
will be held at 10 AM
on Thursday, Nov. 26th

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

Week of Nov. 21 to Nov. 29

**Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

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.

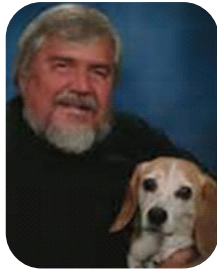
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



To the Parishioners and friends of St Faustina Parish:

It is with some regret that I must announce that I am retiring as Parish Music Coordinator, effective December 1, 2015. I have served you as musician since Easter 2009 when Tom Mundy left abruptly and as coordinator since January 2012, but the time has come for me to pass the job on to a much younger and more experienced person. It is important for you to know that this decision was totally mine. Any regret that I might have is for the fact that I am aging, but I prefer that to the alternative.

As we prepare to move forward to what should ultimately be our "last tent", it seems to me that now is a logical time for me to make this change. I had originally planned to retire when we moved into the church building on the property on US 27. Sadly, that has taken too long to become a reality. However, I see our home in the Sweet Bay Building to be in many ways the attainment of that goal and so I am passing the baton.

The realities of life catch up with us all; I have been getting shots in my left hand for the past several years so that I can continue to play the guitar and I have a heart condition that put me in the hospital several weeks ago. The previously mentioned increased duties associated with the position as we move to the new facility are beyond my level of expertise. I want to ensure that St Faustina's has the best possible music program because I consider music to be a vital part of the worship experience. These are the factors have brought me to this decision. I will continue to play the guitar and lead the singing on a limited basis for as long as I can, but the responsibilities of coordinator will be passed on to someone new. This change is inevitable and we want the transition to be as smooth as possible, but it needs to happen and now as we change venues the time seems to be right.

Most of the resulting changes will not be visible. There will be a gradual change in the appearance of the Sunday Liturgy as the new coordinator takes over the planning duties. Some changes will happen because we are moving to a new worship space. Others will happen because of attrition.

I have been honored to have had the privilege to serve you musically and I thank you for all the support that you have given me over the years, but I have always said that a guitar should not be the primary musical instrument for every liturgy. God has blessed us with Kelly who is an excellent keyboardist and vocalist. It is my hope that you will give the new coordinator this same support as he/she leads us forward toward our final destination, the property on US 27. **Bob Vince**

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St. Faustina Parish has been blessed with many hard-working, generous volunteers that have helped us get to the present day. Bob Vince has been leading the music program here since 2012 and has been doing it free of charge (when I arrived in August 2012, I tried to pay Bob for his services, but he refused). He has seen this ministry for the parish as his Stewardship offering. Using his musical and organizational abilities to enhance our worship and make our liturgies as beautiful as possible. It has been a great gift to the parish and a wonderful blessing to all of us. We are extremely grateful for all he has done. As he mentions, he will still be offering his talents in a limited way as long as he is physically able. May the Lord Bless Bob in his future endeavors and may our patroness, St. Faustina, keep a close eye on him. Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love of the Lord 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: \$1,084,979
(as of Monday, November 9, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Nov. 24th at DiRomio's near Polo Park on route 27. All day. No flyer needed; just place receipt in box at the bar. From 11 AM to Closing. The parish will receive 10% of what you eat and drink. **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%.

NEW ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: <http://www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html> to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership 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 (and on our website) 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrel, 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 ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Once again St. Faustina's will support the Lake County Pregnancy and Family Care Center in Clermont. This year the center has 125 clients (expectant moms and younger children) Please select a colored tag from the Angel Tree; (Yellow- new born or newbies to be, along with the usual blue & pink ones) Purchase a gift listed on the Wish List and RETURN NO LATER THAN Dec. 13th to the parish **UNWRAPPED** please. We will prepare and deliver the gifts to the Center. Thank you for these special Christmas Blessings.

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.



THANKSGIVING MASS will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, Nov. 26th. We will bless food if you wish and we will collect donations from parishioners which will then be brought over to our local food bank. Start off this special family day of thanks by thanking the Lord.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 24th for Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 25th due to Holidays.

FINAL CARRABBA'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Ticket sales: 199 adult and 1 child: \$1,997.00. Donations \$30.00. 50-50 raffle profits: \$234.00 & \$50.00 donated back from 1 winner. Total income: \$2,311.00. Carrabba's invoice: 200 dinners @ \$6.50 = \$1,300.00 + \$234.00 (18% gratuity): Total expenses: \$1,534.00. Profit for event \$777.00. AGAIN, MANY THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, To Elite Resorts Community, To Wawa, Denny's, Publix and BJ's for their donations. Many thanks to all who joined us.

PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKET will run until Sunday, Dec. 6th. There will be 3 prizes...1st prize is two(2) One-Day Disney park hopper Passes & \$200 cash; 2nd prize is two (2) One-Day Disney park hopper passes & \$100 cash; 3rd prize is 10% of money collected. Cost is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Need NOT be present to win. Drawing will take place after the 11 AM Mass on 12/6/15. Disney One-Day park hopper passes are valued at \$124.00 each, are valid during normal operating hours and provide admission to all 4 Disney parks. They expire 9/14/2017. Get them after Mass or at office during the week.

APOLOGIES AHEAD OF TIME: Due to the uncertainty of location and the move to our new spot, there will NOT be a Christmas Pageant for our young Faith Formation children this year. We do apologize and promise to make it up to the youngsters.

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKS for sale. The little "Blue Book" which has daily readings and prayer meditations are on sale for \$2.00 each. There are only 100 copies available.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study Class is studying Exodus from 8:30 until 10:00 in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend the 8 am mass before heading for the study.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION: Construction continues to move smoothly...during the week of 11/16-20, the office area was scheduled to have the walls painted and have the rug laid in there beginning Thursday of that week. The construction manager "said", that should finish their work in the office area, but would need inspection clearances before we can get in. The Church and office had all of the finishing of the drywall done by Monday, 11/16. The church was scheduled to have the ceiling grid-work begun by Wednesday, 11/18. So, things seem to be moving well. Keep praying. Thanks. **As already mentioned--The construction site is OFF LIMITS to parishioners and visitors!!! DO NOT TRY TO ENTER THE SITE TO INSPECT THE WORK YOURSELF!** We understand that people are curious, but since it is an active construction site, you are asked to remain OUTSIDE for your safety and for the safety of the workers. Feel free to drive up and get delighted about ALL OF THE PARKING SPACES...feel free to look through the windows...but, DO NOT ENTER! **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**



HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND DAILY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

"No creature ever loved Jesus Christ more ardently, nor showed more perfect submission to His will, than Mary, His mother. If then, this Savior, immolated for us sinners, gave His mother to us, an advocate and intercessor for all time, she cannot but comply with His request, and will not refuse us her assistance. Let us, then, not hesitate to implore her pity; let us have recourse to her with great confidence in all our necessities, as she is an inexhaustible source of blessing, bestowing her favors in proportion to the confidence placed in her." — Dom Lorenzo Scupoli



Mass Intentions

November 21 to November 29

- Sat. 11/21** **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**
Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37
4 PM -- George Daignault + (Wife, Annette)
- Sun. 11/22**
9:00 AM -- John Cashel + (Jean Gleason)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Jose Ignacio Zuniga + (Zuniga Family)
- Mon. 11/23** **NO MASS**
Daniel 1:1-20 Luke 21:1-4
- Tues. 11/24 -- 8 am --** Teresa Keogh + (Kathy Johnson)
Daniel 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11
- Wed. 11/25 -- 8 am --** Donald Crowe + (wife, Kathy)
Daniel 5:12-28 Luke 21:12-19
- Thurs. 11/26 -- HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
10 am -- In thanksgiving for all gifts (Parish)
1 Kings 8:55-61 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 39-55
- Fri. 11/27 -- 8 am --** Helen Cashel + (Jean Gleason)
Daniel 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33
- Sat. 11/28** **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-36
4 PM -- David Sousa + (William Sousa)
- Sun. 11/29**
9:00 AM -- Ellen Gleason + (Jean Gleason)
11:00 AM -- Anthony Borges + (Nestel Family)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased members of St. Faustina Parish



November 8th Offertory:

\$7,866

As of 11/13 we have 223 families pledging \$47,249.25 and paying \$41,965.95 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 43.9% of our 508 families.



Stewardship



Today's Solemnity is more popularly called Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of our Church year. In Church terms, it is a relatively new Solemnity, having been established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was moved to this final Sunday in our Church calendar in 1970.

The idea of Christ's Kingship has much meaning to us. In establishing it, Pope Pius XI wanted the laity in particular to be attentive to its importance and to learn from it. The lesson (and this is reinforced in all of our readings on this holy day) is that the Lord must reign in our minds, in our hearts, in our wills, and in our bodies. We have regularly pointed out in these reflections that stewardship is God-centered in nature.

Stewardship is a total way of life, a life of accountability which acknowledges God as our Creator and God as the owner of everything. We are merely stewards, or caretakers of what is rightfully the Lord's. Being God-centered rather than self-centered requires conversion of heart and mind. None of us can ever completely achieve stewardship as a way of life; it is a journey of a lifetime. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, "The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me, too."