

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Dec. 20 to Dec. 28

Fourth 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

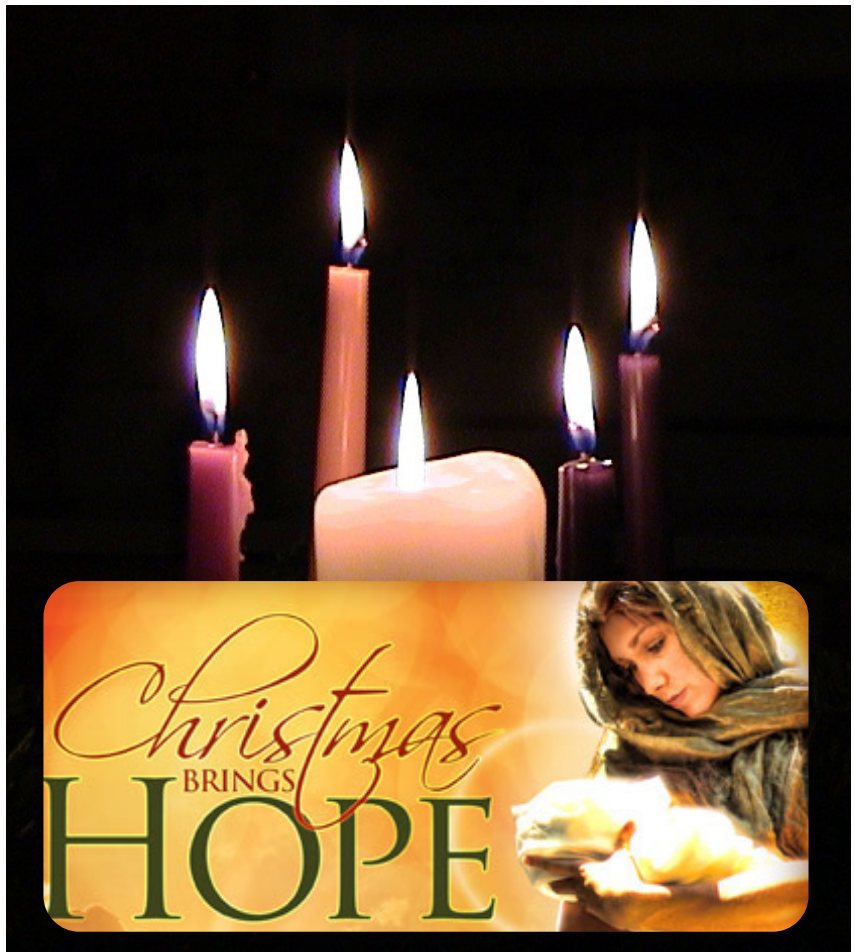
Anointing of the Sick
First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

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

Most of us have experienced events in our lives, or in the lives of those we love, which seemed, at first glance, a bit off-the-wall or far-fetched. Some of these events may have appeared to have no logical explanation at all. We might have explained such things as God's **sense of humor** at work. In reality, we are to recognize that God has a wonderful plan for us, and if we are open to him working in our lives, nothing will be out of the realm of possibility.

King David is reminded of this, as we heard in today's 1st reading. David is very sincere in his desire to provide for the Lord a fitting dwelling place. God basically tells him, through the prophet Nathan, that even though it is a nice gesture, it is an impossibility! God goes on to remind David that He is the Master Builder and that it is the Lord who will be providing an eternal house for David and bring blessings to the people.

Today's Gospel gives us another example of God working in surprising and mysterious ways. Imagine being a teenaged girl, leading a quiet, humble life, and you are visited by an angel who tells you that he is God's messenger. The angel informs you that the Lord God Almighty wants you to be the mother of His Son, the Savior of the world. This sounds like something right out of a Bollywood movie script doesn't it? And yet, no human could have written a story as magnificent as this. Mary was the real girl who received such a visit and such a message. Mary loved God and was faithful and obedient to Him. Because she was open to God working in and through her, the son of God became flesh. When she asks how all this would happen, she is told that *The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.*

It took deep faith and trust in God for Mary to have the courage to say yes. We can be grateful that our Blessed Mother Mary accepted and cooperated with God's will, giving us a model of deep abiding faith in God and a desire to live one's life in perfect conformity to God's will. Let that Holy Spirit come upon you and His power overshadow YOU!

Mary's courage in can give us hope. Her action gives us an example of how we are to cooperate with God's plan. If we do, we too, can do marvelous things, because NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!!

(Homilies: Diocese of Lansing, MI)

May the Lord's Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love be Yours Always!!!

Father Dave

December 3 Offertory
\$9,717



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

As of 12/13, we have 237 families pledging \$47,611.01 and paying \$41,322.90 toward our goal of \$51,120.00 That is 40.4% 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.



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: \$871,892
(as of December 12)

THE BELK'S CHARITY FUND-RAISER back in November earned us \$175.00 from our own ticket sales here...and another \$183.70 as a share of those tickets sold at the store ON THAT DAY (they divide the sales among ALL of their charity participants). So we earned a total of \$358.70. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION in all of these events.

DINE TO DONATE: 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** in Cagan's Crossing **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS...**we received a check from **Texas Roadhouse** on 12/9 for our event on Nov. 20th in the amount of \$150.00. We also received a check from **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in the amount of \$70.00 for the past few months of our program. The **I Love NY Pizza** event on 12/9 earned us \$83.00 for our program and finally, for now, Chili's sent us a check for \$50 for our 11/25 Dine to Donate event. Many thanks for all who participated.

PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FINAL REPORT: A total of \$1,620.00 was garnered by our sales of chances for this raffle. Subtracting the winning prizes of \$200 for 1st, (Mary Scannelli), \$100 for 2nd (Christine Guillemette) and \$162 for 3rd (Gloria Rojas) leaves a total profit of \$1,158.00 for our building fund. We offer great thanks to ALL who participated and were so generous.

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.

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

Faith Formation

NO CLASSES 12/ 23 & 24 12/ 30 & 31

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.



them down. Please pick them up and be ready to use the new envelopes on Jan. 1, 2015.

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 to join.*

OUR WEB SITE HAS BEEN REVISED AND UPDATED-- Did you know we had a St. Faustina Facebook page? Go to our revised web site at www.stfaustina.org to read all about it...and much, MUCH more!

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.

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!!!

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. For the FULL SCHEDULE, go to our updated web site at www.stfaustina.org

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!**

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.

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.



Mass Intentions

December 20 to December 28

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
Mon. 12/22 - 8 AM -- NO MASS
1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56
Tues. 12/23 8 am -- Paul E. Casey + (Mary Casey)
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66

Wed. 12/24 - 8 am -- NO MASS
6 pm -- Children of the Parish (Fr. Dave)
Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-25 Matthew 1:1-25
Midnight Mass -- Ask 10 Benefactors
Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
Thurs. 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
9 :00 am -- Ask 10 Benefactors
11:00 am -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
12:30 pm -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of Spanish Community



Fri. 12/26 - 8 am -- Eugene LeBel + (Roger & Brenda LeBel)
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22
Sat. 12/27
Siach 3:2-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40
4 PM -- In Thanksgiving (Nancy Cummings)
6 PM -- Kathleen & Daniel McCarthy + (Mom & Dad)
Sun. 12/28
7:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
9 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Steve Verostko + (Mary Ann Heary)
11 AM -- Juanita Tambling + (Mr. & Mrs. Vince)
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners



Please pray for two parishioners who died in early December. **James Weeks**, husband of Karen. He was memorialized and interred up north. **James Rossiter**, widower and father of Mark Rossiter. He will be memorialized here sometime in January. Please pray for their souls and for their loved ones left behind.

Stewardship



"May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38)

With that simple statement, our Blessed Mother Mary represents everything that a good steward must be — someone who has put total trust in God regardless the consequences. On this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent, it is imperative for all of us to keep that in mind.

Mary's response is what each of us needs to strive for. We, too, need to be prepared to place our lives in God's hands, and to react to whatever happens with a sense of thanksgiving and resolve. Holy Scripture reminds us these few days before we celebrate the birth of Christ that we have been on a journey, an Advent journey. This journey should have prepared us for the joy of this week, but it also should have been marked by our own ongoing conversion and effort to be better Catholics and Christians.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading "...according to the revelation of the mystery...manifested." Jesus is the manifestation of this mystery. At Christmas, we must acknowledge this because it represents our salvation, and it is the reason why we must celebrate with great happiness. "For unto us a child is born; unto us a child is given." (Is 9:6)