

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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**NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714**

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



Week of Jan. 16 to Jan. 24

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Winter Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm, 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

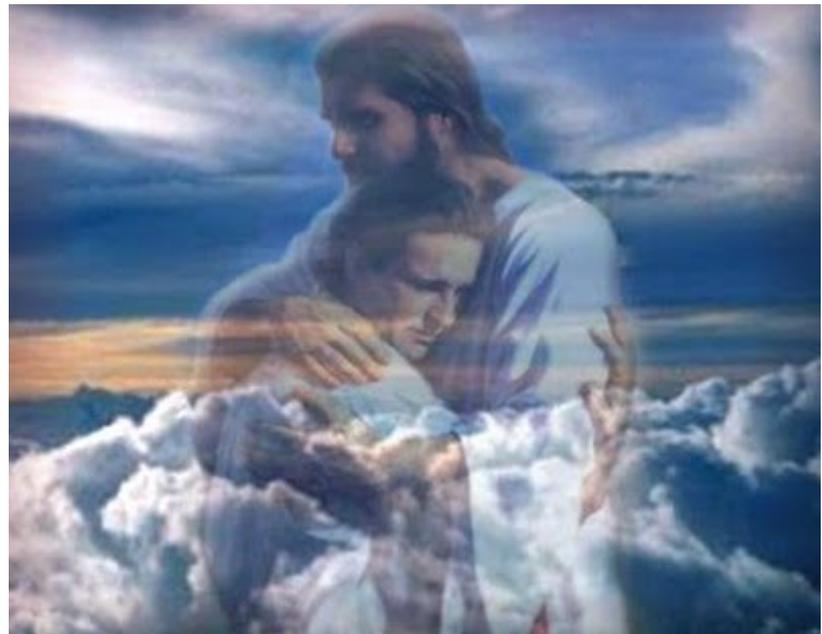
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



GOOD & BAD
God Loves You Through It ALL

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*; Kelly Mucci, *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



Last week we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. That feast day represents an ending and a beginning. It was, of course, the end of the Christmas season. However, it was also the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, as well as the beginning of what we call "ordinary time" in the Church.

Our readings this week not only mark the beginning of Christ's public ministry, but they also contain some vivid STEWARDSHIP imagery and meanings. The 1st reading from the Prophet Isaiah extols **God's love for us**. Isaiah compares that unconditional love to the feelings of a bridegroom toward his bride. The underlying idea which we must grasp is that if God rejoices because of us, we in turn need to rejoice in service to the Lord and to others. That is, after all, the joy which comes from STEWARDSHIP- the joy of serving others without thought of a return.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians was written from Ephesus, after he had left Corinth and heard that some of the Christians in that parish he established were returning to previous practices and drifting from the church. So, he wrote this letter to express his apprehensions and offer his advice. What St. Paul says to the Corinthians in this reading could also be applied to our understanding of what stewardship really is. With a stewardship awareness, Paul states: "There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone." We are all gifted in different ways, but regardless the gifts and the ways we are gifted, Paul makes it clear that **ALL COMES FROM GOD**. When we reach that insight, we are well on our way to a stewardship way of life.

As mentioned, this early Sunday in Ordinary Time, through the Gospel of John, introduces us to what is in effect Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding Feast in Cana. This occurrence is only reported in the Gospel of St. John. There are not many direct quotes from the Blessed Mother in scripture, but two of the more noteworthy ones are in this Gospel. Mary tells Jesus simply, "They are out of wine." Jesus, her son, but also the Son of God, responds "My hour has not yet come." The loving mother, who knows her Son well, probably smiles in a knowing way, and merely says to those around, "Do whatever he tells you." She knows that His time has indeed come; His work is just beginning. Jesus, of course, provides the wine through that familiar miracle.

We tend to make our lives much more complex than may be necessary. It may be as simple as understanding, as St. Paul indicates, that **GOD IS IN CONTROL**. Then, although it is not always simple or easily understood, we need to "do whatever He tells us." God loves us; we need to rejoice in that and love in return. We are each gifted with many wonderful gifts. Now all we have to do is to do what God tells us over and over: **LOVE ONE ANOTHER!** (Homily guides, Catholic Stewardship Consultants)

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

Father Dave



Did you know we had a Facebook page? Please join us for daily devotions and important parish information by going to: St. Faustina Catholic Church from your Facebook page.

Here is an example from our Daily Devotions:

"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all of our neighbors' defects—not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."
St. Therese of Lisieux



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: \$1,130,264
 (as of January 4, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, 1/19/16 from 3:30-10:00 PM. No flyer needed, whatever you eat and drink, if you drop your receipt in the box at the host stand, we will receive 10% for our construction fund. Don't forget our regulars.

DINE TO DONATE RESULT: We received \$130.00 from Texas Roadhouse on 1/4/16 for the month of December Sunday afternoon share. Many thanks to all who participated. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden**, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. 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%.

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. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

RAISE MONEY FOR ST. FAUSTINA CHURCH: By having H & R Block Prepare your taxes. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1) Get a REFERRAL FORM with our special code at the parish office. Take this form to a participating H&R Block office and give it to the tax professional. To find the nearest H & R Block office, go tohrblock.com. 2) If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. 3) Feel good knowing you helped us raise more money as you got the necessary taxes done. This program runs from January 1 through April 15, 2016.

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).

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigreli, 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.

2016 Faith Formation--New Class Times



Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:15
 P/K & K, Grades 1, 2, 6

Wednesday:
 4:00 – 5:15: RCIA (Communion)
 4:30 – 5:45: RCIA (Unbaptized)
 6:00 – 7:15: Grades 3, 4, 5, 7

Sunday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
 Grade 8, RCIA-Adult Confirmation

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



MUCHOS GRACIAS to Odila, Jose, Carol, and their helpers who ran our last minute Christmas party (Fiesta Navidad) on 12/26/15 at the Zak Center. Through their efforts of ticket sales, sales of empanadas, and 50-50, a total of \$2,183.00 was raised for our Construction Fund. Blessings on all of you who worked and attended!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS who have been preparing for First Reconciliation on their journey to First Communion. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 11 AM in the Church. Pray that the Lord fills their hearts with His love and Mercy.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE--We have about 125 or so of the wooden chairs that are now available for memorializing (but they are going fast) at the cost of \$150.00 each. Contact the office for the forms and for the needed information. **This income will be deposited into the Construction Fund.** --- There are also some bigger items that we have installed at the church that are available for partial and/or total memorialization. The new sound system cost us a total of \$12,728.07. We have also added some monitor speakers for musicians and singers at a cost of \$999.54. We are also contemplating purchasing a keyboard (\$1,200) to complement the organ that was donated from St. Timothy's parishioner in Lady Lake. **If anyone is interested in memorializing these bigger items, please contact Fr. Dave directly at (352) 515-9297, ext. 101.** These donations made out to St. Faustina Church will be used to defray those expenses from our savings (**not into Construction Fund**).

NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- Sing a new Song unto the Lord! Everyone is encouraged to share their musical gifts, no matter how big or small, with the Lord! The parish will be starting both an Adult Choir and a Children's Choir in the new year. Adult choir will sing at the 9 AM Mass and Children at the 11 AM beginning Sunday Feb. 14, 2016. **Practices are held on Thursdays in the church. Children's practice will be from 5:00-5:45 PM...Adults from 6:00-7:00 PM.** Cantors are also needed for the 4 PM Saturday and the 9 AM Sunday liturgies. **Cantor practices will be held on Thursday, at 7 PM or by appointment.** Anyone who is willing to share their instrumental talent with the community is also asked to contact Kelly. **For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html>.**

SPECIAL HANDICAP PARKING SPACES ARE RESERVED at the 20 closest spaces to the building. WE BEG all of you to please keep those spaces free for the truly handicapped parishioners and visitors who attend our masses.

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: If you know of any Catholics who live in your neighborhood or in your development, please let them know that we have moved to our new location!!! Tell them how much parking we have and how much room is now available in the church. The Diocese is looking for us to increase the number of permanent, year-round registered parishioners so they can be reassured that building a new church is a safe bet. Let's get out there and invite them into our loving and welcoming community.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?--Many times people have attended Mass regularly, and for many years don't realize they are NOT registered. To Sponsor someone for Baptism or Confirmation, you are required to have a Certificate of Eligibility from your Church. Also to Baptize your child or enter them into the Faith Formation Classes, you must be a registered parishioner. Please register by picking up a Parish Registration Form in the office reception area. **THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT HAVE WE MOVED TO OUR NEW HOME** as we anticipate a larger parish community.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

GOING OUT OF TOWN?...find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at: www.masstimes.org



Mass Intentions

January 16 to January 24, 2016

Sat. 1/16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
4 PM -- Frances Mazolli + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
6 PM -- Joseph D'Ambro (dec-1st Ann) (Evelyn D'Ambro)
Sun. 1/17
7:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Marge Mann)
11:00 AM -- Maryellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Emilia Castillo + (Aura Castillo)

Mon. 1/18 NO MASS
1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22
Tues. 1/19 8 AM -- Peggy Stoffel + (Marie Sulzmann)
1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28
Wed. 1/20 8 AM -- Nancy Houck + (Rosemarie Satterlee)
1 Samuel 17:32-51 Mark 3:1-6
Thurs. 1/21 8 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Mary Casey)
1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12
Fri. 1/22 8 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul
Verostko + (the Family)
1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19

Sat. 1/23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8:2-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1-4, 4:14-21
4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
6 PM -- David Jacquard + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
Sun. 1/24
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul
Verostko + (the Family)
9:00 AM -- Neil Waite + (Pamela Murrell-Blattner)
11:00 AM -- Those memorialized on our chairs
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Jose Luis Delgadillo + (Eliana Villarta)



January 3rd Offertory: \$9,776
Solemnity of Mary: \$3,801
OCA Special Collection: \$3,755

As of 1/8/16 we have 232 families pledging \$49,379.25 and paying \$46,592.77 That is 45.7% of our parish. Many thanks!



Stewardship



We have often maintained that there is a stewardship message in every reading from Holy Scripture. Today's readings are no exception, from the reminder that "God rejoices in each of us" to "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" from St. Paul's

first letter to the Corinthians to the Gospel story about the miracle at the wedding in Cana as reported in John.

Although each of those messages is worthy of our thought, meditation, and reflection, we would like to focus on a particular line in St. John's Gospel, a statement which literally says it all about stewardship as a way of life. Our Blessed Mother Mary says quite simply, "Do whatever He tells you." Her message for those gathered at the wedding and her message for us is the same.

The whole purpose of our lives is to seek and ascertain what it is that the Lord is telling us. We all understand that is not easy, and for many of us becomes a lifelong quest. Yet, that is exactly what Mary says to us, and it is exactly what we need to do. Through prayer and discernment each of us must try to discover what the Lord is "telling" us. That requires prayer on our part; it means we have to listen more than speak; and it means we need to identify, recognize, and use our gifts.