

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

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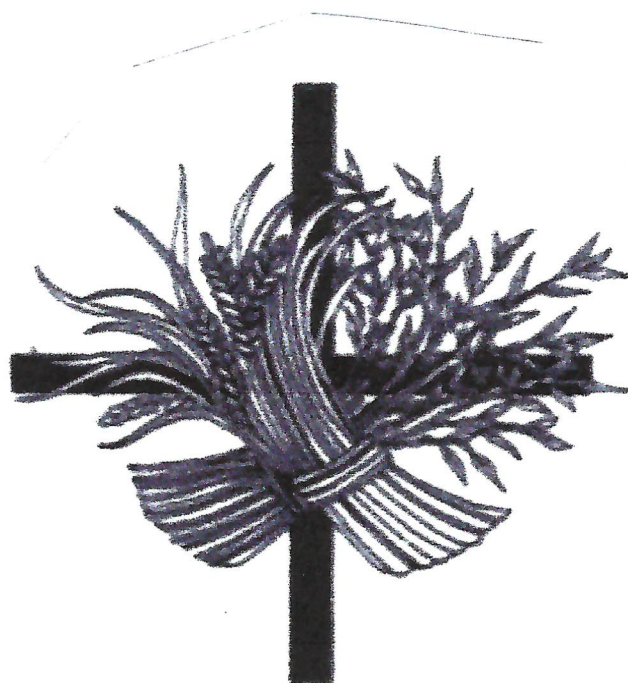
St. William Catholic Church
807 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 19, 2026**

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Psalm 86**



The two parables of the weed seed planted among the crops, and the leaven in the woman's bread, make the point that the Kingdom of God may look small in Jesus' ministry but its growth will be rapid and thorough.

The parable of the weeds in the wheat makes the point that good and bad cannot be separated without harming the good.

God's people must trust divine wisdom as they face the evil in the world.

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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	Victoria Perez	706-944-0807
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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 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, 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

**July 19, 2026
16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

Wisdom 12:13-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Theme:

The reign of God is like _____

Question of the week:

How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith?

**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?

Announcements: July 18 & 19

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 19, 2026

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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

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Good News!

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●

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Querido Padre

19 de julio de 2026

Mi exnovio falleció hace poco. Era muy abusivo y me causó mucho dolor. ¿Debería rezar por él aunque crea que ninguna oración podría ayudarle?

Sí, deberías rezar por él y, a pesar del dolor que aún te queda de esa relación, resistir la tentación de juzgarlo. Esta decisión no solo es una elección espiritual saludable, sino que también te ayudará a sanar las heridas que aún llevas contigo. Rezar por él no significa que estés negando el daño que te infligió, sino más bien que eres capaz de una madurez y de tomar decisiones que aparentemente estaban más allá de su capacidad. Rezar por él dice más de ti que de él. También es un acto de honestidad y fidelidad inspirado por la gracia. Es una declaración de que crees de todo corazón en el Dios misericordioso y perdonador, capaz de sanar las heridas más profundas e incluso de ayudar a su pueblo fiel a perdonar, en última instancia, a quienes les han hecho daño. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

19 de julio de 2026

Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)
Sabaduría 12, 13, 16-19 / Romanos 8, 26-27 / Mateo 13, 24-43
o 13, 24-30

MIGUEL DULICK

A Jesús le encantaban las parábolas. «Les hablaba solo en parábolas, para cumplir lo que había dicho el profeta: «Abriré mi boca en parábolas, anunciaré lo que ha estado oculto desde la fundación [del mundo]» (Mateo 13, 34-35).

De hecho, las parábolas brotan de la propia creación. El trigo y la cizaña crecen, un proceso natural, esperando a que Jesús lea el reino de los cielos que se esconde en su interior. Jesús no impone una interpretación de estos elementos; él, más que nadie, sigue su propio consejo: «El que tenga oídos, que oiga» (Mateo 13, 43).

Mateo es el único evangelista que recoge esta parábola. Quizá le gustaba porque es su propia historia. Entre el hermoso trigo del pueblo elegido, él era una fea cizaña, un recaudador de impuestos del Imperio Romano. Una vez que Jesús lo sacó de la oscuridad para que lo siguiera, Mateo podría haber pensado: «¿Por qué Dios no me mató de un golpe por todo el veneno que esparcí entre mis propios hermanos?».

Ahora bien, en la parábola, la cizaña nunca se convierte en trigo, y de hecho corre un destino terrible, pero la idea es dejar que el trigo y la cizaña crezcan juntos, para no arrancar el trigo al arrancar la cizaña. A menudo, es difícil distinguir la diferencia. Los que son «trigo» no deberían buscar excusas para separarse de los que se consideran «cizaña». El riesgo es demasiado grande por el daño que podríamos causar. Deja que Dios haga la separación a su debido tiempo. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, July 18

2nd Collection: Church in Africa

Mass at ODS [+Charles Dillhay] 5:00 pm
(Wyatt Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Isabel Malacate Laras] 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 19

2nd Collection: Church in Africa

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

Monday, July 20

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, July 21

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 22

Mass at ODS [+Carmen Jimenez] 8:00 am

Thursday, July 23

Mass at ODS [Familia Acosta Manriquez] 8:00 am

Friday, July 24

Mass at ODS [Familia Acosta Manriquez] 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

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]

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, July 25, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR: Debbie Blakey
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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,
. Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke
SACRISTAN Jhoy Abantao

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 9:00 am

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

ODS Weekly Offertory	(7/12/26):	\$7,265
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$13,517
ODS Building Fund	(7/12/26):	\$735
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$2,182
St. William Offertory	(7/12/26):	\$366
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$889

