

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

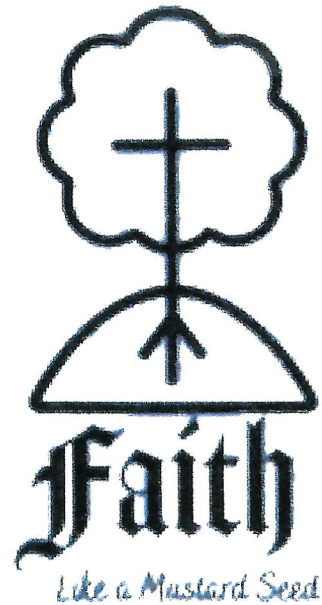
Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

**If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts.
Psalm 95**



Today's Gospel passage is from a collection of Jesus' sayings on discipleship.

The disciples ask Jesus for an increase of faith. With the exaggerated image of a mustard seed, Jesus casts doubt on their possession of any faith.

In the second saying about workers, Jesus warns his followers against thinking that they deserve or can earn a special reward because of their service.

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,
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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 Fraulich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonja 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

October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Habakkuk 1:2-3

2 Timothy 1:6-8

Luke 17:5-10

Theme:

***Faith is the anchor
and force of life.***

Question of the week:

What signs do you see in your life of generosity and forgiveness or any or Jesus' teachings?

October 12, 2025
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Theme:

We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

Question of the week:

What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God?

Announcements: October 5 & 6

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

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 \$6,560.00 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>

Book Discussion Group:

The Book Discussion group will meet on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm to discuss Pope Francis's last encyclical, "Dilexit nos."

ODS/CCW Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:

Hello Parishioners! The Parish Council of Catholic Women of ODS is sponsoring a Food Drive for 15+ needy families in our parish. Non-perishable food items donated during the next 7 weeks will be sorted, boxed and given to the designated needy families in our Parish the week of Thanksgiving. Won't you help by contributing this week ALL or ANY of the following items? **GARBANZO BEANS, BREAKFAST BARS, BREAKFAST CEREAL, VEGETABLE OIL**. Please place your donations on the HIGH counter in the Parish Hall under the sign "FOOD DONATIONS". The CCW will securely store it until the week of Thanksgiving. Also, if you shop at PUBLIX, and you purchase a "buy one, get one free" (BOGO), please consider donating the free item to the ODS Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.



Dear Padre

October 5, 2025

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Querido Padre

5 de octubre

¿Es pecado la envidia? Me doy cuenta de que siento mucha envidia de las personas que tienen más que yo. Me cuesta estar contento con lo que mi familia y yo tenemos ahora.

Vivimos en un clima que fomenta el descontento con lo que tenemos. La publicidad juega con nuestros sentimientos de envidia y nuestro deseo de poseer cosas. En esta carrera casi universal por poseer más y mejores objetos materiales, los cristianos estamos llamados a dar un testimonio contrario. Estamos llamados a abrazar una libertad y una pobreza de espíritu que realmente se regocija en las bendiciones de los demás.

El décimo mandamiento nos alerta sobre el peligro de la envidia indisciplinada: "No codiciarás... nada de lo que es de tu prójimo" (Éxodo 20:17). En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús dice que donde esté nuestro tesoro, allí estará también nuestro corazón. (Ver Mateo 6:21). El verdadero antídoto contra la envidia es, pues, la oración de agradecimiento por todo lo que Dios nos ha dado a nosotros y a los demás. Sentir envidia, desear o codiciar las posesiones de otra persona no es en sí mismo un pecado mortal. Pero dejar que ese sentimiento invada tu mente, complacerlo y racionalizarlo, es dejar que ese sentimiento se endurezca y se convierta en una mentalidad envidiosa. Entonces estás coqueteando con el pecado real. El pecado grave es permitir que estos pensamientos envidiosos te lleven a cualquier injusticia o maldad. *El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* lo resume bien: "¿Quieres glorificar a Dios? Alégrate del progreso de tu hermano [y de tu hermana], y glorificarás a Dios" (2540). ●

P. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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Good News!

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 /
Luke 17:5-10

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

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Buenas noticias

5 de octubre de 2025

Vigésimo séptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)
Habacuc 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timoteo 1:6-8, 13-14 / Lucas 17:5-10

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Los sueños infantiles están salpicados de visiones de héroes y heroínas, estrellas de cine y estrellas de rock, fama y notoriedad. Sin embargo, con el tiempo, ajustamos nuestras visiones de lo que podemos llegar a ser al enfrentarnos a la realidad de quiénes somos. Sin embargo, rara vez nuestros sueños y visiones son lo suficientemente grandes. Tienden a ser solo sobre nosotros mismos, sin incluir apenas a los demás.

Lo mismo puede decirse de convertirse en personas de fe. Con demasiada facilidad pensamos en la fe simplemente como nuestra decisión personal de creer en Dios. La fe se convierte entonces en algo unilateral: las oraciones que rezamos, las misas a las que asistimos, las normas de la Iglesia que obedecemos. Al igual que el pueblo de la época del profeta Habacuc, podemos lamentarnos: "Grito pidiendo ayuda y no me escuchas... Clamo a ti: '¡Violencia!' y no intervienes" (Habacuc 1:2).

Entonces, nuestra fe y su visión de la vida no son lo suficientemente grandes, porque no dejamos espacio para que Dios se introduzca en nuestras vidas y haga lo que Dios hace. Entonces, la fe solo se refiere a nosotros mismos: nuestras necesidades, nuestras luchas y nuestros dolores. La fe debe ser una entrega a la visión de Dios, no solo para nosotros mismos, sino para toda la vida. [El Señor dijo:] "La visión es un testimonio para el tiempo señalado... no defraudará. Si se demora, esperarla, porque sin duda vendrá, no tardará" (Habacuc 2:3). La dificultad radica en que queremos que Dios nos haga la vida perfecta, tal y como la queremos y cuando la queremos. Entonces, se convierte en nuestra visión de la vida y no en la de Dios. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:**Saturday, October 4****2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund**

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 7:00 pm

+Benito Soriano

+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Sunday, October 5**2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund**

Mass at ODS [+Norman Nolan. 9:00 am

(Ruben Ricardo)]

CCD at ODS. 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 2:00 pm

+Benito Soriano

+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Monday, October 6

NO Mass at ODS

Book Club 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 7

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 5:30 pm

+Benito Soriano

+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Wednesday, October 8

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, October 9

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, October 10

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 11

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Cindy Lopez 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 12

Mass at ODS [+Joan Carroll. 9:00 am

(Eric & Joann Prostko)]

CCD at ODS 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Rodolpho Quintana Franco 2:00 pm

(Claudia Mejia)]

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 LITURGY TEAM**Saturday, October 11, 2025 – 5:00 pm**

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR : Judy Tyno

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao

. Jhoy Abantao, Pat Stephens

SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, October 12, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:. Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR : Jill Bergeron

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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Veronica Ogolowa,

. Pius Ogolowa, Chrisann Krohn

. Mary Moultrie, Bill McDaniel

SACRISTAN: Claudia Aguilar



ODS Weekly Offertory	(9/28/25):	\$5,964
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$72,039
ODS Building Fund	(9/28/25):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$5,411
St. William Offertory	(9/28/25):	\$345
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$6,219