



Father Dave's Corner

Anxiety is one of the most common uncomfortable experiences we have to deal with. It is an unpleasant state of inner turmoil that drains our energy, makes us irritable, puts us on edge, disrupts sleep, and negatively affects our mood. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America 40 million adults in the United States age 18 and older suffer from anxiety disorders. That's 18% of the U.S. population who cope with feelings of nervousness, worry, unease of stress—usually about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome. Often, anxiety disorders are accompanied by depression and regular doses of Xanax, Valium, or Prozac.

Thomas Merton said, "Anxiety is the mark of spiritual insecurity." Because today's 2nd reading, begins with the words, "I want you to be free from anxieties," it makes sense for us to sit up and pay attention. For St. Paul, the cause of stress and anxiety is a certain division within ourselves—a sort of spiritual schizophrenia. Stress means that we are at odds with ourselves regarding some life issue. Divisiveness always takes its toll on our lives. Living by double standards, compromising our principles, straddling both sides of the fence, burning the candle at both ends, all tear us apart.

Paul's prescription for anxiety is this: "To promote what is good, and what will help us devote ourselves to the Lord." Thinking and acting with the mind of Christ will get us away from spiritual insecurity and relieve our anxiety.

Remember a few years ago when people were wearing bracelets with the letters WWJD on them? The letters stood for "What Would Jesus Do?" That's our answer. Consider how Jesus would handle a person, problem, condition, or project you might face in everyday life. Put yourself in Christ's shoes. What would He think? What would He say? How would He react? Stress and anxiety come about when we are confused and don't know what to do. The single-hearted devotion to the Lord, recommended by Paul, can help end the confusion, provide a focus for us, and help us know what to do because we know the mind and heart of Christ.

St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, also had a prescription for alleviating stress and anxiety.

"Apprehension about the future," she says, "takes us away from the gift God is offering. We use up our interior energy which should be centered on the grace being provided. To welcome that grace in all its fullness of strengthening and enlightenment, we turn away from the nagging tug of worry. Anxiety would distract us from the message of merciful love our God wants to communicate in our immediate experience."

Another Teresa, St. Teresa of Avila, the famous Spanish mystic, once wrote: "Let nothing trouble you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes. God never changes. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God wants for nothing. God alone is enough."

We read the Word of God for inspiration as well as for example. In the Gospels, we discover what Jesus is like, how He thinks, how He evaluates people and situations, how He conducts Himself in difficult situations. We get a feel for the man and His vision. We get in touch with His mind and His heart — and it is THAT mind and heart of Jesus that we need to make our own. (Sandra DeGidio, OFM-Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

TAKE SOME TIME THESE NEXT 3 DAYS AND COME TO THE MISSION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MIND AND HEART OF JESUS...AND FIND SOME PEACE IN YOUR MIND AND HEART!

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

Father Dave



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: \$899,321
(as of January 21)

MUCHOS GRACIAS!!!! Our Spanish Community Rosary makers were at it again. On Jan. 20, 2015, we received a donation of \$1,000.00 from our Rosary makers: Evelyn & Gualberto, Jose, & Odila, LuzDary, and Isabel of St. Teresa's. This was added to our Construction fund as well. Many thanks to them and to all who purchased their beautiful handiwork.

DINE TO DONATE: This Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, Flippers Pizzeria in the Target Shopping Center on 192 next to Sweet Tomatoes invites us back from 11 AM to closing time. MENTION St. Faustina's name and we get 20% of whatever you eat and drink. **On Tuesday, Feb. 17th, Texas Roadhouse invites us back from 3:30-9PM.** We get 10% of whatever you eat and drink that day. Flyers are available at the entrances of the church. **Don't forget our regulars--Mandarin Garden** (Right next door) and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** We received a check from Flipper's Pizzeria for our 12/28 event in the amount of \$215.90...and from DiRomio's Italian Restaurant for our 1/13 event in the amount of \$334.50. **The folks at DiRomio's were so generous to us; they gave us 10% of ALL their proceeds that day, not JUST from folks with our flyers.** Many thanks to them and to all of you.

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 of .5% of every eligible purchase you make. To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: www.stfaustina.org and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER** link.

January 11th Offertory: \$9,459

Faith Formation



There will be no classes the week of the parish mission, (2/3 and 2/4),

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 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

Church Ministries

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: Please 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.**



GREAT WORDS OF THANKS GO OUT TO Dee Smith and ALL of her volunteers from Windmill Village AND St. Faustina's Parish for our fantastic Italian Dinner. The final profit we were able to bank in the Building Fund was a whopping \$3,107.00!!! Due to the great work of Dee, and a few of our usual suspects here at the Church, Donations of cash and food and drink covered all of the costs of the dinner except for \$544.00 which came out of the ticket sales. It looks like about 334 people bought tickets and were served a large amount of food that was out of this world. St. Faustina's ticket sales were \$1,666.00; Windmill Village advanced sales were \$1,500.00; tickets at the door were \$170.00; for a total of \$3,336.00. In addition, the proceeds from the 2 50-50's and shawl raffles, plus one of the 50-50 winners all were donated to the profit margin. FANTASTIC EVENT!!! Great thanks to ALL THE WORKERS and VOLUNTEERS! Many thanks to all who participated and feasted!

MOST RECENT OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT FOR 2014: As of 1/23 we have had 240 families pledge \$48,401.01 and pay \$44,266.10 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. That is 41% of the registered families at the parish. Many thanks for those who have participated. SPECIAL APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR PLEDGES YET: as of next month, the unpaid difference between our goal and the amount PAID will have to be covered by regular parish funds. Please fulfill your pledges, if you can.

BISHOP JOHN NOONAN INVITES US TO JOIN HIM in concelebrating the **Mass commemorating World Day for Consecrated Life on January 31 at 11:00 a.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.** 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). 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. For more information, please go to our web site at: www.stfaustina.org

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 31 to February 8

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 -- Healing for Barbara Caminiti from Celia & Jim Kelly
7 PM--(espanol) -- Gumersindo Rivero-Urbina +
(Teresa Rivero-Urbina)

Mon. 2/2 - 8 pm -- **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina (MISSION)
Malachi 3:1-4 & Hebrews 2:14-16 Luke 2:22-40

Tues. 2/3 8 am -- Joseph Rotter + (Phil, Pat, & Austin Dick)
Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-48

Wed. 2/4 - 8 am -- Margaret Hahn + (Al Hahn)
Hebrews 12:4-15 Mark 6:1-6

Thurs. 2/5 - 8 am -- Donald Crowe + (Kathleen Crowe)
Hebrews 12:18-24 Mark 6:7-13

Fri. 2/6 - **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 8:30 am to 5 pm**
8 am -- Healing for Mary Beth Klumpp
(Kathleen Crowe)

Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29

Sat. 2/7

Job 7:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

4 PM -- Denis J. Denommee + (Jim & Claire Silva)

6 PM -- Marco Flores 17th Birthday blessings
(Joann & Alex Flores)

Sun. 2/8

7:30 AM -- Rose & Joseph Stancarone + (Phil Santomaso)

9 AM -- Joseph DiLucido + (Kristine Avedisian)

11 AM -- Patricia Lawlor + (Marylu Mariniello)

7 PM--(espanol) -- Enelia Castillo + (Gladys Castillo)

Please pray for 2 of our parishioners who died in mid-January. Suzanne Epps from the Outdoor Resorts development died on Jan. 15th. She is the sister of Pat Knauer who is also our parishioner. Clara O'Shea, the wife of Patrick, from the Windmill Village development died on Jan. 18th. She is a seasonal parishioner. Please pray for their souls and for the families they leave behind.



Stewardship In the midst of miracles and cures and deep understanding of people, Jesus may sometimes seem distant from us. The readings on this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, however, emphasize His humanity; He was one of the people, someone who each of us could relate to not as a God, but a man. However, it can be a bit overwhelming for us to accept Jesus in the way He wants us to.

That does not mean we do not acknowledge His divinity, but we also must view Him as a companion on our own life's journey. In a sense, this is what stewardship calls us to — walking with the Lord and leaning on Him when we must, and certainly finding strength in His presence. But to have Him present in our lives requires us to make an effort to make that happen.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses declares, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen." Throughout Advent and the Christmas season we prepared for the arrival of Jesus. Now as we approach Lent and Easter it is time for us to listen to Him. The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "One of the best ways to get happiness and pleasure out of life is to ask ourselves, 'How can I please God?'"



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