

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***The just man is a light in darkness
to the upright.
Psalm 112***



*Jesus disciples are to be like salt,
constant and self-giving.*

*Light symbolizes the goodness of the
disciples, their sharing the life of
God, who is light.*

*Those who see the light in the
disciples will praise, not the disciples,
but God.*

Our Divine Savior

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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 Herandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonja 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 Sehrsamski, 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

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

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinth. 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Theme:

We are called to be children of the light.

Question of the week:

Do you let your light dim? Why?

February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinth. 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Theme:

God's Commandments are a way of life.

Question of the week:

Do you accept God's love through his laws?

Announcements: February 7 & 8

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 ODS Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 7th to raise money for The Joe and Martha Day Scholarship. The CCW is asking parishioners to put aside any usable goods that you wish to donate to the CCW for the sale.

WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE: furniture, cooking utensils, toys, puzzles, board games, wooden or metal signs, picture frames, books, holiday items, linens, tools, sports equipment, glassware, dishes, leather goods, artwork, jewelry (please do not polish sterling silver), yard/garden tools, gently used shoes and boots.

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE: clothing, soiled linens, used candles, mattresses, or anything broken or dirty. The drop off days will be March 5 and 6 (Hours will be announced later).

Attention High School Seniors: The college scholarship application packets will be available for students starting January 27th for the "Joe and Martha Day AND the Jared A. Gibbs Scholarships. You can pick up your application packet from Mr. Guzman in the Guidance office. Please consider applying for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please call Janet Vanags at 229-392-6770 or Mary Anne Gibbs at 229-392-7676.

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:

We continue to advance toward our Harvest of Hope goal. We are within reach of 77% of our goal of \$233,335.00 to be given during the next two or three years. According to the January 22nd report, 33.20% of our parish has given or pledged (84 donors). We have so far given a total of \$76,021.62 and have received \$19,708.78 to be applied toward our own parish projects. Thank you to all who have participated.
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$130,865.42 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$103,107.80

ST. WILLIAM: There have been 18 donors or 56.25% of registered parishioners.
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300.00 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,890.00 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,215

UNO NIGHT:

The next UNO NIGHT will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, February, 17th.

There will be NO CCD the weekend on February 14 and 15.

The Lenten Penance Service will be held at ODS on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Fasting an Abstinence Guidelines:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is required for Catholics ages 18-59: one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal another full meal. No snacking between meals. Abstinence is required for Catholics ages 14 and older. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics age 14 and older. Those who are ill, elderly, pregnant, nursing or whose health would be affected are excused from fasting and/or abstinence. These practices help us grow in prayer, repentance, and charity as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Dear Padre

February 8, 2026

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite ●

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Good News!

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16

ANN M. GARRIDO

Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy. Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life's gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today's first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today's readings remind us that our "wounds shall quickly be healed" more readily when we focus on the needs of others. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, February 7

Mass at ODS [+Jim Hook] 5:00 pm
(Wyatt Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 7:00 pm
(Norma Ramirez)]

Sunday, February 8

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 [+Cindy Lopez]2:00 pm

Monday, February 9

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, February 10

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 11

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, February 12

Mass at ODS8:00 am

Friday, February 13

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 14

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 5:00 pm

NO Spanish CCD

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

Sunday, February 15

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

NO CCD at ODS

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.

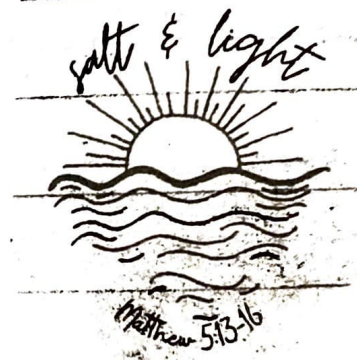
ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, February 14, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Debbie Blakey
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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
..... Michelle Harten, Pat Stephens
SACRISTAN Jhoey Abantao

Sunday, February 15, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Jill Bergeron
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich
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..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie



ODS Weekly Offertory	(2/01/26):	\$6,655
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$177,600
ODS Building Fund	(2/01/26):	\$1,529
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$18,448
St. William Offertory	(2/01/26):	\$441
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$15,441

Knights of Columbus Sock drive:

The Knights of Columbus are once again this year giving back to the community by collecting "NEW SOCKS" for the annual "SOCK IT TO EM SOCK DRIVE". Socks collected during this drive will be donated to deserving children throughout Tift County. You can help the Knights support this worthy cause by dropping your donated "NEW SOCKS" in one of the baskets located in the church vestibule or the Parish Hall. The donation baskets will be out until February 13th. All sizes and colors will be accepted so please donate as many pairs as you can.