

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 Feb. 7 to Feb. 15

**Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

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

Sometimes it's difficult to understand the message of the Gospel because our knowledge of nature and the world is SO different. Because of a limited understanding of nature and science, people of Jesus' day ascribed illness and natural happenings (like storms) with the power of evil...with demonic possession. The Gospel message states that Jesus/ God conquers all evil.

We, 2000 years later, with a much more advanced knowledge of nature and the cause behind so many illnesses and happenings scoff at that...we can explain behavior and events as coming from this or from that, and NOT the devil.

But, even with our advanced knowledge and understanding, there are still things that we CANNOT explain, predict, or control. That's where we must be careful. For example, on one hand, we have a person who smoked cigarettes for 70 years and never contracted cancer. On the other hand, we have a 30 year old, who never smoked a day in his life, and died of cancer of the lungs. But, we cannot explain why that happens.

When it comes to natural disasters like earthquakes, we can't predict when they will occur, and we cannot build unbreakable buildings, even though we try...and they continue to occur. This reality can sometimes tempt us to lose hope...to lose faith. Despite this fact, we have NOT fallen back on that same reasoning as the people of Jesus' day, that it is caused by demons. Sometimes people will "blame" God...but, most of the time, we just see it as "part of life."

While it is true that Jesus cured illness, calmed storms, and actually conquered death by rising from the dead, He did NOT promise an end to those calamities UNTIL THE SECOND COMING. While this world exists, these evils WILL continue to happen...BUT, He DID promise that He would be with us to help us deal with whatever evils happen to befall us. He will help us as we deal with the suffering and pain that come from illness, natural disasters, and everyday troubles and trials. What is needed on our part, is the same FAITH that those whom Jesus cured as He walked the earth had. We, too, must believe that He is with us, and CAN make a difference as we carry our crosses every day.

Father Dave



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Joe D'Ambro who died on Jan. 27th. Keep his wife, Evelyn and the rest of their family in your prayers as well.

Due to eye surgery and pending eye issues, Olga Ingle will not be able to teach the Crochet class for making booties and blankets. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and restoration of her sight.

January 25th Offertory: \$7,425

Home Missions & Farmworker Ministry: \$626



MOST RECENT OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT FOR 2014:

As of 1/30 we have had 240 families pledge \$48,401.01 and pay \$44,540.60 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.

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 _____



On Sunday, September 27, 2009, St. Faustina's parishioners participated in a Walk-A-Thon, which combined with bake sales, raffles and a talent show, raised around **\$12,000** as the parish's initial Construction Fund fund-raising activities.

The parish reached a cash balance of **\$500,000** in July of 2012. NOW WE ANNOUNCE THAT THE

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$912,143
(as of January 26)

Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

DINE TO DONATE: THIS Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 11 AM to closing DiRomio's near Polo Park invites us to dine with them and the parish will get 10% of whatever you eat and drink. Drop your receipt in the box at the host stand. 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 Joe's Crab Shack on 1/27/15 in the amount of \$94.60 for our Jan. 6th event. Many thanks for your support.

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.

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 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.

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.



REMINDER TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS: Our first Preparation class for First Holy Communion will take place on Monday, Feb. 9th at 7:00 PM in the Church. It is vitally important that both the children and at least one parent attend this class at 7:00 PM in the church.

NEXT WEEKEND will be Our Catholic Appeal Commitment weekend. Please come prepared to make your pledge commitment for this year's appeal. There will be a DVD homily from Bishop Noonan explaining where the money goes and encouraging you to support the ministries the Diocese of Orlando carries out in your name. Our goal has been appealed and we will inform you what it is when we get the final word from the Diocesan Finance Committee. PLEASE plan on being as generous as you possibly can. Fr. Eamonn Boland will be covering for me next weekend, as I will be on the cruise with our parishioners. Please be kind to him, and do whatever you can to support our brothers and sisters in the Diocese.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING!!!! Please remember that the parking spaces on the property next door where the Tattoo parlor, furniture store, and ticket sales agents are **NOT TO BE USED FOR CHURCH PARKING!!!!** We have our own parking lot in the back of the church...the Days Inn parking lot, except for beside our building, and if needed, the areas at Bardell Real Estate 3 properties over. PLEASE leave the spaces NEXT DOOR available for their customers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, Feb. 18th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Due to our past experience, there will be 3(three) Masses that day: one at 8:00 AM, one at Noon, and one at 7:00 PM. Ashes will ONLY be distributed during these Masses. Please try to spread yourselves out so that the crowds are not too overwhelming. If you can't make one of our masses, please be sure to get to one somewhere (even though it is NOT a Holyday of Obligation).

For numerous reasons, we have decided NOT to host our usual Soup Suppers this year. We will still be celebrating Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. They will begin at 7:00 PM, and all are invited to get closer to the Lord during this season by joining us in this special devotion reminding us of the Lord's sacrifice for us. In lieu of the soup suppers, there will be a box available for donations throughout the entire season of Lent to help the poor in our region.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS FOR SALE: We have a limited amount of Little Black Books available for sale for \$2.00 each. They include daily meditations for the entire season of Lent. There are also a small amount in Spanish. Get them at the Gift Shop.

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

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

The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.

ANOTHER PARKING REMINDER--Please do not park along the side of the church building on the Days Inn side. That is reserved by the hotel for buses and semi-trailers.

WE STILL HAVE ST. FAUSTINA SHIRTS AVAILABLE.



Mass Intentions

February 7 to February 15

Sat. 2/7

Job 7:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
4 PM -- Denis J. Denomme + (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)

Mon. 2/9 - 8 pm -- **NO MASS**

Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56

Tues. 2/10 8 am -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)

Genesis 1:20-2:4a Mark 7:1-13

Wed. 2/11 - 8 am -- Claudio Flores + (Joann & Alex Flores)

Genesis 2:4-17 Mark 14:23

Thurs. 2/12 - 8 am -- Robert Garven-birthday blessings
(Kimberly Garven)

Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30

Fri. 2/13 - 8 am -- Suzanne Epps + (Rosemary Satterlee)
Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37

Sat. 2/14

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corin. 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

4 PM -- Vincent Kelly + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

6 PM -- Sue Epps + (Marty & Julie Pancerella)

Sun. 2/15

7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul Verostko +
(Verostko Family)

9 AM -- Jerry W. Hall + (Shirley A. Hall)

11 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)

7 PM--(espanol) -- Alfreda Rivera + (Evelyn Garcia)

Looking Ahead: On Wednesday 2/18, Ash Wednesday, there will be three Masses -- 8 AM, Noon, and 7 PM

Stewardship



"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."

There are scores of instances in the Four Gospels which indicate Jesus praying. He often would go off alone to pray, but He also prayed with others publicly; He prayed before He made a choice, before He healed someone, and He was just as likely to pray after as well.

St. Paul exhorts us to "pray constantly, never ceasing." Jesus perhaps more than any other fulfilled this admonition. He provides to us the perfect example of both how we should pray and in what ways. Prayer is at the foundation of our faith; it is at the core of a stewardship way of life. Developing an ongoing, consistent, and active prayer life is paramount for each of us.

Prayer not only indicates our constant awareness of God, but it enhances our lives, and is an indication of our total trust in God. Trust in God is also an important facet of stewardship. Knowing that we are in God's hands and in His care is what strengthens us and allows us to make the commitment Jesus has asked us to make. One of Jesus' final prayers is one which offers us the suggestion of how we need to approach life: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."



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