

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the
poor.
Psalm 113**



Today's gospel passage is addressed to the disciples of Jesus. It is meant to speak a positive message.

In the parable the steward gives up his own commission when he has the debtors rewrite the note. He found a clever solution to his problem, the landowner praises him.

Jesus makes an appeal for his followers to be as enterprising in their pursuit of the kingdom as the steward was.

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,
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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, LaVonja 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, Marlana Smith, Sterling Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough, John B. Sherlock, James Smith, Kaylon Spurlock, Jamie Thompson, Jennifer Unis, Dowson Bedore, Debra Vazquez, Gary Valinski, 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

September 21, 2025
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Theme:

*How do we use
what God has given
us?*

Question of the week:

*Suggest one or two
ways you can keep
the need for money
in balance with
your faith.*

September 28, 2025
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

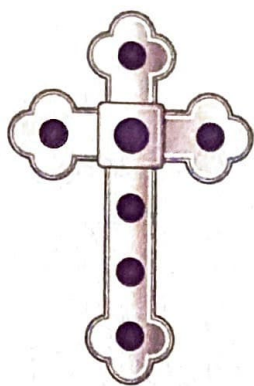
Amos 6:4-7
Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Theme:

*God cares for the
poor and the
oppressed, and we
should too!*

Question of the week:

*How does this
Gospel reading
make you balance*



**HARVEST
of HOPE
COSECHA de ESPERANZA**

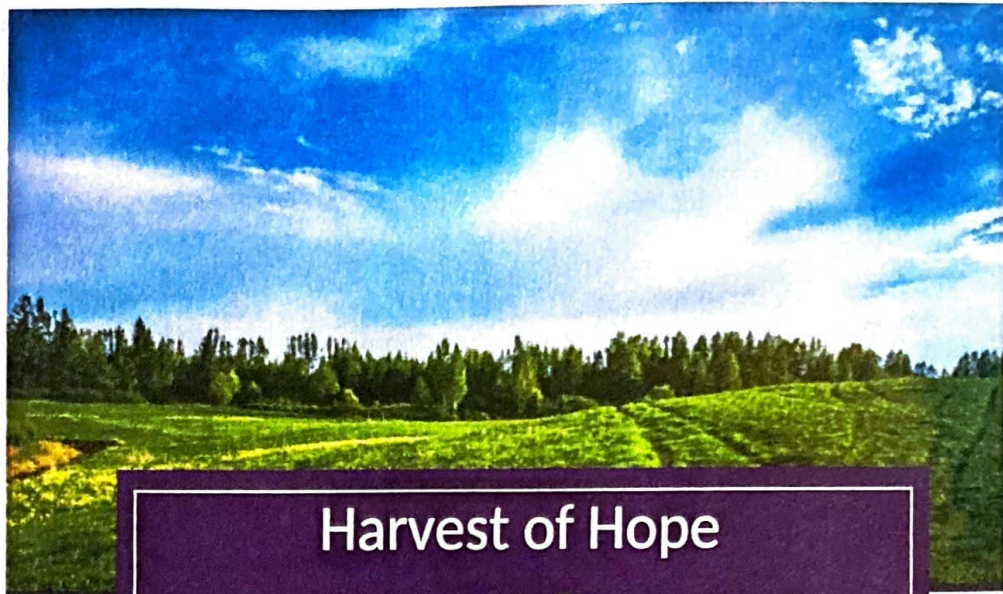
WE PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, who in Your providence have brought us together at this time and in this place, we ask You to guide, inspire, and bless our Diocese of Savannah and the Harvest of Hope campaign.

Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

As we work together for the full coming of Your kingdom, O Lord, may we find a new way of belonging to You and to one another, rejoicing always in Your generosity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Harvest of Hope
LAND
ACQUISITION**

**HARVEST OF HOPE CREATES A FUND FOR
LAND ACQUISITION**

The Harvest of Hope campaign will create a \$1,500,000 fund to purchase a centrally located tract of land to be available for use by the entire diocese. While the need has been identified, no parcel has yet been located. This parcel will allow diocesan wide, large scale outdoor gatherings.

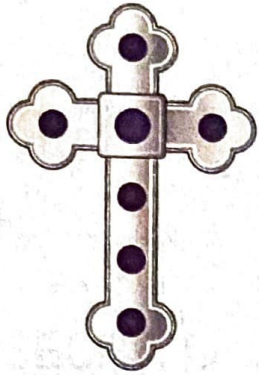
**HOW IS THE HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN
STRUCTURED?**

The Harvest of Hope campaign is a three year campaign. We ask all parishioners to consider a gift or pledge, payable now or over three years. Gifts may be made monthly, quarterly or annually and tax advantaged giving through IRA and stock donations is also encouraged.

We know that no two families are alike, and all give in different ways. Each sacrifice is different, and each is beautiful when prayerfully given. Please pray that hearts are opened and a spirit of generosity prevails.

*Planting seeds for the future of
the Diocese of Savannah*

For more information, please contact our campaign director Michael Messano at
813-523-7098 or mmessano@guidanceingiving.com



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ORAMOS JUNTOS

Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

Otorga Señor a Tus hijos, el terreno rico de la fe, esperanza y el amor, para que las semillas que sembramos hoy den frutos abundantes para las generaciones venideras.

Mientras trabajamos juntos por la venida plena de Tu reino, Señor, que encontremos una nueva forma de ser para Ti y para los demás, regocijándonos siempre en Tu generosidad.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.



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La campaña Cosecha de Esperanza creará un fondo de 1.5 millones de dólares para comprar un terreno céntrico que pueda ser utilizado por toda la diócesis. Aunque se ha identificado la necesidad, todavía no se ha localizado ninguna zona. Esta zona permitirá a toda la diócesis celebrar reuniones a gran escala al aire fresco.

**¿CÓMO ESTÁ ESTRUCTURADA LA CAMPAÑA
COSECHA DE ESPERANZA?**

La campaña Cosecha de Esperanza es una campaña de tres años. Pedimos a todos los feligreses que consideren la posibilidad de hacer una donación o compromiso, pagable ahora o a lo largo de tres años. Las donaciones se pueden hacer mensual, trimestral o anualmente y también se anima a las donaciones con ventajas fiscales a través de IRA y donaciones de acciones.

Sabemos que no hay familias iguales, y todos dan de diferentes maneras. Cada sacrificio es diferente, y cada uno es hermoso cuando se da en oración.

Por favor oren para que los corazones se abran y prevalezca un espíritu de generosidad.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Bryan Bedoya en el 512-608-1360 o bbedoya@guidanceingiving.com

Announcements: September 20 & 21

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

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal:

ODS target goal for 2025 ACA is \$25,278 and St. William is \$1,770. We thank you to everyone that can give to our appeal. ODS has given \$6,010.00 towards our goal.

We will also be starting the Harvest of Hope Capital Campaign with the Diocese in August and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan website for more information.

Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/0tWljZwg8HQ>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>

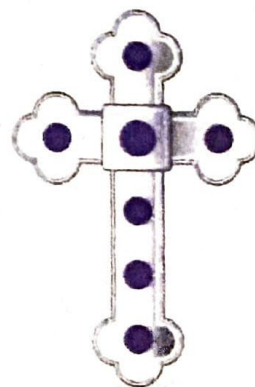
Diocesan Jubilee Gathering:

You are invited to our Diocesan jubilee Gathering on October 11th at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins! Catholics across South Georgia are invited to join us to celebrate our faith and come together as a diocesan family. The day will begin with Adoration and will include a morning and afternoon keynote, lunch, breakout talks, activities for all ages and in different languages, praise and worship, exhibitors, and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes. Registration information and additional details can be found at: diosav.org/en/10-11.

CCD & Sacramenta Preparation news:

Please get your child registered soon as all sacramental preparation and youth group programs will begin in September. Registration will now take place in the CCD Building during CCD classes. You may contact Jackie Beals or Mayra Moreno for more information.

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.



HARVEST
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COSECHA de ESPERANZA

Dear Padre

September 21, 2025

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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Good News!

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever... or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

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Querido Padre

21 de septiembre

En una reunión reciente, un familiar cuestionó la continua participación de mi familia en la Iglesia católica debido al encubrimiento de los abusos sexuales. ¿Cuáles es la mejor manera de abordar esta cuestión?

Resiste la tentación de discutir o dar una respuesta que no sea respetuosa. Elige responder con empatía y comprensión; tal vez algo como esto: "Entiendo y respeto tus sentimientos. Algunos han tomado la difícil decisión de abandonar la Iglesia. A otros les resulta igualmente difícil quedarse.

"Como persona madura y con discernimiento, no estoy poniendo excusas a comportamientos que son inexcusables. No puedo defender ni defenderé un comportamiento que no debe ser defendido. Elijo permanecer en la Iglesia porque elijo permanecer en relación con Jesús, y esa relación incluye mi recepción de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. Valoro los sacramentos, incluso aunque permanezco vigilante sobre la conducta de aquellos a quienes se les ha confiado la celebración de esos sacramentos. Mantengo mi práctica de los sacramentos y, al mismo tiempo, mantengo mi responsabilidad de estar alerta ante los comportamientos abusivos. Esto no es aceptar ni aprobar lo que sin duda ocurrió. Es seguir participando en lo que es bello, sabio y verdadero para que, en compañía de otros creyentes, pueda llegar a ser más como Cristo." ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

21 de septiembre de 2025

Vigésimo quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)
Amós 8:4-7 / 1 Timoteo 2:1-8 / Lucas 16:1-13 o 16:10-13

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Más que nada, queremos ser queridos. Cuando somos bebés, extendemos los brazos, queriendo ser queridos. Cuando empezamos la escuela y descubrimos a otros que podrían ser amigos, queremos ser queridos. Cuando somos adolescentes y descubrimos el despertar de algo nuevo y profundo, queremos ser queridos. Y cuando envejecemos, seguimos queriendo ser queridos.

Las parábolas que contaba Jesús siempre trataban de cómo Dios actúa en nuestras vidas, cómo Dios está poderosamente entrelazado en todo lo que existe. Jesús contaba parábolas para darnos una pista de dónde encontrar a Dios. La parábola de este domingo trata de un hombre rico que tiene un mayordomo a punto de ser despedido. El mayordomo encuentra entonces la manera de congraciarse con los demás para que, cuando sea despedido, no se quede en la calle. No es el hombre rico quien representa a Dios en la parábola. El rico se hizo rico abusando de los pobres. Es más bien el mayordomo quien es la imagen de Dios, un Dios que, como él, está desesperado por ser aceptado, por encontrar un camino hacia nuestras vidas. Podríamos decir que es inteligente...o incluso astuto. Es Dios quien encuentra la manera de entrar en nuestras vidas cuando tenemos miedo, cuando nos enfrentamos a la pérdida del amor, cuando nuestro mundo se derrumba, cuando lo buscamos. Ahí está Dios, deseando ardientemente ser querido. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, September 20

Mass at ODS [+David Stephens. 5:00 pm
(Eloise Stone)]

Spanish Mass at [+Alberto Ramirez. 7:00 pm
(Juventina Estrada)]

Sunday, September 21

Mass at ODS [+GiGi Jarboe 9:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

CCD at ODS..... 10:15 am

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

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

Monday, September 22

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, September 23

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 24

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, September 25

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, September 26

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 27

2nd Collection: Mission Cooperative Appeal

Mass at ODS [+Robert Waldman 5:00 pm
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Cindy Lopez] 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 28

2nd Collection: Mission Cooperative Appeal

Mass at ODS [+Cissy Sanil 9:00 am
(Margo Martin)]

CCD at ODS 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishloners). ... 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	(9/14/25):	\$
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$54,600
ODS Building Fund	(9/14/25):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$5,326
St. William Offertory	(9/14/25):	\$
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$4,989

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Shawn Tyno
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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
..... Michelle Harten, Mary Beth Cary
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Debbie Blakey
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Morris Scarbrough
..... Theresa Scarbrough, Veronica Ogolowa
..... Pius Ogolowa, Ben Fraelich
SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie

