

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Dec. 6 to Dec. 14

Second 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.*

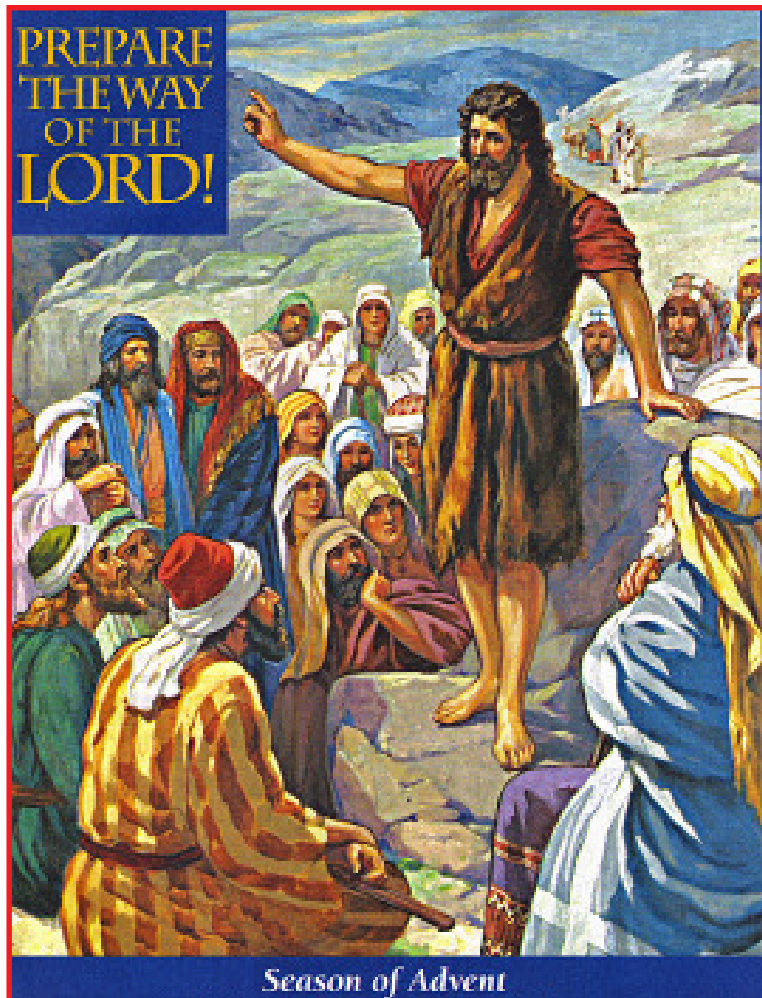
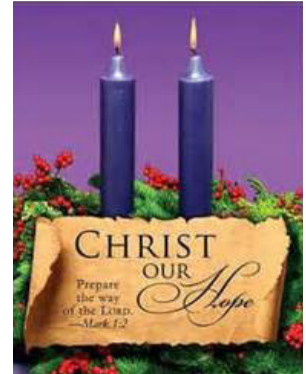
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

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



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

Isaiah implores us today in the first reading to take comfort and do not fear! BUT, there are ONLY 18 more shopping days until Christmas and we have a house to decorate, presents to wrap and parties to attend—no time for comfort, and I AM full of fear—fear it will not all get done and Christmas will be ruined!

Well then, we might try listening to St. Peter as he encourages us to prepare for the Lord's return. You might be thinking, "Oh no, don't tell me that St. Peter, I am not going through all of this only to have Jesus show up a couple of days before Christmas and ruin all my plans."

Well, if Isaiah and St. Peter are just fanning the flames of panic, let's recall the Gospel and turn to the guy in camel's hair chomping on locusts for advice. *What? No time for street performers, especially one that seems a little off center if you know what I mean? No—no time, too much to do and too little time to do it.*

Somewhere in the midst of all the rush of the season, we need to find a safe haven where we can listen to Isaiah, St. Peter, and John the Baptist. We need to let the message of Advent soothe the chaotic tone all around us. Being in church on the weekend (or anytime) places you in one such place of comfort and calm. We need to define and protect other such places in our lives. I'm sure there is a quiet corner in your house somewhere (the den, the bedroom, the back yard).

It is encouraging when families can reduce the social aspect of Christmas and increase the religious and familial aspect of this sacred time. "Less is best" is a good mantra for this time of year. One or two thoughtful presents for each other, and several others that can be given away to folks who really struggle this time of year, especially the children—will warm our hearts more than a pile of things we don't really need.

Inviting to our table a relative or neighbor we know will be alone brings a fuller understanding of what it means to be the FAMILY of God. Simple and tasteful decorations in our homes—and setting up that extra tree that sits in a box in the garage, with ornaments not used in years, for someone who is homebound, brings a child wrapped in swaddling clothes into our manger scene under our tree.

So, will Advent once again be PANIC TIME, or will we heed the voices of Isaiah, St. Peter, and John—and PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD for real? (Homilies Diocese of Lansing)

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

Father Dave



The English-speaking Bible Study Group will begin in January 2015. They will be studying Acts. **SENIOR GATHERING THURSDAYS**-Seniors are invited to get together every Thursday in the church from 12:30 to 3 pm. **The Knights of Columbus Meetings are as follows:** Assembly 3202 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Corpus Christi Church in Celebration. Council 14217 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at St Faustina Church. **Contact Bob Vince at mohawk.890@verizon.net or at 863-424-1136.** **The Legion of Mary** is open to men and women and meets Mondays at 5 pm in the church. Contact **Debbie Bergeron at 407-791-2444.** **Pilgrim Virgin Mary**—To host the statue of our Blessed Mother for a week, contact **Jeannie Gutowski at 407-396-6261** **The "New Parishioner" Welcome Ministry contact—Carol Arroyo at 863-438-6900.**



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: \$861,684
(as of November 29)

ALL YOU CAN EAT ITALIAN DINNER on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 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.

DINE TO DONATE: 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. **Texas Roadhouse** on Tuesday, 12/16 from 3:30 –9:00 PM. Bring a flyer and present it to the server and the parish will get 10% of what you eat and drink. Buy a Texas Roadhouse Gift Card at the parish and we get another 10%...OR...buy them as a great Christmas Gift. **NEW PARTNER on Tuesday Dec. 23rd from 7:00 AM-10:00 PM, Bob Evans at 7411 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy (192) in Kissimmee** will give the parish 15% if you present a flyer as you check out. **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 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...THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO RETURN THE UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR DELIVERY TO THE PREGNANCY CENTER. PLEASE GET THEM TO THE PARISH NO LATER THAN DEC. 16TH. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!



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.



Bob&Cheryl via email at bobandcheryl@stfaustina.org to join and/or for more information.

FATHER TUTTLE WARMLY INVITES parishioners from St. Faustina's to attend "Pause for Advent", Advent Adult Enrichment on Tuesday 12/16/14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Corpus Christi in Celebration. The topics are: Scripture, Cymbals, Songs, Spirituality and Saints! All are welcome.

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.

OUR ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Thursday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 PM in the Church. We will have at least 8 priests to hear confessions (3 who can handle Spanish confessions). Come get your heart right with the Lord as you prepare to welcome Him this Christmas.

AHOY MATIES!!! COME JOIN US ON OUR NEXT FISHING TRIP on Sat. March 7th, 2015. We will be running a half-day fishing trip out of Clearwater Beach. We are chartering an entire Fishing boat that can accommodate up to 100 passengers. The trip will be in the Gulf of Mexico from 8 Am until Noon. Price is \$50 for adults/ \$35 for children under 12 PLUS the cost of a parking pass (half-day is \$3 full day is \$7 at the Clearwater Beach Municipal Parking Lot). Charter includes bait, fishing license and tackle. Fish cleaning is an additional \$.25 for small fish, \$1 for large fish. Food like Burgers, Hot dogs, soda, beer, water available for sale. YOU MAY bring your own food and drink, but NO glass containers and no hard liquor. Catch limits for Red Grouper--4 per person, must be 20 inches long; Gag Grouper--4 per person, must be 22 inches long. This time of year is excellent for King Fish and Spanish Mackerel. Ed Muller will be selling tickets after the Dec. 14 Masses OR call him for reservations/questions at 407-309-8789 or email at efmpd@comcast.net. Buy a special Christmas Gift for that fisherman in your family!!!!

SPRING MASS SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 27/28 with Saturday masses at 4 and 6 PM and Sunday masses at 7:30, 9 & 11 AM in English and 7 PM in Spanish.

YEAR-END GIVING—As 2014 draws to a close, you may be prayerfully considering how God can lead you to give to St. Faustina Parish. The following information can help you process your gifts so they can qualify as 2014 donations with the IRS. **IN PERSON:** The Parish Office will be open until 12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday, December 31 to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2014 donation. **BY MAIL:** Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2014 donation if the postmark on the envelope is before Jan 1, 2015. **ONLINE GIVING:** Donations made using Online Giving must have a "Process Date" on or before December 31 in order to qualify as a 2014 donation. If you have entered a transaction that will process close to year-end, you may want to login in to see if any adjustments need to be made to your scheduled process date. **Any donations that are dropped into the collection basket at New Year's Eve Mass will be treated as 2015 contributions.** If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Goth at the Parish Office.

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



Mass Intentions

December 6 to December 14

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. 12/8 - 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)

Tues. 12/9 8 am -- Living & Deceased Members of Paul Casey family (Mary Casey)

Isaiah 40:1-13 Matthew 18:12-14

Wed. 12/10 - 8 am -- Poor Departed Souls (Carolyn Koling)

Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30

Thurs. 12/11 8 am -- Living & Deceased Members of Crowley Families (Mary Casey)

Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15

Fri. 12/12 - 8 am -- FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Eugene LeBel + (Roger & Brenda LeBel)

Zechariah 2:14-17 Revelation 12:1-10 Luke 1:39-47

Sat. 12/13 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:28

4 PM -- Daniel McCarthy + (Mom & Dad)

Sun. 12/14

9 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)

11 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)

7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

November 23 Offertory: \$6,282

African Church: \$438

As of 11/21, we have 232 families pledging \$46,921.01 and paying \$40,807.90 toward our goal of \$51, That is 39.6% of our registered parishioners. Please be faithful to your pledges. The end of this year's campaign is the last day of December. Then, we get a break until the new drive in Feb. 2015. Many thanks for helping our brothers and sisters in the Orlando Diocese!



Stewardship



"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." Many of us may recall that proclamation from St. John the Baptist. It certainly reflects the humility expected from all of us as stewards of the Lord.

Nevertheless, there is a deeper meaning in that statement which has both implication and applicability to us and our lives. At that time, the time of John the Baptist and Jesus, one of the basic teachings of Jewish rabbis was that a teacher might demand almost anything of his students and followers with one exception: that was to remove the teacher's sandals. John tells us he is not worthy to do even that. This Advent season asks us to evaluate how we relate to God, and how prepared we are to serve Christ as His disciple, His steward.

Are we worthy? That is the question we need to be asking ourselves. And the truth is that none of us are worthy of the sacrifice and salvation provided us by the Lord. Jesus brings us an immersion in the Holy Spirit which takes us beyond this life and this understanding. Are we ready? It is time to get ready. Saint Pope John Paul II said, "The whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ."