

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

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 23, 2026**

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not
forsake the work of your hands.
Psalm 138**



The new name Jesus gives Simon Peter in today's Gospel, announces Peter as the "rock", the foundation of the Church.

Peter is a very human leader with sins and imperfections.

Jesus gives Peter the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

Our Divine Savior

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

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**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, Lela Dillehay, 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, 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, James Wyatt, Suzanne Norwood, Sandra Hendricks, June Hendricks, Rebekah Carpenter, Misael Sausedo Mendez, Lela Dillehay

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 23, 2026
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Theme:

*God is creating a
church, built on
rock.*

Question of the week:

*How would you
describe Jesus to
someone who did
not know him?*

*August 30, 2026
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Theme:

*The cross is a way
that leads to true
life.*

Question of the week:

*Name the cross
that you carry.
How is it bringing
you closer to God?*

Announcements: August 22 & 23

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

The CCW would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for the 50-50 summer fundraiser. Congratulations to the winner of the 50-50 Jennie Gomez. The number of Band-Aids in the jar was 379 and Jennie guessed 376. There was a tie and her name was picked from the tiebreaking hat. \$592 was collected as she received \$296. Again, the CCW appreciates everyone who participated and God bless you all! Carolyn Slade – President.

Harvest of Hope Campaign and Annual Catholic Appeal:

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. And please write your check to the "Annual Catholic Appeal". Thanks for your generosity.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update:

Thank you to those parish families who have pledged or made a one time donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Diocese will start the wrap up for this campaign in late November or early December. If you have not yet contributed, you can still make a pledge to be paid off during the next 3 or 4 months. Here is where we stand as of July 23 report.

Our Divine Saviour ACA:

When the current pledges have been paid off, we will still be \$8,864 short of our goal of \$24,014.

St. William ACA:

We are \$1,692 short of our goal of \$2,707.

Any amount you can give will be appreciated. There are envelopes in the foyer. Please make checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal and put the envelopes in the offertory collection.

Lost and Found:

A pair of EAR BUDS/PODS were found this past weekend in a pew at church. They are in a colored case. Please call the office and you can verify the color of the case to see if they are yours.

CCD News:

CCD Registration has begun. If your child needs Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation preparation, it is important that you register your child before classes begin. The first day for English CCD is August 23, 2026, after the 9am Mass in the Religious Education Building. For more information, contact Jackie Beals at 615-417-0050 or email her at smith_beals@yahoo.com.

Dear Padre

August 23, 2026

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●

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Good News!

August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36
/ Matthew 16:13–20

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response.

No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●

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Querido Padre

23 de agosto de 2026

¿Puede un no católico servir y ocupar un cargo en una organización parroquial católica?

Según su conocimiento, competencia y posición, los fieles cristianos tienen la obligación de colaborar en las obras necesarias de la Iglesia y promover el bien común de la parroquia: su culto, su misión apostólica, sus obras de caridad, el cuidado de sus ministros y la atención a los pobres. (Véase Código de Derecho Canónico, 222.) En general, el Derecho Canónico y la mayoría de los reglamentos diocesanos estipulan que los miembros de los órganos decisivos principales deben ser católicos activos y inscritos que participen en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. Por ejemplo, los miembros de un consejo pastoral deben estar «en plena comunión con la Iglesia católica» (CCL 512 §1). Sin embargo, a veces se invita a personas no católicas —como los cónyuges de feligreses o expertos en sus campos (por ejemplo, finanzas, derecho, arquitectura)— a aportar sus habilidades formando parte de consejos consultivos y comités o desempeñando otras funciones de apoyo que suelen carecer de derecho a voto. En todos los casos, el párroco o el obispo tiene la facultad de involucrar a personas no católicas en iniciativas específicas. Por ejemplo, un obispo «puede invitar como observadores al sínodo diocesano a otros ministros o miembros de iglesias o comunidades eclesiales que no estén en plena comunión con la Iglesia católica» (CCL, 463 §3). Un no católico interesado en colaborar debería consultar al sacerdote local sobre las oportunidades disponibles, según las normas de la diócesis. ●

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Buenas noticias

23 de agosto de 2026

Vigésimo primer domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 22, 19-23 / Romanos 11, 33-36 / Mateo 16, 13-20

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

«¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?» Una respuesta fácil si solo repites lo que dicen los demás y lo que has oído. Sin compromiso. Sin revelación. Sin riesgo. Pero todo cambia cuando la pregunta va más al grano: «¿Quién dices tú que soy yo?». Dime lo que sabes, no lo que has oído. El silencio es casi ensordecedor. La respuesta que se pide requiere vulnerabilidad, no solo un relato anónimo.

No es de extrañar: es Pedro quien responde. Como nunca ha sido de los que ocultan sus emociones o editan sus pensamientos, es Pedro quien revela lo que sabe, quizá incluso aquello de lo que no está seguro, quizá la verdad que solo espera pero que aún no ha declarado. «Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios viviente» (Mateo 16:16).

Jesús responde con una oración de bendición; los apóstoles, por su parte, permanecen en silencio. Aunque estamos muy familiarizados con la profesión de fe de Pedro, su declaración era casi inaudita o inesperada viniendo de un hombre judío del siglo I. Era peligroso identificar a alguien como el Mesías. Era blasfemo nombrar a alguien como el Hijo del Dios viviente. Sin embargo, con fe y humildad, Pedro hizo la declaración y, al nombrarlo, confió su vida, su esperanza y todo aquello en lo que creía firmemente en las manos de Jesús. No fue un acto sencillo. No fue un día cualquiera. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, August 22

Mass at ODS [**+Robin McDaniel**] 5:00 pm
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

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

Sunday, August 23

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

English CCD 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [**+Hector Javier Nunez Aguilar**
+Javier Nunez Jr.] 2:00 pm

Monday, August 24

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, August 25

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 26

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, August 27

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, August 28

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 29

Mass at ODS [**+Spencer Stolberg**] 5:00 pm
(Eloise Stone)]

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

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

Sunday, August 30

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

English CCD 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) 259-4316 or 912-201-4074.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(8/16/26):	\$4,670
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$44,483
ODS Building Fund	(8/16/26):	\$500
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$4,657
St. William Offertory	(8/16/26):	\$903
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$3,796

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR: Lydia Fortier
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,
..... JHoy Abantao, Pat Stephens
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Jill Bergeron
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich,
..... Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez,
..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie

