

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

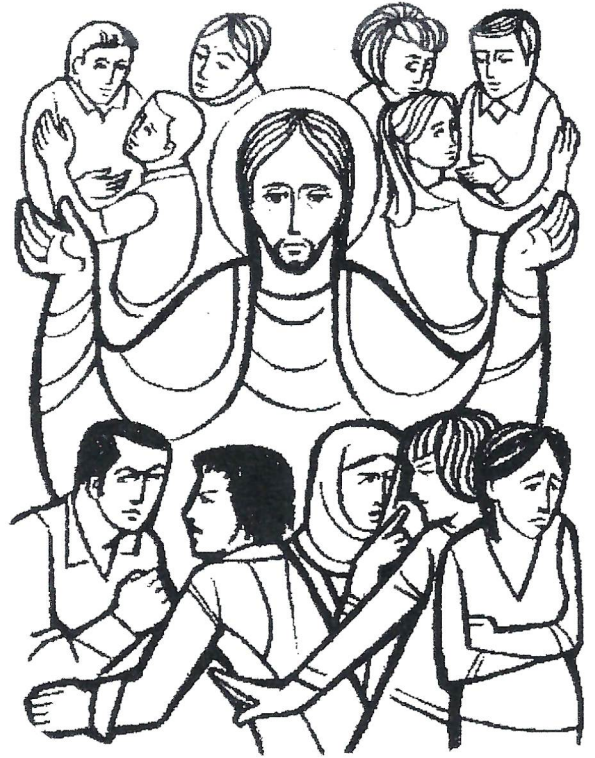
Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

Lord, come to my aid!
Psalm 40



This is a reading from Luke – which we are told that Jesus has come to light a fire on earth!

The fire is a symbol of the radical teachings about the Reign of God.

This will divide families because it is a strong but difficult message for people to believe and follow.

Our Divine Savior

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Office Hours

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, LaVonnia 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, 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, 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

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Jeremiah 38:4-6

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Theme:

*God's power
among us gives us
strength.*

Question of the week:

*Share about a time
when life's
struggles were so
difficult for you
that you nearly
"threw in the
towel".*

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7

Luke 13:22-30

Theme:

*Following Jesus
calls us to risk and
not always take the
easy road.*

Question of the week:

*As you wrestle with
today's Gospel,
what signs do you
see in your own life
that you are "with
God"?*



Announcements: August 16 and 17, 2025

Activity Center Rental Fee:

As of January 1, 2024 the fee to rent the Activity Center will be \$800 plus a \$200 deposit which will be returned if there is no damage 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

2024 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 & Sacramental Preparation news:

Beginning the first week in August, we will hold registration for CCD classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation Year 2. Beginning in second grade, students can prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Starting in 8th grade, students can begin their Confirmation program, which is a 2-year program. More information will be given out regarding the schedule, retreats, and other requirements at the registration.

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.

Harvest of Hope Campaign:

Fr. Peter cordially requests the pleasure of your company at an informational reception inaugurating the Harvest of Hope campaign on Thursday, August 21st. Mass will be at 6:00 pm followed by a reception at 6:45 pm. Bishop Parkes will be our honored guest. Reception will be held at the Activity Center and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by emailing or calling the parish office.

There will be NO Spanish Mass on Saturday, August 23rd.

Dear Padre

August 17, 2025

Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "'unique holiness'... 'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 /
Luke 12:49-53

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand." Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

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Querido Padre

17 de agosto

¿Es "corredentora" un título para la Santísima Virgen María?

La Iglesia no considera oficialmente a María como corredentora con Cristo. Su "'santidad única'... 'desde el primer instante de su concepción' proviene totalmente de Cristo: ella es 'redimida, de manera más exaltada, en razón de los méritos de su Hijo'" (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 492).

Según el cardenal Joseph Ratzinger, el título de "corredentora" "oscurecería" el origen de que "todo viene a través de Cristo", como está escrito en Efesios y Colosenses. "María también es todo lo que es a través de Él", declaró el futuro papa Benedicto XVI, y añadió que "corredentora" se aparta "del lenguaje de las Escrituras y de los Padres, y por lo tanto da lugar a malentendidos".

Asimismo, en 2019, el papa Francisco citó a san Bernardo, quien dijo que ningún elogio es suficiente para hablar de María, pero, en última instancia, su título de humilde «discípula» representa mejor la fidelidad de María a "su Hijo, el único Redentor". "Ella nunca quiso para sí algo que fuera de su Hijo", explicó el pontífice. "Nunca se presentó a sí misma como corredentora. No. Discípula".

El papa Francisco reiteró la posición de la Iglesia sobre este asunto en 2021, diciendo que Jesús confió la Iglesia universal y a todos los fieles a María, "No como una diosa. No como una corredentora. Como una madre". Por cierto, "Madre de Dios" (en griego: *Theotokos*, "portadora de Dios") es el título más antiguo de María, establecido en 431 por el Concilio de Éfeso. ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

17 de agosto de 2025

Vigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebreos 12:1-4 / Lucas 12:49-53

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Un día, mientras caminaba por una reserva natural local, me encontré con lo que alguien había escrito en la arena: "Es hora de tomar una postura". Aunque la persona nunca sugirió sobre qué deberíamos tomar una postura, todos tomamos posturas en la vida. En muchos sentidos, esas posturas definen nuestras vidas: republicano o demócrata, pro-vida o pro-elección, NRA y armas, salvar a las ballenas, vacunar o no vacunar, ecología. Como todos sabemos muy bien, nuestra postura ante cualquier tema puede generar divisiones entre amigos e incluso familiares.

Las Escrituras de este fin de semana hablan del profeta Jeremías, que tomó una postura de fe contra el rey que confiaba en las armas militares en lugar de en Dios. La Carta a los Hebreos menciona una "nube de testigos" del Antiguo Testamento que puso su fe en Dios sin saber adónde los llevaría. Y el mismo Jesús reconoce que aquellos que ponen su fe en él y en la visión de la vida que proclamó se encontrarán en conflicto con los demás. Para cada persona que profesa fe en Jesucristo, la pregunta es cómo esta fe afecta todas las otras posturas que tomamos. "Mantener nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús" influye en el estilo de vida que elegimos, en cómo gastamos nuestro tiempo y nuestro dinero, en quiénes son nuestros amigos e incluso en a quién votamos. En algún momento, la fe nos obliga a tomar partido. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:**Saturday, August 16**

Mass at ODS **[+Lewis Morgan]** 5:00 pm
 (Margo Martin)]

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Christina Alejo]** 7:00 pm
 (Health of Jose Torro)

Sunday, August 17

Mass at ODS **[+Cissy Sanil]** 9:00 am
 (Laura Frizzell)]

Mass at St. William **(Catholic Extension)** 11:30 am

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

Monday, August 18

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, August 19

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 20

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, August 21

Mass at ODS 6:00 pm

Reception and meeting with Bishop Parkes ... 6:45 pm

Friday, August 22

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 23

Mass at ODS **[+Lewis Morgan]** 5:00 pm
 (Margo Martin)]

NO Spanish Mass at ODS

Concert and dinner with Taylor Tripodo 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 24

Mass at ODS **[+Chuck Conner]** 9:00 am
 (Eric and Joann Prostko)]

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

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

ODS LITURGY TEAM**Saturday, August 23, 2025 – 5:00 pm**

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Jill Bergeron
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,
 Jhoy Abantao, Susan Benson
SACRISTAN Jhoy Abantao

Sunday, August 24, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: FR. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Debbie Blakey
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Jim Moultrie,
 Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez
 Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Olga Montalvo

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	(8/10/25):	\$ NA
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$23,379
ODS Building Fund	(8/10/25):	\$ NA
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$3,138
St. William Offertory	(8/10/25):	\$ NA
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$1,796

