

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

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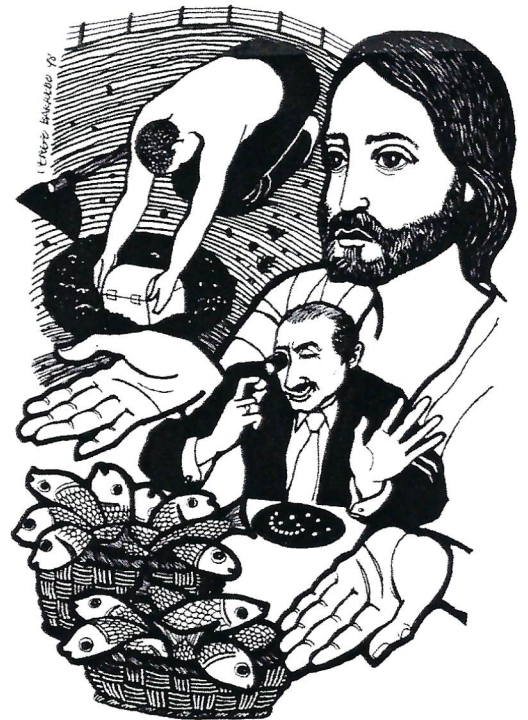
St. William Catholic Church
807 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 26, 2026**

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, I love your commands.
Psalm 119**



*Everything can be given up joyfully
for the sake of the Kingdom.*

*The third parable teaches that there is
an appropriate time for sorting out
good and bad.*

*Jesus ends his discourse with a ques-
tion to the disciples: "Have you
understood all this?" They answer
"Yes". But we know they may not
have understood as fully as they
claimed to.*

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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**July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

**1 Kings 3:5-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52**

Theme:

***The kingdom of
God is a treasure
beyond price.***

Question of the week:

***Describe in your
own words what
the Reign of God
is?***

**August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

**Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35-39
Matthew 14:13-21**

Theme:

***God answers all
our needs.***

Question of the week:

***What "false
obstacles" have you
experienced
separating them
from Christ?***

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 McCarthy,
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
Scarborough, Wayne Scarborough, 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,
Misaël 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

Announcements: July 25 & 26

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

CCW SUMMER 50/50 FUNdraiser:

Guess how many Band-Aids are in the jar! Jesus Heals Us! Stay stuck on HIM! Buy a ticket for \$1.00. Put your guess, name and phone number on the ticket and place the ticket in the coffee can. The FUNdraiser will run from July 11th – August 2nd. On August 3rd, the drawing will be held, and the person who comes closest to guessing the correct amount of band-aids will win half of the amount collected! If there is a tie, there will be a second drawing between those names. All monies collected will go towards next year's scholarship fund! Good luck and THANK YOU for sticking with Jesus!

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.

Thank you to all of our families who have contributed to this year's ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, and also to the three-year HARVEST OF HOPE campaign. It is good to report that 97 donors (or 37.15% of our families) have so far contributed \$184,091 to HARVEST of HOPE. That is 78.9% of our campaign goal and there is a pledge balance of \$90,571.

The latest from the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, reports that \$14,612 (60.85% of our goal) has been given by 17.72% of our parishioners (45 donors). There is a pledge balance of \$538. God will never be outdone in generosity and we know that those who are sharing so willingly of their treasure, and of their time in service to our parish will reap rewards for their generosity.

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.

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE 2027:

All are welcome to join FR. John Wright, Pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waynesboro GA and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Louisville GA on a pilgrimage to Ireland May 12-21, 2027. The pilgrimage includes visits to Dublin, Waterford, Melleray Abbey, Cobh, Blarney, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, and Knock. Cost is \$5,750 per person, with double occupancy (all-inclusive from Atlanta, excluding lunches, insurance, and personal expenses). Space is limited, with only 7 SPOTS remaining and all proceeds from the Pilgrimage are donated to support Catholic Church in the Holy Land. For more information or to reserve your spot, call L.P. Pilgrimages at:

1-833-944-8242 or visit <http://lppilgrimages.com/trip/ie27-fr-john-wright-12may>

Blessing of the Sick:

Starting on Friday, July 31st and every last Friday of the month, Fr. Peter will be celebrating the Blessing of the Sick during the 5:30 pm mass.

Book Club:

The next book club selection is "Magnifica Humanitas," Pope Leo's encyclical. You can order it from Amazon or download it from the Diocesan or Vatican website for free. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, August 17th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Please call Margo Martin if you have any questions.

Dear Padre

July 26, 2026

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

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

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Good News!

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like "the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illuminate a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

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Querido Padre

26 de julio de 2026

Estoy en el programa OCIA. Mi esposa y yo nos casamos por lo civil. Ella va a una iglesia no confesional, pero no está bautizada. Alguien dijo que tendríamos que «convalidar» nuestro matrimonio. ¿Por qué? ¿Y qué significa eso?

La convalidación es un término jurídico, pero también puede entenderse como una buena práctica pastoral y, más aún, como una sabia elección espiritual. Básicamente, desde un punto de vista jurídico, tu matrimonio tuvo lugar fuera de la estructura canónica de la Iglesia. Es necesario «regularizarlo» y «documentarlo» para que podáis seguir adelante. Como tu esposa no está bautizada, no puede ser un matrimonio sacramental, que requiere el bautismo, pero puede hacerse válido y registrarse en la documentación oficial de la Iglesia. Esa documentación es útil, sobre todo si tienes hijos y pretendes criarlos como católicos. Además, si tu esposa decide algún día bautizarse como católica, tu matrimonio se convertiría automáticamente en un matrimonio sacramental cuando ella se bautice. No se te pide nada más. En definitiva, es una buena decisión y un paso positivo en tu camino espiritual. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

26 de julio de 2026

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)
1 Reyes 3, 5, 7-12 / Romanos 8, 28-30 / Mateo 13, 44-52 o 13, 44-46

ANN M. GARRIDO

Lo que más le gustaba a Jesús era hablar de un misterio al que llamaba el reino de Dios, al que en el Evangelio de Mateo se hace referencia como el reino de los cielos. Él no fue el primero en hablar de ello. Los profetas que le precedieron hablaban a menudo del sueño de Dios para el mundo. Querían que todos supieran cómo sería cuando Dios reinara aquí en la tierra tal y como ya reina en los cielos. Pero Jesús amplió esa enseñanza ofreciendo nuevas e vívidas imágenes de cómo es el reino de Dios. Mateo 13 está lleno de esas instantáneas. El reino de los cielos será como un grano de mostaza, una perla, una medida de levadura, un tesoro escondido. Será como un sembrador que echa la semilla, una cosecha de trigo, una red que atrapa muchos peces.

Al final de esta letanía, sin embargo, Jesús ofrece una imagen de lo que espera de quienes han recibido su enseñanza sobre el Reino. Deben ser como «el dueño de una casa que saca de su alacena lo nuevo y lo viejo» (Mateo 13, 52). Parece como si los discípulos de Jesús tuvieran que actuar como anfitriones de un banquete, poniendo la mesa con historias de todos los tiempos para alimentar a sus invitados con las palabras e imágenes que mejor les ayudaran a comprender el misterio de este reino. Deben continuar la labor de Jesús de desarrollar nuevas formas de iluminar un misterio que, al fin y al cabo, es demasiado grande para expresarlo con palabras. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, July 25

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Hector Javier Nunez . . 7:00 pm
+Javier Nunez]

Sunday, July 26

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
+Hector Javier Nunez
+Javier Nunez]

Monday, July 27

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, July 28

Mass at ODS [+Lorenzo Olalde] 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 29

Mass at ODS [+Lorenzo Olalde] 8:00 am

Thursday, July 30

Mass at ODS [+Lorenzo Olalde] 8:00 am

Friday, July 31

Mass at ODS [+Lorenzo Olalde] 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 1

2nd Collection: ODS BUILDING FUND

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (sp. intentions for Sophia Silva)
. 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 2

2nd Collection: ODS BUILDING FUND

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 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 LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, August 1, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR:

LECTOR :

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten,

. Michelle Harten, Pat Stephens

SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, August 2, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR :

LECTOR

EUCRISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich,

. Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez,

. Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn

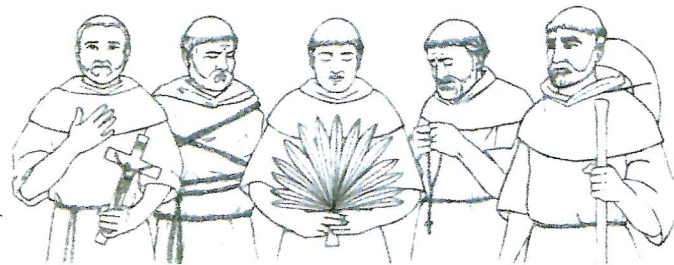
SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie

SAVE THE DATE!

Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs

October 31, 2026 | Savannah, GA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS COMING SOON!



¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

Beatificación de los Mártires de Georgia

31 de octubre de 2026 | Savannah, GA

¡HORARIO DE EVENTOS PRÓXIMAMENTE!

ODS Weekly Offertory	(7/19/26):	\$6,111
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$19,628
ODS Building Fund	(7/19/26):	\$35
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$2,217
St. William Offertory	(7/19/26):	\$541
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$1,430

