

# St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 8

## First Sunday Of Advent

### 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.*

### 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



## ADVENT

**A  
Season  
of  
Hope  
and  
Anticipation**



**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's corner is going to be a little different. I've had a number of folks who have asked about the progress of our building project. So, we will give you a report of what has transpired since Sept. of 2013. We requested, and received permission from the Diocese (Bishop and Pastoral Council) to do a preliminary "study" to get updated cost projections for our project, and to form a building committee to help with the process.

The committee and I came to the conclusion that we had to pare down the original scope of the St. Faustina's Mercy Center planned by Fr. Steve in 2007-08. So, we came up with a plan to accept a Manufactured Steel Multi-purpose building that more than cut in half the original cost projections.

Both the engineer and the architect who worked with Fr. Steve and his committee offered to do some work for us free of charge. At a meeting on Oct. 24, 2013, we met with them and presented the concepts we now had in mind and asked them to come back with some answers. On Dec. 5, 2013, we met with both of them again and the engineer came back with a cost projection for getting the property ready and putting in the infrastructure for the building that would be approximately, \$900,000.00. All but one of the permits granted by the County back then would have to be reapplied for.

The architect presented some plans he had worked up that the committee felt were too expensive and too elaborate for getting us on the property ASAP, so we asked if he would adjust them and come back with a figure closer to what we had envisioned (\$100 per square foot).

On Feb. 4, 2014, the architect presented plans that were much more to our vision for this first building on the property. In Phase I, The worship space of the building would seat about 430 people. On one side of the building would be a "social Hall" that might hold about 120 people and could be used for classrooms for religious education. On the opposite side of the worship space would be our offices for staff and administration. There would also be a cry room (which would double as a classroom), confessional, sacristy (which could be used as a classroom), gift shop room, and lavatories. This projected cost is about \$1.2 Million. He also included a Phase II that would move out the wall of the worship space and double the seating. At that point, we thanked the engineer and architect for their generosity and good work and sent these preliminary plans to the Diocesan Design and Construction office for review.

On May 7, 2014, I wrote Bishop Noonan and reported how well the parish had come in my less than 2 years as parochial administrator, and mentioned all of the above plans and requested permission to take the next step in the process, according to the Diocesan Guidelines: to run a local capital campaign to raise a bulk of the funds the fall of 2014, and maybe get a loan of about \$500,000.00 or so, from the Diocese to get the project moving.

So far, I have heard many positive verbal comments from the Bishop, and a few members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council about our progress. They all have said, "We have to get you on that property in your own building SOON!" But, there has been no formal, written communication so far.

Our present lease on this space ends on Nov. 30, 2015, and my "hope and dream" WAS that we would not have to renew it, but could move up to our building. Needless to say, THAT, MORE THAN LIKELY, WILL NOT HAPPEN IN A YEAR. There are too many meetings with Diocesan officials, and County officials, and choosing the real managers of the project for that to occur in a year. Plus, we still are not quite halfway to the financial end of things. BUT...there is still great reason to HOPE! The great progress that we, as a parish, have made is known by multitudes of people in power...and MANY of them are on our side.

So, on this First Sunday of our New Liturgical Year, we beg you to continue to pray DAILY for this miracle to happen...to continue to be generous with your time...your talents...and, of course, your treasure...and to have HOPE and POSITIVE THOUGHTS about it all. St. Faustina, Pray for Us! *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: \$858,418**

(as of November 29)

**DINE TO DONATE: TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 30th, SONY's BBQ on Route 27 in Haines City** will offer us 15-25% of your check ALL DAY LONG. Pick up a flyer at the church OR inside the lobby of the restaurant and enjoy a great time. **IHOP in Clermont on Highway 27** invites us back for the whole week of Dec. 1 through Dec. 5 all day long. Bring a flyer and the parish will get 15% of whatever you eat and drink. Feel free to go back as often as you wish with a flyer and share with us. **I LOVE NY PIZZA in Cagan's Crossing** invites us to join them on Tuesday, Dec. 9th from 10 AM – 10 PM. Drop your receipt in the box at the door, and the parish will receive 10 % of whatever you feasted on. Flyers are available at the church entrances. **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**.

**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](http://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.



**ADVENT ANGEL TREE--**We will run this project again this year for South Lake Pregnancy center in Clermont. They have a total of 175 clients (expectant moms and younger children) who will need a gift. Please take one or 2 ornaments from the tree and purchase the gift listed. **PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN Dec. 16th** to the parish and we'll get them to the Center. Thanks for your participation. **BRING THE GIFTS BACK TO CHURCH UNWRAPPED PLEASE.**

## 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**

**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.**



**MONDAY, DEC. 8 is a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION--**We will have two masses to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary...at 8 am and 7 pm. If you can't make ours, please be sure to attend somewhere.

**PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKET**

sales begin today and run until the raffle on Sunday, Dec. 7th. There will be 3 prizes...1st prize is two (2) One-Day Park Hopper Disney Passes and \$200 cash; 2nd prize is two (2) One-Day Park Hopper Disney Passes and \$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 12/7. 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 Sept. 15, 2016.

**PARKING HELP NEEDED for the 9 & 11 AM Masses on Sunday.** We will save your seat. If you can help, call the parish office (OR see Julius in the lot) and we'll pass your info on. Please HELP.

**WELCOME BACK TO some of our snowbirds!** Back in early October, we published our 2013-14 Financial Report in the bulletin. Copies of that report are available in the parish office in a slot on the front of the counter (blue papers). If you are interested in our fiscal status, feel free to pick one up. Any questions, call Fr. Dave at the office, Tuesday through Friday.

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

**BOOTIES, BONNETS, AND BLANKETS** A "new ministry" that helps moms who go to the South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center to welcome their babies! If you'd like to learn to crochet, knit, or sew to make baby things, come and spend some time with others to make these most welcomed gifts. All materials and manuals will be provided. St. Faustina parish is a big supporter of the center. If you are interested, call Carol at (863)438-6900 ext 225.

**PARKING REMINDER--**Please do not park along the side of the church building on the Days Inn side. That is reserved by the hotel for buses and semi-trailers.

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

**COME SAIL AWAY WITH US!!!** St. Faustina's is sponsoring another "Honey Cruise" from Feb. 8th through Feb. 15th, 2015. Join us on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean cruise for the Valentine's Day holiday. We are sailing on Royal Caribbean's "Freedom of the Seas". We leave from Port Canaveral and stop at CocoCay, Bahamas...St. Thomas and St. Maarten in the Virgin Islands and then back to Port Canaveral. Price includes roundtrip bus to Port Canaveral, the 7 Night cruise, all port taxes and government fees. Pick up a flyer in the office or call Deb Bergeron at 407-791-2444.

**WE STILL HAVE ST. FAUSTINA SHIRTS AVAILABLE.**

**INTRODUCING the new Holy Hour Rosary Club via the website:** [www.holyhourrosaryclub.com](http://www.holyhourrosaryclub.com) (If you have problems opening, Google: Holy Hour Rosary Club).

**Bishop Noonan's weekly Escroll offers some interesting and important insights.** To access this site, please go to: [www.orlandodiocese.org](http://www.orlandodiocese.org)

**Lettermen Concert for the Homeless:** Celebrate the season of giving with the music of the legendary Lettermen *in concert on Dec. 2 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange*. The Lettermen will be performing Christmas classics and some of their most loved songs to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Central Florida that help prevent homelessness in our community. There are two performances...a matinee at 2:30 PM and a 7:00 PM evening performance. Reserve your seats online at: [www.cfcc.org/ConcertTourfortheHomeless](http://www.cfcc.org/ConcertTourfortheHomeless) or call Renee Baker at 407-658-1818 x 2121.



## Mass Intentions

**November 29 to December 8**

**Sat. 11/29 FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
*Isaiah 63:16-17; 64-2-7 2 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37*  
4 PM -- Joseph Gutowski + (Gutowski Family)  
**Sun. 11/30**  
9 AM -- Aurora Martinez + (Ray Lanting)  
11 AM -- Aileen Rodger + (Anne Keating)  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Isabel Espinoza+ & Hugo Castellanos+ (Joseine Castellanos)  
**Mon. 12/1 - No Mass**  
*Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11*  
**Tues. 12/2 8 am -- Daniel McCarthy, Jr. + (Mary Casey)**  
*Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24*  
**Wed. 12/3 - 8 am -- Donald Crowe + (Kathy Crowe)**  
*Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37*  
**Thurs. 12/4 8 am -- Germaine Loving + (Ernest Loving)**  
*Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21-27*  
**Fri. 12/5 - 8 am -- Fr. Steve Phillips 6th Ann. + (Fr. Dave)**  
*Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31*

**Sat. 12/6 SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
*Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8*  
4 PM -- Diana Graham (healing) (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
**Sun. 12/7**  
9 AM -- Marcella Hummitsch + (Ernest Loving)  
11 AM -- Clauette Von Bampus + (Susan Eveland)  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

**Mon. 12/1 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
*Genesis 3:9-20 Ephesians 1:3-12 Luke 1:26-38*  
8 AM -- Living & Deceased parishioners  
7 PM -- Clara Meyer + (Fr. Dave)

## November 16 Offertory: \$6,493

**Catholic Charities \$2,307**



**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
for our people,  
our ministries,  
our future

**November 14, we have 232 Families pledging: \$46,921.01 and paying \$39,856.40 toward our goal of \$51,120.00.** That is 39.6% of our parish families participating. Many thanks.



On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to examine our relationship to God as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for us to deepen our connection to the Lord through various opportunities and paths. As sinners we are expected to reconcile with God.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus advises us to "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord is not speaking about next week, nor even the Christmas for which we prepare. This is something He expects us to do today, this instant. Christ makes reference to a Master who, like God, leaves others in charge of His household. God expects each of us to be stewards of His household. He has left us His household, His Church, and we are supposed to build and maintain that. He has given us free will; in other words God has given us authority over the gifts He has given us. Finally, He expects each of us to fulfill our role in His Kingdom. Stewardship invites every one of us to participate and to contribute to the good of the whole, our faith community — not next week, not just at Christmas, but now. "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1: 9)