



Father Dave's Corner

Many opportunities arise each day that afford us no second chance. In order to take advantage of them, one must seize the moment. Sad to say, many times people just fail to respond, and lose out on the opportunity. How many buying opportunities, travel opportunities, even work opportunities are lost because people fail to respond promptly? Connections are never made and meetings never take place because people fail to take action. Often these people look back with regret and disappointment at what might have been.

Our God places an array of opportunities before His people; opportunities to choose life. God not only gave us life, He redeemed our lives and showed us the path to everlasting life. He also keeps calling us to choose the path of life. So many opportunities have been laid before God's people throughout the ages to respond to Him. God sent numerous prophets. He gave His laws and teachings. He continues to work great signs and wonders before us. He offers us forgiveness of sins and blesses us with His choicest blessings. Some seize these moments and choose the path of life, while others turn further away from the Lord.

Our Scripture readings today give us examples of people who seized the moment in choosing the path of life. The account of Jonah and the Ninevites clearly shows the opportunity that God laid before Nineveh through the prophet Jonah. The city and all of its inhabitants would be destroyed unless they repented. The people of Nineveh seized the moment. The great and small repented of their sins and they lived. The story makes it clear that there would be no second chance. Only a prompt response would put them on the path of life—and they responded.

The call of the Apostles to follow Jesus was another blessed opportunity from God. We hear in the Gospel how Jesus laid this opportunity before Peter, Andrew, James and John. Despite any apprehensions they might have felt due to family or work, they seized the moment. They abandoned their former way of life and followed Jesus. There was little time to think about it. Their prompt response placed them in the path of life, alongside the Lord.

Each of us was given new life in Christ in the sacrament of baptism. Since then, God has placed, and continues to place, opportunities before us to choose the path of life again and again. We are called to seize the moment; to use today to grow in faith. Today is the day to love your spouse in the same way that Christ does; to form your children in faith; to visit a sick friend or someone who is grieving. These are the opportunities in daily life through which God calls us to live out our faith. A response to his call can help keep us on the path of life and bring joy. A missed opportunity can leave us looking back with regret and disappointment in our Christian life.

As we look at the various opportunities God places before us each day, the words of today's second reading remind us that the *time is running out...the world in its present form is passing away*. We are to seize every opportunity to repent, every opportunity to follow Christ and every opportunity to choose the path of life. (Homilies...Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave

January 11th Offertory:

\$9,396



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: \$895,621

(as of January 4)

DINE TO DONATE: 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!!!

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

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

There will be no classes the week of the parish mission, (2/3 and 2/4), the week of Ash Wednesday, (2/17 and 2/18) and Holy Week (3/31 and 4/1). For the complete Sacramental Prep Dates for the 2015 spring semester, please go to our website at www.stfaustina.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION meets the second Thursday of the month after the 8 am mass. They are studying *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*.

Church Ministries

Do you have special intentions that you would like others to pray for? **If so, you are welcome to join the St. Faustina Decade a Day Ministry.** For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org** and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT: If you need your year-end donations tax letter, please cut this request from the bulletin, and return to the office. Letters will be ready at the end of January.

NAME _____ YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

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.

Our Church Mission

Father John Anglin, OFM, was born and raised in Boston, MA where he entered the Franciscan Friars after graduating high school. He was ordained in 1971 and obtained a Masters in Religious Education from Catholic University of America in 1974. Also, in 1992 he received various ministries including high school teaching, parish ministry, the formation of candidates to the friars, marriage encounter and 2 years as a missionary in Bolivia. He has conducted over 400 parish missions and presented many retreats for priests and sisters. He is an avid fan of all Boston sports teams.



Fr. Anglin

MARK IN ON YOUR CALENDAR--THIS YEAR'S PARISH MISSION:

lease be sure to set aside time to join us at this year's Parish Mission on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 2-4 with Father **John Anglin, OFM**. THE THEME OF THE MISSION: **The Filling the World with the Gospel of Christ**-In a world torn by war, violence and injustice and in a Church dealing with scandal and declining membership. The call that came to Francis of Assisi 800 years ago—"Go, rebuild My House" is as vital and timely today in this new millennium as it was in the 13th century world of Francis. **Mass each morning at 8:00 AM** will last about 45 minutes with a homily including the Mission Theme. There will be an **evening Service at 7:00 PM** (Not mass), that will also include the Mission Theme. **DAY ONE- MONDAY, FEB. 2nd: God comes to us in humble love.** **DAY TWO: Tuesday, Feb. 3rd: The Cross: A gift of love and forgiveness.** **DAY THREE: Wednesday, Feb. 4th: The Cross: Source of meaning in our suffering.** PLEASE SET ASIDE THESE 3 DAYS TO HELP YOU GET YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE IN ORDER AS WE PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON OF LENT. For COMPLETE information on each of the day's themes, please go to our web site at: www.stfaustina.org click on the **PARISH MISSION link**.



For more information, please go to our web site at: www.stfaustina.org click on the **Diocese of Orlando link**.

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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS--check out our web site, www.stfaustina.org to see activities that might interest you from around community. This week's highlights include a nationally acclaimed Catholic entertainer and motivational storyteller who is coming to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Ocala and Morning Star Catholic School serving children with special needs will be hosting an Open House.



Mass Intentions

January 24 to February 1

Sat. 1/24

Jonah 3:1-10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
4 PM -- Anthony Borges + (Hank and Gloria Pozzuoli)
6 PM -- Christopher Dick + (The Dick family)

Sun. 1/25

7:30 AM -- John Gonyo + (Ernest Loving)
9 AM -- Greg Haley + (Julie Haley)
11 AM -- Robert Doherty + (Jo Doherty)
7 PM--(espanol) -- Rafaela Maldonoda + (Evelyn Garcia)

Mon. 1/26 - 8 pm -- **NO MASS**

Hebrews 9:2-14 Mark 3:20-21

Tues. 1/27 8 am -- St. Faustina Parishioners' Intentions

Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35

Wed. 1/28 - 8 am -- Those Memorialized on our Chairs

Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20

Thurs. 1/29 - 8 am -- Bob Wallace, Sr. + (Ann Wallace)

Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25

Fri. 1/30 - 8 am -- John McCrystal + (Cathleen McCrystal and Dan Corry)

Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34

Sat. 1/31

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

4 PM -- Tony Borges + (Paul & Dot Novalis)

6 PM -- Norman Johnson + (Kathy Johnson)

Sun. 2/1

7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Steve Verostko + (Verostko Family-Mary Ann Healy)

9 AM -- Healing for Robert J. Kluck (Bob & Betsy Kluck)

11 AM -- OPEN

7 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased Parishioners

Stewardship



"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) Most of us have heard that scriptural quote many times. It occurs at the very beginning of Mark's Gospel and involves Mark's reporting of the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

There is a reason that Jesus called these simple men to be His first followers. In part it is an example to each of us.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were not theologians; they were not learned; they were not known for their skills in speaking to and influencing crowds of people. They were fishermen. God has gifted each of us with various skills and stewardship calls us to use those skills to build the Kingdom of God.

However, just as the Lord recognized something in those first Apostles, He sees the same in us. It was not what Jesus thought those men could accomplish, but His understanding of what they could do with Him, and Him working through them. In the same way we can accomplish much if we allow the Lord to work within us and through us. The well known late broadcaster Paul Harvey once said, "Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men, but keepers of the aquarium." Stewardship is the means by which we, just as the first Apostles did, can become evangelists and "fishermen," so to speak.



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