

# Welcome

To our communities of faith

## Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12<sup>th</sup> Street and Love Avenue  
Tifton, GA

And

St. William Catholic Church  
807 S. Merrimac Dr.  
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
June 14, 2026**

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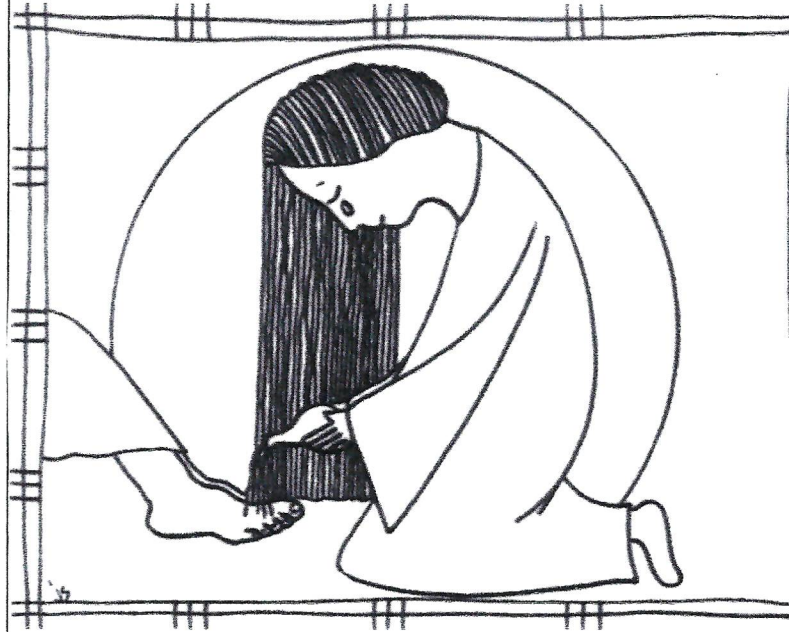
*Pastor*

*Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP*

*Deacon*

*J. Brian Bergeron*

***We are his people: the sheep of his  
flock.  
Psalm 100***



*In Luke's Gospel there are many stories about women.*

*Some biblical scholars suggest that Luke's special interest in women shows his concern for the marginalized and the outcast.*

*In today's passage, Simon the Pharisee is skeptical of Jesus' compassionate response to the sinful woman's anointing of him.*

**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, 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, Marlana 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 Caroenter, Misael Sausedo Mendez

**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

*June 14, 2026  
 Eleventh Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time*

**Readings:**  
 2 Samuel 12:7-10  
 Galat. 2:16-21  
 Luke 7:36

**Theme:**  
*Love rather than  
 judge.*

**Question of the week:**  
*How can you show  
 compassion toward  
 the marginalized  
 members of society  
 today?*

*June 21, 2026  
 Twelfth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*

**Readings:**  
 Jeremiah 20:10-13  
 Romans 5:12-15  
 Matthew 10:26-33

**Theme:**  
*There is nothing to  
 fear if we stay close  
 to Jesus.*

**Question of the week:**  
*What is your  
 responsibility to  
 Jesus?*

# Good News!

June 14, 2026

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Exodus 19:2–6a / Romans 5:6–11  
/ Matthew 9:36–10:8

ANN M. GARRIDO

Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●

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# Dear Padre

June 14, 2026

***I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?***

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, “Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will” (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, “I think, therefore I am,” but it can also be said that “I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people” (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart “is the place of encounter” with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it’s “a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him” (*DN* 57). “More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus” represents “his boundless love” (*DN* 48). Therefore, “any act of love or worship of his heart is thus ‘really and truly given to Christ himself,’ since it spontaneously refers back to him and is ‘a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ’” (*DN* 50). ●

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# Querido Padre

14 de junio de 2026

## **Me cuesta relacionarme con devociones tradicionales como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. ¿Algún consejo?**

Cristo instruyó a sus seguidores a amar al Señor Dios con todo nuestro corazón, alma y mente. (Ver Mateo 22, 37). Buscamos una unión más profunda con Dios no solo a través de la razón y el entendimiento, sino también a través de los sentimientos y los afectos. Sin embargo, como señaló el papa Francisco, «muchas personas se sienten más seguras... en el ámbito más fácilmente controlable de la inteligencia y la voluntad» (*Dilexit Nos* [Sobre el amor humano y divino del corazón de Jesucristo], 10). Descartes dijo de nosotros: «Pienso, luego existo», pero también se puede decir que «yo soy mi corazón, porque mi corazón es lo que me distingue, da forma a mi identidad espiritual y me pone en comunión con otras personas» (DN 14).

Además, el corazón «es el lugar del encuentro» con Dios (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 2563). El papa Francisco reconoce que algunas personas hoy en día pueden no encontrar significativa la imagen del Sagrado Corazón (véase DN 2), pero es «una invitación a hacer espacio para el encuentro con Cristo... de la forma en que queramos representarlo» (DN 57). «Más que cualquier otra parte de su cuerpo, el corazón de Jesús» representa «su amor sin límites» (DN 48). Por lo tanto, «cualquier acto de amor o adoración a su corazón es, por lo tanto, «real y verdaderamente dado a Cristo mismo», ya que se refiere espontáneamente a él y es «un símbolo y una tierna imagen del amor infinito de Jesucristo»» (DN 50). ●

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# Buenas noticias

14 de junio de 2026

*Undécimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)*

Éxodo 19, 2-6a / Romanos 5, 6-11

/ Mateo 9, 36-10, 8

ANN M. GARRIDO

**Casi todos los que han leído la Biblia han oído hablar de las doce tribus de Israel.** Las doce tribus, que reciben su nombre de los doce hijos del patriarca Jacob, ocupan un lugar destacado en las Escrituras hebreas. Las doce tribus son liberadas de la esclavitud en Egipto y entran juntas en la Tierra Prometida. A continuación, eligen entre ellos a un rey. ¿Qué sería de la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones sin las historias de las doce tribus?

Pero si leemos más allá de la tradición familiar de la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, descubrimos rápidamente que las doce tribus no permanecieron unidas. Primero, las tribus del norte fueron conquistadas por los asirios. Más tarde, las tribus del sur fueron diezmadas por los babilonios. La familia que una vez fue llamada por Dios para convertirse en una nación santa fue dispersada por la guerra y las maquinaciones políticas de sus propios líderes. Se convirtieron en ovejas sin pastor, dejando de ser un rebaño.

Y ahí es donde interviene Jesús, como leemos en el evangelio de hoy. Al mirar a su pueblo, la familia elegida por Dios, ve lo heridos y perdidos que están, lo polarizados que se han vuelto. Jesús sabe lo que tiene que hacer. Reúne a los Doce, un número significativo. Jesús se veía a sí mismo como el reunificador de su pueblo tras una época de dolorosa separación entre ellos.

Hoy, Jesús sigue llamando a las personas a participar en el ministerio de la reconciliación. ¿Te imaginas tu nombre entre los «doce» como alguien que ayudará a sanar una nación dividida? ●

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## Announcements: June 13 & 14

### 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

### 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.*

### 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

#### **OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:**

We continue to make good progress toward our goal of \$24,014.00. We are now almost 60% of the way to completion, with 17.72% of our parish families donating. If you would like to donate or pledge an amount to be given before the end of the year, you can find envelopes in the vestibule. *Please make your checks payable to ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.* Thank you for your generosity.

#### **ST. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A total of \$1,015 has been given, which is 37.5% of our target amount of \$2,707. Envelopes are available to those who wish to pledge or contribute. *Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.*

### Book Club:

The next book club selection is "The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted" by Obery M. Hendricks Jr. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, July 6 at 7 pm. If you would like to join us, please obtain a copy of the book, read it and contact Margo Martin (229-402-0741) for the meeting location.

### 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.



### **JESUS ANOINTED BY A SINFUL WOMAN**

Discover the hidden words.



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#### **Word Bank**

TEARS	FORGIVEN	JUDGED
KISS	SIMON	OIL
SIN	DINNER	JESUS
DEBT	DENARI	WOMAN

**EVENTS of the WEEK**

**Saturday, June 13**

Mass at ODS [+Fr. James O’Kielty .....5:00 pm  
(Eliose Stone)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Laguna Valle]..... 7:00 pm  
**Sunday, June 14**

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

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parshioners) ...2:00 pm  
**Monday, June 15**

NO Mass at ODS .....  
**Tuesday, June 16**

Mass at ODS ..... 5:30 pm  
**Wednesday, June 17**

Mass at ODS [+Laguna Valle]..... 8:00 am  
**Thursday, June 18**

Mass at ODS [+Laguna Valle] .....8:00 am  
**Friday, June 19**

Mass at ODS [+Laguna Valle ]..... 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration ..... 6:00 pm  
**Saturday, June 20**

Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland ..... 5:00 pm  
(Al & MaryAnne Gibbs)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Cindy Lopez] ..... 7:00 pm  
**Sunday, June 21**

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

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez] .....2:00 pm

**ODS LITURGY TEAM**

**Saturday, June 20, 2026 – 5:00 pm**

**PRESIDER:** ..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP  
**LECTOR:** ..... Shawn Thomas  
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**EUCARISTIC MINISTER:** ..... Greg Harten  
..... Michelle Harten, Pat Stephens  
**SACRISTAN** ..... Pat Stephens

**Sunday, June 21, 2026 – 9:00 am**

**PRESIDER:**..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP  
**LECTOR :** ..... Margo Martin  
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**EUCRISTIC MINISTER** ..... Ben Fraelich  
..... Morris Scarbrough, Theresa Scarbrough  
.....Veronica Ogolowa, Pius Ogolowa  
**SACRISTAN:** ..... Ann Timbs

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	(6/07/26):	\$6,655
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$288,243
ODS Building Fund	(6/07/26):	\$1,121
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$25,029
St. William Offertory	(6/07/26):	\$723
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$26,015

