

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

**Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy.
Psalm 66**



Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' farewell address to his disciples.

The author of today's Gospel emphasizes the union of Jesus with the Father and with believers.

In Jesus, believers also stand in relationship with the Father. This relationship is made possible and real through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Our Divine Savior

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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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*May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday
Of Easter*

Readings:

Acts 8:5-8
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Theme:

*We have the spirit
of truth to guide us.*

Question of the week:

*Which one of the
promises in today's
Gospel gives you
the most hope?*

*May 17, 2026
Ascension of the
Lord*

Readings:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephes. 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Theme:

*We are to be Jesus'
witnesses.*

Question of the week:

*What will I do this
week to give
witness to Christ in
me and my
neighbor?*

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, LaVonnia 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, 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

Announcements: May 9 & 10

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.

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$131,895 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$95,943
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$51,096 TOTAL GIVEN: \$87,049
78% of our campaign goal given by 36% of our families.

ST. WILLIAM:

Current Harvest of Hope figures:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300.00 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687.00 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$805 37% of our campaign goal given by 59% of our families.
Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$2,707.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

According to the April 30 progress report for the Annual Catholic Appeal, so far there have been 36 pledges or donations (14.17% of our families). A total of \$8,609 has been given, leaving a pledge balance of \$720. We have reached 36% of our target amount of \$24,014. Thank you to those who have pledged or have given. There are envelopes in the vestibule for those who want to contribute. Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.

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.*

The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday in May at 6:00 pm after the 5:30 pm mass.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, May 12th but there will be a Rosary at 6:00 pm.

2026 High School Seniors:

Attention all High School Seniors: Our Divine Saviour Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday, May 24th at the 9:00 am mass. Graduating seniors who are planning to attend this mass please text or call MaryAnne Gibbs at 229-392-7576 for further information.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(5/03/26):	\$8,199
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$263,025
ODS Building Fund	(5/03/26):	\$1,124
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$23,453
St. William Offertory	(5/03/26):	\$375
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$23,429

Dear Padre

May 10, 2026

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

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Good News!

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 / 1 Peter 3:15–18 / John 14:15–21

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●

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Querido Padre

10 de mayo de 2026

¿Cuál es el papel y las responsabilidades de un párroco en su iglesia y comunidad?

En primer lugar, un párroco es un maestro y santificador. Como maestro, está obligado a instruir a las personas en la fe, especialmente a través de la homilía y la formación catequética, en particular, la educación católica de los niños y los jóvenes. Fomenta «las obras por las que se promueve el espíritu del Evangelio, incluidas las cuestiones relacionadas con la justicia social». Con la ayuda de los laicos, lleva el mensaje del Evangelio «a quienes han dejado de practicar su religión o no profesan la verdadera fe» (*Código de Derecho Canónico*, 218 §1).

Como santificador, trabaja «para que los fieles cristianos se nutran de la celebración devota de los sacramentos», especialmente la Eucaristía y el sacramento de la penitencia. También es responsable de garantizar que la Eucaristía sea el centro de la comunidad de fe, fomentando la participación activa en la liturgia y la vida parroquial para que se celebre de forma auténtica. (Véase CCL 218 §2.)

Sus otras obligaciones pastorales se encuentran en el ámbito del gobierno. Estas obligaciones incluyen la atención a aquellos que están bajo su cuidado, especialmente los enfermos y los moribundos. Fomenta el crecimiento en la vida cristiana dentro de la familia. Hace «un esfuerzo especial por buscar a los pobres, los afligidos, los solitarios, los exiliados de su propia tierra y, de manera similar, a los que están agobiados por dificultades especiales». Además, es responsable de fundamentar su comunidad local en la misión más amplia de la Iglesia universal. (Véase CCL 529). ●

P. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

10 de mayo de 2026

Sexto domingo de Pascua (A)

Hechos 8, 5-8. 14-17 / 1 Pedro 3, 15-18 / Juan 14, 15-21

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Durante el tiempo de Pascua, la Iglesia celebra una y otra vez una verdad fundamental del pensamiento y la fe cristianos: «lo que ya es y lo que aún no es». Jesús ya nos ha salvado, pero aún no hemos experimentado la plenitud del Reino. En esta creencia hay tensión, la experiencia de estar en medio, donde se vive la tensión y, con suerte, se alcanza el equilibrio.

Lo que hace soportable la tensión es que sabemos que no hemos sido abandonados como huérfanos. No estamos solos. El Espíritu de Dios nos ha sido enviado y nos permite aferrarnos a lo que hemos conocido y experimentado y a lo que aún nos es desconocido. Las Escrituras y la tradición, los dogmas y las doctrinas, los sacramentos y los sacramentales, las prácticas y las disciplinas, todos inspirados por el Espíritu de Dios, nos proporcionan el apoyo y la orientación necesarios y nos ayudan a mantener el equilibrio.

Por maravillosos que sean cada uno de estos dones del Espíritu, cada don debe ser recibido, encontrado, habilitado y vivido. Si los dones se dan pero nunca se reciben, y lo que es más importante, nunca se utilizan ni se comparten, no solo rechazamos un don que nos ha sido dado gratuitamente por nuestro Dios, sino que también nos privamos de los medios para mantener nuestro equilibrio y permanecer en el camino que conduce a la vida y la luz. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, May 9

Mass at ODS [+Angelita Hizon5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas7:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Soriano]

Sunday, May 10

Mass at ODS [+Kay Crowley Des Lauriers9:00 am
(Margo Martin)]

Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners). .11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 2:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Monday, May 11

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, May 12

NO Mass at ODS

ROSARY.....6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 8:00 am
+ Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

UNO Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 14

Mass at ODS [+Francisco Agostini. 8:00 am

Friday, May 15

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 5:30 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration6:00 pm

Saturday, May 16

Mass at ODS [+Arnold Davis.....5:00 pm
(Wyatt Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Violeta delez Acebedo . 7:00 pm
(Santos Family)]

Sunday, May 17

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

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, May 16, 2026 – 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR :
LECTOR
EUCRISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich
..... Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Leticia Mendosa



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.