

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: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714
Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

**Week of
July 16 to July 24**

***Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 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**



Clergy: Parochial Administrator--**Father Dave Gillis** Assisting Priest--**Father Fernando Gil**

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*; Donna Cuttita, *Front Desk Receptionist*; Bruce Bergeron, *Maintenance/Sacristan*; Bill Mattingly, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Nancy Harrigan, *Readers and EMs Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!**

If you are a visitor to St Faustina Catholic Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at www.stfaustina.org and return it to the office.



Father Dave's Corner

Did you know that people who practice Stewardship recognize that there are actually **FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP: Prayer; Hospitality; Formation; Service.** These 4 ways of looking at what it means to be a disciple and a steward invite each of us to witness, experience, and LIVE the stewardship way of life. Stewardship is HOW we respond to our Baptismal call to DISCIPLESHIP! Today's readings are focusing particularly on HOSPITALITY.

In the 1st reading from Genesis, Abraham is resting and relaxing near the entrance of his tent in the shade of a tree when suddenly 3 strangers appear. Scripture leaves no doubt as to who one of the three was: "The Lord appeared to Abraham." We could say that there are 2 kinds of hospitality at work here: The first is the obvious, in that Abraham rushes to welcome these visitors and do everything to make them feel welcome and contented.

The second is more subtle: Abraham is welcoming God into his life and the life of his household. Hospitality certainly involves how we treat and how we deal with strangers and visitors in our lives, but it also has to do with whether we are open and welcoming to the presence of God in our lives. In Old Testament terms it is clear that in this case God is in the Person of Jesus Christ. We must ALWAYS be prepared to welcome Him, just as Abraham was.

It is believed that St. Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians from his jail cell in Rome. Paul speaks of "suffering" for others, for the sake of the Colossians. However, he assures them that his "sufferings" are the result of embracing Jesus as his Guide and Savior. Paul understands that HOSPITALITY begins with welcoming the Lord into your lives. That is what makes all the

difficulties of being hospitable to others, to strangers-to immigrants-so easy.

When we are hospitable, we are doing it in the Lord's name; we are representing His Church and His Disciples. St. Paul preached Jesus ("It is He whom we proclaim.") That is what WE preach when we show hospitality. Part of that often means that it COSTS us something: we pay out of our own pocket to feed them...to offer them refreshment...to give them a place to rest their head. In the case of the immigrants coming to the United States, it is usually this issue that causes us to hesitate OR NOT practice hospitality...because it COSTS us too much!

Our Gospel reading from Luke is all about hospitality. It is clear that there ARE 2 kinds of hospitality. There is the hospitality of Martha, the one who makes sure the Lord and His followers are welcomed, comforted, and provided with all the elements of good service. The point of this Gospel in NO WAY diminishes Martha's efforts to be the perfect hostess. BUT...Jesus wants Martha (AND US) to know that the OTHER SIDE of hospitality, **welcoming Jesus and His teachings into our life**, is just as important, if not more so.

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." Like Martha we may focus on others and provide the hospitality to which we are called as Disciples of Christ, a hospitality we NEED to offer as part of our parish lives. ON THE OTHER HAND, we also need to be like Mary; there are times when we need to "sit at Jesus' feet." We need to serve others, but we need to recognize the importance of having a continued focus on Jesus as well. (Lectionary reflection: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.)

Come and sit in the presence of the Lord and feel His love and peace enter your heart and soul.

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

Father Dave



Mass Intentions
July 16 to July 24 2016



Stewardship Reflection

- Sat. 7/16
Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42
4 PM--Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
Sun. 7/17
8:00 AM--Bill Sulzmann + (5th Ann) (Marie Sulzmann)
9:30 AM--Thomas Barnett + (Marie Sulzmann)
11:00 AM--Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) Luciana Flores + (Carmelita Flores)
- Mon. 7/18 **NO MASS**
Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 12:38-42
- Tues. 7/19--8 AM--Raymond Metzger +
(Sal & Linda Lahey)
Micah 7:14-20 Matthew 12:46-50
- Wed. 7/20--8 AM--Healing for Diane Saitta
(Celia & Jim Kelly)
Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 Matthew 13:1-9
- Thurs. 7/21--8 AM--Pauline Carty + (Gerard Carty)
Jeremiah 2:1-13 Matthew 13:10-17
- Fri. 7/22--8 AM--Edward Messina + (Carmen Messina)
Jeremiah 3:14-17 John 20:1-18
- Sat. 7/23
Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13
4 PM--Angie McKenzie + (Marilyn Moseley)
- Sun. 7/24
8:00 AM--Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 AM--Thomas Barnett +
(Paulene Carter, Ann Sistare, Kathy Johnson)
11:00 AM--Ricardo Goncalves + (Auta Goncalves)
7:00 PM--(espanol) Cruz Aponte + (Adrey & William)

In Today's Gospel, Jesus and His Apostles are on their way to Jerusalem for Passover. In other words He is journeying to His Crucifixion and Resurrection. It is important for us to keep that in mind. He stops in Bethany to visit Martha and Mary. Bethany is only two miles from Jerusalem, so there is a strong sense of foreboding if we keep that in mind.

However, the focus of this reading is on many other issues and items usually. Nevertheless, as is always the case in Holy Scripture, there is a stewardship message for us here. We could cite hospitality as both Martha and Mary in their own ways welcome Jesus and make Him at ease.

The first and main message for us is that the Lord was welcomed into their home. Each of us is a potential home for Jesus. Do we welcome Him? Or are we too busy with our own pursuits, our own distractions, to find a time each day to welcome the Lord into our homes, our very being? There are so many people who cannot seem to find time for the Lord. They are so busy that Jesus never even gets into their houses. Rather than debate whether Martha or Mary do the right thing, we should first make sure that our Savior is welcomed into our hearts each and every day.



Did you know that gifts to Our Catholic Appeal can be made online? To make a pledge or a payment using your credit or debit card, visit <http://www.cfof.org/oca>. As of July 8, we have pledged \$70,010.00 and paid \$46,544.97 with 287 families participating, which is 57.4% of the parish. MANY THANKS!!

July 3rd Offertory:
\$6,498.00



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.

Weekly Announcements



Construction Fund

INDEPENDENCE DAY RAFFLE RESULTS: We collected a total of \$1,224.00 and the 1st prize winner received \$306.00; the 2nd prize winner received \$183.60 (donated \$33.60 back to us); the 3rd prize winner received \$122.40. Parish share of 50% was \$612.00. MANY, MANY THANKS to all who supported us.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS: In case you did not know, Nancy Harrigan is up north tending to family business for an unspecified time. While she is there, the Parish office has taken over the scheduling of ministers. IF you have any vacation plans when you will NOT be available...or IF you are back in town and ARE available, please call the office and leave a message.

FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS, please go to our web page: www.stfaustina.org and click on the **ANNOUNCEMENTS** link.

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,264,504
(as of June 20, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: this Tuesday, July 19th at **TEXAS ROADHOUSE** on Rte 192. No flyer needed (although, there are some on bookcase as reminders). From 3:30-10 PM, just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand, and the parish will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink there. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** On July 5, we received a check from IHOP in Clermont for \$75.00 for our May 9-13th event. On July 7th, we received a check from MILLER'S ALE HOUSE in the amount of \$200.00 for our June 7th event. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--**Sarah's Greek Cuisine in Cagan's Crossing as well as to **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. **ANYTIME** you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%.

Parish Growth Creates A New Era at St. Faustina

PARISH UPDATE FROM FATHER DAVE: The parish of St. Faustina has now moved into a new era. As of July 11th, we now have a paid part-time Front Desk receptionist. Her name is, *Donna Cuttita*, and is a parishioner with the needed background for all the different roles the position entails. She will be working Monday-Thursday from 10 AM- 4 PM. We welcome Donna to our staff.

As of July 18th, we also have a paid part-time Maintenance/Sacristan (in the past, the title would have been the Sexton). *Bruce Bergeron* will be responsible for cleaning both the church and the offices, including restocking and cleaning the restrooms; he will be doing some of the "light" maintenance projects like changing lights, repainting walls where necessary, overall appearance of the church, and available to be security when necessary for meetings. He will also prepare the altar as Sacristan at the 9:30 & 11 AM Masses on Sunday (and will fill in as necessary at the other masses). We welcome Bruce to the staff as well.

DEEP WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE WOMEN AND MEN WHO VOLUNTEERED IN THE PAST TO FILL THESE POSITIONS: Since the inception of the parish, there have been MANY women and a couple of men who volunteered for 3 or 6 hour shifts as front desk receptionist. If I tried to name them, I know I would miss some people and hurt their feelings, so, I am just going to say, **"THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!!!!"** The real blessing of St. Faustina Parish, since its beginnings, has been the unselfish, sacrifice of time and talent that SO MANY of you have offered us. In the earlier days of the parish, there were many men and women who ALSO did volunteer maintenance and remodeling work of the different worship spaces we have inhabited. For many reasons, including Diocesan Insurance regulations, this has been brought to a close. As most of you know, one individual (who again, I will not name) has been our VOLUNTEER maintenance person who has helped the respective pastors with the light maintenance work...if he could not handle it, he was able to find another volunteer or two who could handle the job, OR advise us to call in a professional. He made it clear to me that when we moved to our new space (HERE), he would like to "retire" from this position. Here we are, 7 months after moving in, and we have honored his wishes. The parish...and I especially, offer great words of gratitude to HIM...and ALL OF THE OTHERS he brought in to keep us safely running.

We also offer thanks to those women and men who have served as our volunteer sacristans (and those who will continue in that position) getting our altar ready for the celebration of Eucharist. The "Captains" of the respective masses have always had the responsibility to make sure they had the altar ready, and often got another individual involved. At the 9:30 & 11 AM, the captains will now NOT have to worry about that part of the job, they will only be responsible to continue organizing ushers, greeters, Offertory procession folks. (For the time being, the 4 PM and 8 AM will continue as they have in the past.)

We have added somewhere around 100 new households to our rolls since we moved here...and with that growth comes some change. Some parishioners have expressed an apprehension that as we grew, we might lose some of that "pioneer" volunteering spirit that St. Faustina's is so well known for. I constantly reassure those folks that it does NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN. It is in the hands of the parishioners, both those who have been here from early on, AND those new ones who have just joined us. I would be very surprised if the unselfish, volunteering, sacrificial spirit that has gotten us this far disappears. But, that is up to you. We still have many volunteer ministries that NEED your participation, and there may even be NEW MINISTRIES that YOU would like to see be created here. **Contact either Fr. Dave or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council if you have something new you want to see happen.**

MAY THE LORD SEND HIS BLESSINGS OF PEACE, JOY, HOPE AND LOVE TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE ST. FAUSTINA PARISH THE GREAT COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN MERCY, LOVE AND SERVICE THAT IT HAS BECOME!!!!

Keeping You Informed About YOUR Parish

Did you know that there are THREE other ways to keep track of what is going on at St. Faustina Parish **BESIDES** the weekly bulletin? Well there are. The most popular is our Facebook page, in which you can enjoy daily devotions as well as up-to-the-minute parish news and announcements. The next, and newest, is our App, which also gives you timely news and announcements and, when necessary, will alert you to a specific event, announcement, or reminder...right on your Smartphone. Both of these options, AS WELL as the bulletin, can be accessed directly through our web site (www.stfaustina.org). Our site also has a link to Bishop Noonan's weekly newsletter as well as contact information for the parish office and ministries, in depth information on many topics (including Adoration, St. Faustina, history of our parish and lots, LOTS more).



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www.stfaustina.org

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