

# St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Dec. 13 to Dec. 20

## Third 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*

**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.

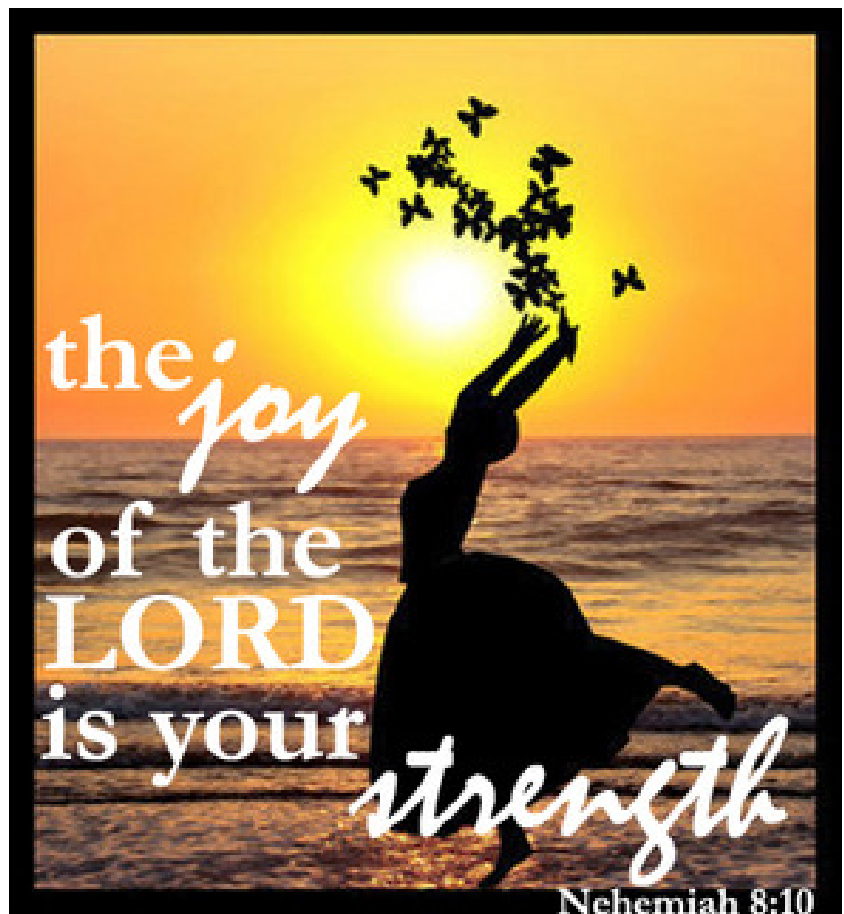
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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

### 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  
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Clermont, FL 34714





## Father Dave's Corner

St. Teresa of Avila once prayed: "From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She hits the nail on the head of this Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday; the Sunday of Joy. A rose colored candle is lighted in the Advent wreath on this Sunday, and the priest's vestments are not purple, and the readings have many references to JOY. All offered to us by the Church at this time of stress and busy-ness that can truly turn us into pretty "sour-faced people."

John the Baptist, can be called the patron saint of joy because he leapt in his mother's womb upon the arrival of the pregnant Mary into their home. Pope Francis warned Christians not to become "sourpusses", in his apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, he calls us to be joyful always. He says: "The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to joy;" and "An evangelizer (and all the baptized are called to be evangelizers) must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral."

Some may ask, however, how we can gain the inspiration to be filled with Gospel joy and reflect it in our daily lives. There seems to be so much trial and trouble in our personal lives, our communities, our nation, and our world to dampen most attempts at being joyful.

Among others, Pope Francis looks to St. John XXIII for inspiration, in particular his address to the bishops at the opening of the Second Vatican Council (Oct. 11, 1962): "At times we have to listen, much to our regret, to the voices of people who.....see nothing but prevarication and ruin. We feel we must disagree with these prophets of doom...for it is only dawn." Pope Francis encourages us to look to that great cloud of witnesses, the saints, for inspiration so we might be joyful evangelizers.

St. Francis of Assisi said: "What are God's servants but his minstrels, who must inspire the hearts of men and stir them to spiritual joy!" St. Bonaventure said: "In God alone is there primordial and true delight; and in all our delights, it is this delight we are seeking." St. Philip Neri said: "A glad spirit attains to perfection more quickly than any other." St. Ignatius of Loyola said: "Laugh and grow strong." St. Clare of Assisi said: "Melancholy is the poison of devotion. When one is in tribulation, it is necessary to be more happy and more joyful because one is nearer to God."

Think of your own experience...aren't you attracted more by people who are fun to be around than those that are always sad and depressed? Isn't it much more comfortable to be in the presence of someone who smiles and has an optimistic outlook than those who never break a smile? So, it should make sense to you, if you are going to have an effect on other people's lives, and have them be attracted to your Christian faith, that you should reflect the "Joy of the Gospel."

Pope Francis writes, "The joy of evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance: It is a grace which we constantly need to implore." He adds, "God asks everything of us, yet at the same time He OFFERS everything to us." That EVERYTHING is the Eucharist...and that should be enough to fill us with joy!! (Timothy J. Cronin, Homily Helps, Franciscan Media)

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

Father Dave

## 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



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: \$868,950**  
(as of December 5)

**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: 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).

**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. **IF you are having trouble finding St. Faustina Church on the list, someone went to Catholic Churches in Clermont, FL and found us there!**

## Church Ministries

**The English-speaking Bible Study Group** will begin in January 2015. They will be studying Acts. **Booties, Bonnets & Blankets** helps moms who go to the South Lake Pregnancy & Family Care Center to welcome their babies! If you'd like to make baby things, **call Carol at (863)438-6900 ext 225**. **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](mailto: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 ext 225**.

**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.**



**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.

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS 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!!!

**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, including 3 who can speak Spanish.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE...This is the last week. Please get unwrapped gifts to the parish no later than Dec. 16.**

**FATHER TUTTLE WARMLY INVITES** parishioners from St. Faustina's to attend "Pause for Advent", on Tuesday 12/16/14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Corpus Christi in Celebration.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES** and greetings were mailed to the homes of all registered parishioners last week. You should have received them by now. If not, check the office for leftovers.

**PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2015** are available in the parish office OR after all masses. **PLEASE, ONE per parish family.** Keep it handy for our contact info. **MANY THANKS TO THE FOLKS AT BECKERS FUNERAL HOME FOR SPONSORING OUR CALENDARS!**

**PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS---**1st prize- 2 Disney tix & \$200 to Mary Scannelli ...2nd prize- 2 Disney tix & \$100 to Christine Guillemette...3rd prize- 10% of all money collected, Gloria.

**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 TODAY'S Masses OR call him for reservations/questions at 407-309-8789 or email at [efmpd@comcast.net](mailto:efmpd@comcast.net).

**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 ends, you may be 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.



## Mass Intentions

**December 13 to December 21**

**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

**Mon. 12/15 - 8 AM -- NO MASS**  
*Numbers 24:2-17 Matthew 21:23-27*

**Tues. 12/16 8 am -- Birthday Blessings for**  
Thomas Doherty (Ita Ferrie)  
*Zephaniah 3:1-23 Matthew 21:28-32*

**Wed. 12/17 - 8 am -- Sean Gannon + (Teresa Mullen)**  
*Genesis 49:2-10 Matthew 1:1-17*

**Thurs. 12/18 8 am -- Those Memorialized on our chairs.**  
*Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25*  
**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE begins at 7 pm**

**Fri. 12/19 - 8 am -- William Gallagher + (Bill & Kathy Murphy)**  
*Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25*

**Sat. 12/20 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
*2 Samuel 7:1-12, Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38*  
4 PM -- Kathleen & Daniel McCarthy + (Mom & Dad)  
**Sun. 12/21**  
9 AM -- Alex Garven + (Mr & Mrs. Garven)  
11 AM -- Patricia Garven + (Mr. & Mrs. Garven)  
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

**November 30 Offertory: \$5,717**

**Thanksgiving Offertory: \$996.00**



**As of 12/5,** we have 232 families pledging \$46,921.01 and paying \$41,207.90 toward our goal. 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



In his letter to the Thessalonians, our second reading for this, the Third Sunday of Advent, St. Paul gives us a summary of what it means to be a good steward: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks." That may seem simplistic, admittedly difficult, but those are indeed at the heart of a stewardship way of life.

It is worth noting as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child that stewardship is both a happy and positive way of living. It is happy because good stewards, through focusing on gratitude, view life in an upbeat and encouraging way. As a result they are not blessed because they are stewards, but they are exceedingly happy because they view all as gift and all with gratefulness.

Paul goes on to say that it is God's will that we live like this. That does not mean that it is a mandate or an order from the Lord — He granted each of us free will. Nevertheless, because it is God's will, rather than we must do it, we are able to do it with God's help. During this Advent season, as Christmas approaches, is the perfect time for us to commit to lives of stewardship. By turning to God and trusting in the Lord, we can achieve this.