

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

And

St. William Catholic Church
807 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

**Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time
January 18, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

**Here am I, Lord: I come to do your
will.**

Psalm 40

BEHOLD
THE
LAMB OF GOD
WHO TAKES AWAY
THE SIN OF THE WORLD
JOHN 1:29

The Gospel reading is part of a series of testimonies about the identity of Jesus.

In today's reading, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God and as the Son of God, God's chosen one.

The image of the lamb is rooted in the Passover, the deliverance from Egyptian slavery by God's saving power.

Our Divine Savior

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Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday.....Closed

**Any new parishioners who would like to register,
Please call the parish office**

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Requests for Prayers

Please pray for the sick and those who have requested our prayers:

Maria Alanis, Allison Brannan, Rachel Brantley, James Brown, Mary Brown, Brady, Patricia Busby, Erica Carroll, Mary Carroll, Tommy Carroll, Sean Winn Carampatan, Laurie Creel, Margarie D'Souva, Tina DeWees, Curtis Esmel, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Judy Fraelich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonia Mathis, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Bob McDuffie, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, Thomas Norris, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehranski, Marlena Smith, Sterling Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough, John B. Sherlock, James Smith, Kaylon Spurlock, Jamie Thompson, Jennifer Unis, Dowson Bedore, Debra Vazquez, Sonia Webb

Please Pray for our Military:

Andrew Byrd, Anthony Caucci, Jonathan Elder, Clayton F. Gibbs, Terry Jones, James Olands, Angel Olivos, Bong Tanesco, Aurelio Tovar, Gregory Camargo, Michael Gibbons, Jackson Bergeron

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 49:3-6

1 Corinth. 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Theme:

*God's plan in
Christ begins to
unfold in human
history.*

Question of the week:

*Who is Jesus for
you?*

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 8:23

1 Corinth. 1:10-13

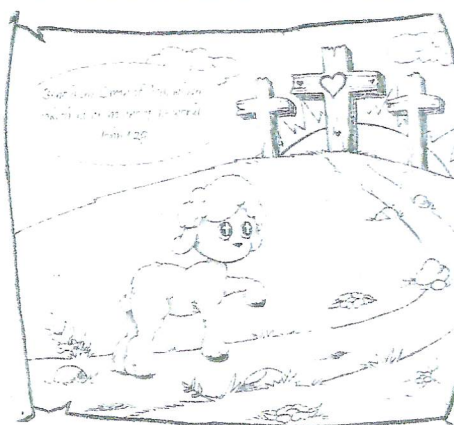
Matthew 4:12-23

Theme:

*Jesus calls us to
follow him.*

Question of the week:

*How does Jesus
call you to assist in
his ministry?*



Announcements: January 17 & 18

Activity Center Rental Fee:

As of January 1, 2025 the fee to rent the Activity Center will be \$800 plus a \$200 deposit which will be returned if there is no damaged to the property.

CCW News:

The CCW is sponsoring a RADA Cutlery fundraiser effective immediately. RADA sells reasonably priced cutlery items, along with soup mixes, dips, cheese ball mixes, gourmet popcorn, cookbooks and more. Catalogs will be available in the Church vestibule. You may also order on-line at:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5276229.0684f0>. This will take you right to the ODS site. 40% of the proceeds are paid to the OCS CCW. Thank you

Harvest of Hope Campaign:

If you are writing a check to the Harvest of Hope Campaign, please make your check out to Harvest of Hope and not Our Divine Saviour. Thanks for your generosity.

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR: Thanks to everyone who has pledged or contributed to the Harvest of Hope campaign. The January 8th progress report shows that there have been 80 pledges or donations. That represents 31.62% of our registered parishioners. Because we have surpassed the half way point of our suggested goal, we have received our first return from the campaign, which is \$19,708 deposited in our account. The next deposit will be in April.

TOTAL GIVEN: \$70,106.67 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$99,942.75

ST. WILLIAM: There have been 18 donors or 56.25% of registered parishioners.

TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,215 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,890

There are 2026 calendars at the entrance to the church. Please take one per family.

There will be NO CCD the weekend of January 17 and 18.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 19th .



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025

Dear Padre

January 18, 2026

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Arcturus, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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Buenas noticias

18 de enero de 2026

Segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 49, 3, 5-6 / 1 Corintios 1, 1-3 / Juan 1, 29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

De los muchos nombres que las Escrituras nos ofrecen para ayudarnos a meditar sobre el misterio de Jesús, uno de los más intrigantes es el que Juan el Bautista propone al comienzo del evangelio de hoy: « ¡He aquí el Cordero de Dios! » (Juan 1, 29).

Los estudiosos de las Escrituras debaten qué quiere decir Juan aquí. ¿Está aludiendo al cordero pascual, ese cordero sin mancha cuya sangre debían untar los israelitas esclavizados en las puertas de sus casas? El ángel de la muerte sabía que debía «pasar por alto» esas casas. Quizás Juan estaba diciendo que, gracias a la sangre de Jesús, el pueblo sería liberado de la muerte.

¿O estaba pensando Juan en las ofrendas por la culpa mencionadas en las Escrituras hebreas, cuando los sacerdotes ofrecían sacrificios de animales a Dios como forma de pedir la remisión de sus pecados? El Levítico menciona el uso de un chivo expiatorio que llevaba los pecados del pueblo al desierto. (Véase Levítico 20-28). ¿Podría haber entendido Juan que Jesús cargaría con los pecados del mundo?

¿O tenía Juan en mente la gran constelación de Aries, el carnero, considerado el príncipe de las estrellas del cielo, el centro desde el cual se trazaban todas las demás constelaciones en la antigüedad? Quizás Juan estaba señalando que Jesús era el centro alrededor del cual giraban el cielo y la tierra, como el cordero gobernante mencionado en el Libro del Apocalipsis.

Hoy, en la misa, cuando se eleve la hostia y vuelvas a escuchar las palabras de Juan —« ¡He aquí el Cordero de Dios! »—, tómate un momento para saborear estas palabras de nuevo. ●

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Querido Padre

18 de enero de 2026

Pensaba que solo los sacerdotes y obispos podían distribuir la Sagrada Comunión en la misa. En mi parroquia, el sacerdote permite que los laicos le ayuden, y yo pensaba que los laicos no podían hacerlo porque nuestras manos no están consagradas.

No eres la única persona que tiene esta inquietud, así que gracias por tomarte el tiempo de escribir. La distribución de la Sagrada Comunión no tiene nada que ver con las «manos consagradas». Los ministros ordinarios de la comunión incluyen a los obispos y sacerdotes, como bien identificas, pero también a los diáconos y acólitos instalados. De los cuatro ministros ordinarios, solo las manos de los obispos y sacerdotes están consagradas. Los laicos son ministros extraordinarios y están instalados para ayudar al sacerdote, de modo que todos puedan recibir la Sagrada Comunión sin largas filas ni cansar al sacerdote (a veces anciano). La mayoría de los ministros extraordinarios de la comunión abordan este ministerio con mucha devoción.

Tu pregunta plantea el tema de la plena participación de los laicos en la misa, que forma parte de un debate teológico muy controvertido en las redes sociales. Existe un desafortunado conflicto entre los llamados «católicos tradicionales» y los «católicos del Vaticano II» o, como a menudo se les denomina erróneamente, los católicos «Novus Ordo». A algunos católicos se les hace creer que la «nueva misa» no es auténtica, a pesar de que ha sido la forma ordinaria de la misa durante más de cincuenta años, es decir, desde el autoritario Concilio Vaticano II. Muchas personas buenas y fieles sufren dudas y ansiedad como resultado de esta confusión. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, January 17

Mass at ODS [+Clotilse Abantao] 5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). ... 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 18

Mass at ODS [+Harriet Stolberg] 9:00 am
(Eloise Stone)]

NO CCD at ODS.. .. .

Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners) . .11:30 am

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). . .2:00 pm

Monday, January 19

OFFICE CLOSED

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, January 20

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 21

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, January 22

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, January 23

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 24

2nd Collection: Harvest of Hope

Mass at ODS [+Victoriano Abantao] 5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners).. .7:00 pm

Sunday, January 25

2nd Collection: Harvest of Hope

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). 9:00 am

CCD at ODS 10:15 am

Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners). . 11:30 am

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). . . 2:00 pm

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan Adult employees and every volunteer and employee who minister to the youth of the diocese attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training undergo a background check, and read and sign the Diocesan "Code of conduct for working with minors" prior to commencing their ministry. The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(1/11/26):	\$6,460
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$158,400
ODS Building Fund	(1/11/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$16,864
St. William Offertory	(1/11/26):	\$352
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$14,224

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, January 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Jill Bergeron
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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao
..... Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:..... Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Bob Kemerait
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Veronica Ogolowa
..... Pius Ogolowa, Bill McDaniel
..... Morris Scarbrough, Theresa Scarbrough
SACRISTAN: Ann Timbs

