

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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Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3
Clermont, FL 34714

Week of Dec. 27 to Jan. 4

**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 & 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

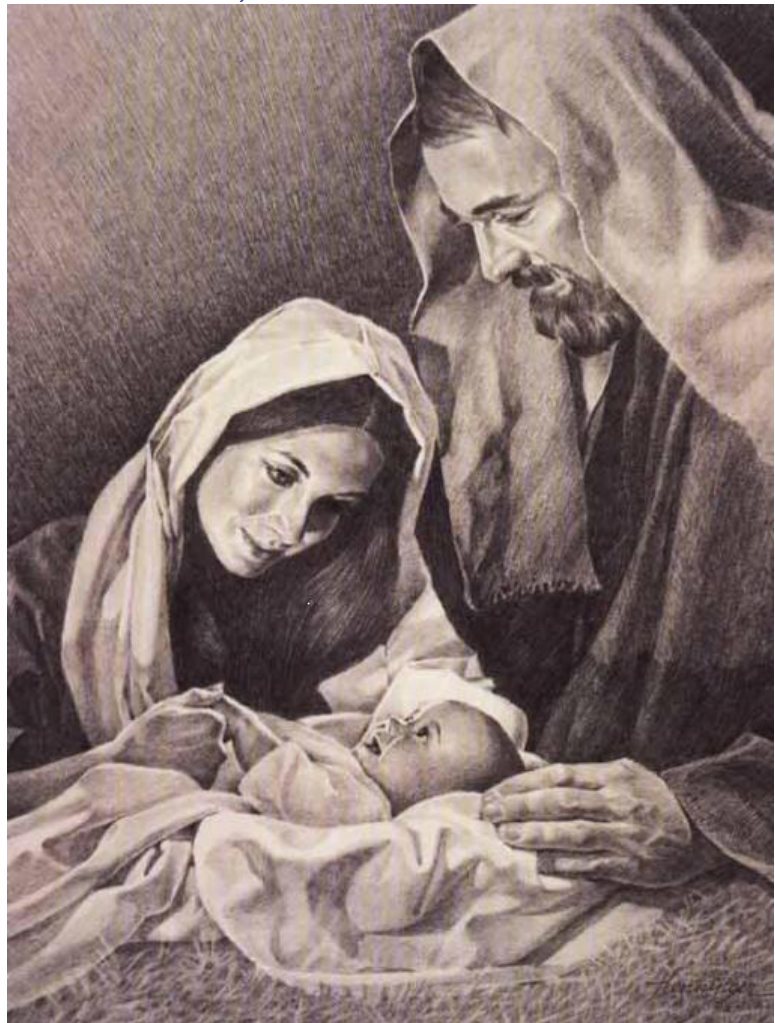
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



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

Rodney Dangerfield built his comedy career around the phrase "I don't get no respect." He would state the line and then proceed with a string of one-liners based on "no respect." Most of his jokes were pokes at himself and his family.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Their one-liner could have been: "Respect is a trademark of our family." Without respect, there is no love. A hallmark of love IS respect.

Each member of the Holy Family showed respect. Joseph respected Mary even when he thought she was carrying another man's child. He protected her and loved her child as his own. Mary respected Joseph by traveling with him to Bethlehem, even though close to delivery. She trusted him to keep her and her baby safe. Jesus respected his parents by coming under their authority.

Respect is a virtue in ALL holy families. All families, biological or chosen are called TO HOLINESS.

The first reading from Sirach today focuses on respect for the authority of parents: mothers and fathers. This respect does NOT depend on liking or not liking the parent. It does not depend on their character or their wisdom. The respect is due BECAUSE they are parents. It is their position that merits respect.

Parents WILL foster respect if they show respect...especially to their children. Children DESERVE respect because they are sons and daughters of God, made in His image and likeness—even though they don't act very godly at times. Sirach mentions the promise that come to folks who respect their mothers and fathers: "Kindness will melt away your sins" (Sir 3:15).

God is the SOURCE of ALL authority. Respect goes beyond family members. It encompasses all those in authority: police, firefighters, doctors, judges, teachers, and more. People may criticize the president, mayor, or even your pastor. We may not agree with their politics or decisions. However, we need to show the respect due THEIR POSITION.

This respect seems to be lacking in our society. It is a sorry day when teachers feel the need to carry concealed weapons in the classroom for protection...when firefighters fear for their lives as they try to battle fires in the inner city...when police are ignored and attacked as they try to protect the private property of citizens they serve. As we have seen so often lately, lack of respect for authority leads to ANARCHY—in the family, in the schools, on the streets, in the government. We CAN reclaim respect for authority in our society one holy family at a time. MAKE YOUR FAMILY a haven of respect.

When the pope greets leaders of other nations, he treats them with respect, even though they may disagree on many key issues. Every human being HAS INFINITE WORTH because we are beloved children in the family of God. If we all remember this, we can bring respect BACK INTO VOGUE in our society. It ALL BEGINS IN THE FAMILY! As difficult as it may be, please make every effort to teach respect in your family by SHOWING RESPECT to ALL GOD'S CHILDREN!!! (Mary Lynne Rapien—Homily Helps-Franciscan Media)

Father Dave



The English-speaking Bible Study Group will begin on January 6, 2015 at 8:30 am in the Conference Room. Participants are encouraged to attend the 8 am mass prior to the study, which will end before 10 am. They will be studying Acts.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org



ATTENTION ALL PART-TIME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: Our Catholic Appeal for 2014 will finish at the end of December. Our goal was \$51,120.00 and has been reported in the bulletin, 237 families of our total 586 families have pledged \$47,611.01 so far, and paid \$41,322.90 (as of 12/13). The policy of the Diocese is that the parish is responsible for the entire goal, and if the parishioners fall short or stop paying their pledges, then the difference must be made up from the regular funds. So, that means that the parish will have to pay \$3,508.99 (as well as any unpaid pledges (That is the lowest total St. Faustina's has ever had to make up). CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND HAVE HELPED OUR DIOCESAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ANYONE who would like to help with that final amount who HAVE NOT yet participated, we will gratefully accept that contribution. We WILL NOT have a special collection as we did in 2013...you folks have gotten so close...and we are extremely grateful for all you do!!!



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: \$874,092

(as of December 16)

DINE TO DONATE: Tuesday, Dec. 30th from 11 AM to Close, Flippers Pizzeria at the Rolling Oaks Plaza on Rte 192 invites us to join with them. Mention our name (no flyer needed) and the parish receives 20% of whatever you eat and drink. Please join us if you can. **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.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS 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!!!

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!**

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.



ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE STAFF OF ST. FAUSTINA, I offer great thanks to all of you who have showered us personally with your cards, wishes, and gifts during this beautiful Christmas season.

Great words of appreciation to all who helped us decorate the church: all the ministers who aid us at our liturgies; our Faith Formation teachers and director Marylu, who prepared the children to do such a wonderful job with their pageant and the children's Mass; Bob Vince, Kelly Mucci, and Nancy Wade and ALL of the cantors and choir singers who led us in the spirit of the season; our greeters, ushers, parking lot managers, and mass captains who are the first line of welcome to our visitors, and of course, ALL OF YOU PARISHIONERS, who make St. Faustina the family of Christ on earth for so many of us. **MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRIST CHILD...THE HOLY FAMILY DESCEND UPON EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!!**

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREAT WORDS OF THANKS FROM THE FOLKS AT SOUTH LAKE PREGNANCY CENTER for your extremely generous hearts! The large number of gifts you donated will bring great joy to many young children and expectant mothers this Christmas. There were 2 truckloads and another 2 carloads of Gifts sent to those little ones. You continue to edify us with your kindness and willingness to exercise your Christian love as you take care of the needy of our area. May God continue to Bless you and yours!

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS: Our final prep class for Reconciliation is Monday, Jan. 5th at 7 PM in the Church.

2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES are in the lobby in Alphabetical order. Registered parishioners should pick them up as soon as possible. ONLINE Givers will need to call Carol in order to get a box IF they wish one. Seasonal visitors who do NOT find their box in the lobby, please see Carol or Fr. Dave after mass to track 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.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2015 are available in the parish office OR after all masses (*while they last*). **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.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS --To find out more about the February Cruise and the March 7th Fishing Trip, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org



Mass Intentions

December 27 to January 4

- Sat. 12/27 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
Stach 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
- Mon. 12/29 - 8 pm -- NO MASS**
1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35
- Tues. 12/30 8 am -- Anne Kozlowski + (Kielov Family)**
1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40
- Wed. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**
6 pm -- Anthony Borges + (Jean, Sue, Rose Fanger)
Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
- Thurs. 1/1 - 10 am -- SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
Health of Patricia Dana (Frank & Barbara Kimmel)
Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
- Fri. 1/2 - 8 am -- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 8:30 AM-5 pm**
8 am -- John Gillis + Anniv. (by Fr. Dave)
1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28
- Sat. 1/3 SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12
4 PM -- Tony Borges + (Marie Sulzmann)
6 PM -- Ask 10 Benefactors
- Sun. 1/4**
7:30 AM -- Philip Dezotell + (Walt & Maggie Dezotell)
9 AM -- Marie LaMay + (Ann Wallace)
11 AM--Patricia Garven + (Marylu Marinelli & Carol Arroyo)
7 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased parishioners

Faith Formation

NO CLASSES 12/30 & 31

December 14th Offertory: \$8,315
Immaculate Conception: \$1,156



St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, the second reading on this Feast of the Holy Family, points out qualities which not only are commendable in family members, but also in those who pursue stewardship as a way of life. Paul says, "Put on...heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." That is good advice under almost all circumstances.

For us the Holy Family exemplifies what it means to be a family and how members of a family need to relate to one another. Certainly all of the above virtues speak to relationships between people. St. Paul suggests that how we treat one another is one of the most important considerations to being a true follower of the Lord.

"Over all these, put on love." How many times does Jesus remind us that the one commandment to which we need to be faithful is to "love one another?" Love is never easy, just as good stewardship is not easy. Love requires effort and commitment, and the willingness to forgive, which Paul also emphasizes. In terms of family relationships we must work at loving one another, and we especially have to strive to forgive one another. St. Paul calls love the "bond of perfection." We cannot be perfect, of course, but we can love if we work at it. And we can use that love to make our relationships within our families better and more complete.