

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.
Psalm 90***



In the New Testament, Jesus is the incarnation of God's wisdom, the teacher who taught humans how to live.

Jesus uses examples from human experience to illustrate messages with deeper meanings.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses the example of a wise builder to stress that discipleship is an all-consuming vocation.

Our Divine Savior

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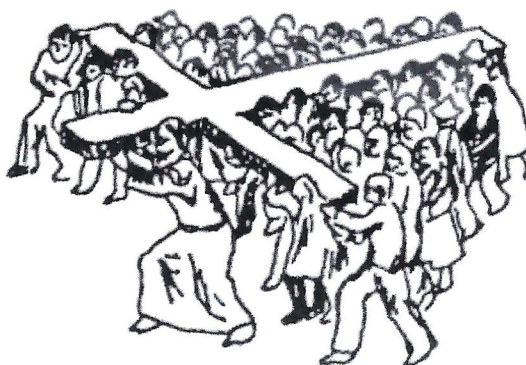
Requests for Prayers

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, 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, 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 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Philem. 1:9-10

Luke 14:25-33

Theme:

*Commitment is
required to follow
him.*

Question of the week:

*How do you as a
modern man or
woman denounce
your possessions?*

September 14, 2025
Feast of the
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9

Philipp. 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Theme:

*God loved us so
much that he sent
his Son, Jesus, to
save us.*

Question of the week:

*What does it mean
to you that Jesus
saved you?*

Announcements: September 6 & 7

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 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 hold its monthly meeting on September 9th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish who are interested in joining this group are welcome. Come and hear what we have planned for this coming year! 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 & 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.

Well -Read Mom small group:

Well-Read Mom group accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful and true. Well-Read Mom groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a women's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "teacher".

The new Tifton group gathering will be the first Monday of each month starting September 8th thru June. Call Michelle Wageman at 575-309-5325 for more information or her email is freckledgallery@gmail.com

Dear Padre

September 7, 2025

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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

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Good News!

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 9:13-18b / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

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Querido Padre

7 de septiembre

Tengo problemas para encontrar un buen lugar para rezar. No puedo ir a la iglesia todos los días. Tengo una casa ruidosa, y no puedo rezar en el trabajo. ¿Alguna idea?

El mejor lugar para rezar es la soledad. Pero la soledad en este caso no significa un lugar aislado; es, más bien, un estado del corazón. Muchos cristianos pueden entrar en un estado de soledad en un tren lleno de gente. He hablado con otros que encuentran la soledad mientras están sentados en un banco de un centro comercial abarrotado.

Sin embargo, para cultivar este estado interior que abre al cristiano a una conversación sincera con Dios, muchos de nosotros necesitamos apartar físicamente las distracciones. Como aconsejó Jesús, entra en tu habitación—tu lugar secreto—, cierra la puerta y reza allí. Para algunas personas, este “lugar secreto” es una iglesia o capilla. Muchas personas rezan antes o después de la misa. Algunas iglesias tienen un oratorio o capilla especial para el Santísimo Sacramento.

Pero, al igual que usted, muchas personas encuentran difícil ir a una iglesia o capilla todos los días, por lo que algunas de ellas dedican un rincón especial de su casa a la oración. Este rincón de oración suele tener una Biblia, un crucifijo, una estatua, una imagen sagrada, una vela o una planta.

Podemos encontrar la soledad en el coche, en un lugar favorito de la naturaleza, en el jardín o en una caminata por la mañana. Una vez que empiezas a buscarla, la soledad no es tan difícil de encontrar como cabría esperar, porque Dios está presente en todos los lugares y en todos los momentos, así que dondequiera que encontremos soledad, él estará allí. ●

P. Michael Brehl, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

7 de septiembre de 2025

Vigésimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)
Sabiduría 9:13-18b / Filemón 9-10, 12-17 / Lucas 14:25-33

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Amenudo hay un precio que pagar por ser seguidor de Jesús, por hacer lo correcto. Durante la Guerra Civil de nuestro país, los propietarios de plantaciones del sur se enfrentaron al imperativo del Evangelio de aceptar a los esclavos como seres humanos con derecho a ser libres, aunque eso supusiera el colapso de la economía del algodón. Para ellos, era vivir el Evangelio o salvar la economía. A veces, el evangelio parece ponernos en una situación en la que todos pierden.

El presidente Lyndon B. Johnson se enfrentó a la guerra de Vietnam. Si continuaba una guerra que sabía que no se podía ganar, costaría vidas humanas. Si ponía fin a la guerra, sería tildado de presidente que perdió una guerra. Para él, era una situación en la que todos perdían. Hacer lo correcto o salvar las apariencias. Una persona puede enfrentarse a un trabajo que exige decisiones injustas e inmorales cuando negarse a tomarlas le costaría el trabajo necesario para mantener a su familia. Un estudiante puede enfrentarse a la perspectiva de copiar o sacar una mala nota. Vivir el evangelio conlleva muchos costes.

Hoy en día, nuestra nación se enfrenta a las dificultades de la inmigración. Por un lado, está el mandamiento del evangelio de amar a los pobres y, por lo tanto, aceptar a los inmigrantes que buscan escapar de la violencia, el terror y la sequía, condiciones que les impiden vivir. Por otro lado, está la necesidad de que nuestra nación haga frente a la migración incontrolada. La pregunta “¿Qué haría Jesús?” nunca está exenta de consecuencias. ●

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