

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

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

**Give the Lord glory and honor.
Psalm 96**



Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is the first of four stories about Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities.

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes.

Jesus refuses to answer the question on the level that it is presented to him, instead he raises the discussion to a higher level: teaching that in all cases, our responsibility to God is primary.

Our Divine Savior

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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, LaVonnia Mathis, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, Butch Parker, Dr. Franzella Pertilla, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehrsamski, 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 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

October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 45:1-6
1 Thessal. 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Theme:

*We thank God for
faithfulness.*

Question of the week:

*If you were to write
a thank you note to
someone or to a
group who has
helped you grow in
faith, to whom
would you write
and what would
you say?*

October 25, 2026
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessal. 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Theme:

*The Greatest
Commandment –
“Love”.*

Question of the week:

*For each of the two
commandments
Jesus teaches
today, share how
they have become
part of your life.*

Announcements: October 17 & 18

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:

There will be 2 demonstrations of the AED and CPR led by Dr. Burke and another member from Southwell to be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 6pm in the church hall. An additional class will be held on November 21st at 9:30 am for those who cannot make the evening class or prefer a Saturday morning class.

Pennies from Heaven has started and will end the first weekend in November.

Monthly Harvest of Hope Campaign Report:

St. William has given a total of \$1,418 toward a goal of \$13,962 with a remaining pledge balance of \$3,687.

Our Divine Saviour will receive another deposit to our account with the diocese in October. That will bring the total we have received to \$52,934.25. Please remember that each parish will benefit financially from all we give to this campaign. So far, due to the 50/50 split, \$5,007,593.43 has been returned to 59 parishes to fund their own projects.

Our Divine Saviour currently has a Harvest of Hope pledge balance of \$82,945. During the month of September, \$1,700 was paid toward our pledges, compared to \$6,000 in August. If you are behind on your pledges, you should receive a reminder from the diocesan office. Please remember that Harvest of Hope is an investment in the future of our diocese to ensure we will be able to sustain the ministries, programs, and outreach efforts that exist to serve our local Church and Almighty God.

The campaign will continue for another couple of years, so it is not too late to participate. If you would like to make a pledge to be fulfilled over the next few years, please look for the Harvest of Hope envelopes in the foyer of the church. If you want to make an outright donation, *please make your checks payable to Harvest of Hope* and put them in the offertory collection. Our thanks go out to those who have given and/or pledged.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update:

HIP HIP HOORAY, and CONGRATULATIONS, and MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL THE GENEROUS ODS PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEARS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. We have surpassed our goal of \$24,014 by a whopping amount of \$20,524. God will surely bless all who have dug deep and given to the campaign. For those of you who still have a pledge balance remaining, and for those who have planned to give before the campaign ends, your donation will still be put to good use in the current year. Perhaps we can help make up the deficit for our brothers and sisters in other parishes who are not able to reach their goal. Generosity and Solidarity are important virtues for all of us to work on. May God bless all who have and/or will participate.

ROSARY In October:

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

There will be NO CCD classes the weekend on October 17 and 18.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, October 20th thru Friday, October 23rd and no 1 hour Adoration.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

The CCW is working hard to provide non-perishable food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The baskets will go to 15 needy families in our parish. Won't you please bring one or more of the following items to Church this coming weekend? VEGETABLE OIL, PASTA (any kind), RICE, PASTA SAUCE in a jar. Place your food items on the high counter in the Church hall. May thanks for your generosity.

Most Reverend Alfred Adewale Martins:

We are blessed to welcome Most Reverend Alfred Adewale Martins, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lagos, Nigeria, to Tifton and to our parish community! Please join us as we extend a warm Our Divine Saviour welcome to Archbishop Martins with a special Potluck dinner on Sunday, October 18th at 4:00 pm in the ODS Activity Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together in fellowship, share a meal. And personally welcome Archbishop Martins to our community. Please plan to attend and bring a favorite dish to share. Let's fill the Activity Center with great food, joyful fellowship, and the warm hospitality that makes Our Divine Saviour such a special family of faith. Come hungry. Bring a dish. Bring your family. Let's give Archbishop Martins a welcome he will always remember.

Dear Padre

October 18, 2026

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

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Good News!

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law.

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we. ●

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Querido Padre

18 de octubre de 2026

¿Qué significa que estemos en el Ciclo A, B o C? ¿O en los Años I y II?

Cuando los obispos de la Iglesia, en el Concilio Vaticano II de 1963, pidieron una revisión de nuestra liturgia, solicitaron que «los tesoros de la Biblia... se abrieran más generosamente, para que se pudiera ofrecer un manjar más rico a los fieles en la mesa de la palabra de Dios. De este modo, se leerá al pueblo una parte más representativa de las Sagradas Escrituras a lo largo de un número determinado de años» (*Constitución sobre la Sagrada Liturgia*, 51).

Para quienes asisten a misa los sábados por la tarde (misa de vigilia) o los domingos, las Escrituras se reparten a lo largo de tres años (denominados Años A, B y C). En estas misas, el Evangelio es la lectura principal. La primera lectura, tomada del Antiguo Testamento, y el salmo responsorial tocan el mismo tema que el Evangelio. En el tiempo de Pascua, la primera lectura se toma de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. La segunda lectura sigue pasajes consecutivos de las cartas de Pablo o de los demás apóstoles, independientemente de las otras lecturas. Para los que van a misa entre semana, se lee la mayor parte de la Biblia a lo largo de dos años. Los años impares son el Año I, y los pares, el Año II. Todo esto debería ayudarnos a descubrir esos tesoros que la Iglesia dice que son nuestros en las Escrituras. ●

P. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

18 de octubre de 2026

Vigésimo noveno domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 45, 1. 4-6 / 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 1-5b / Mateo 22, 15-21

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesús tenía que saber que algo se cocía cuando tanto los fariseos como los herodianos se le acercaron juntos. Los fariseos y los herodianos nunca estaban juntos. Los herodianos sobrevivían cooperando con el Imperio Romano. Los fariseos consideraban esa cooperación una afrenta a la ley de Dios.

«¿Es lícito pagar el impuesto del censo al César o no?», le preguntaron. Era una trampa. Si respondía «no», los herodianos podrían denunciarlo ante los romanos por fomentar la rebelión. Si respondía «sí», la multitud que observaba vería a Jesús como un traidor a una potencia extranjera impopular. Pero Jesús no mordió el anzuelo. Se negó a dar un «sí» o un «no», y en su lugar dejó que los espectadores vieran que sus adversarios fariseos y herodianos llevaban la moneda romana en los bolsillos —participando así en la economía romana—, mientras que él ni siquiera poseía la moneda sobre la que le preguntaban. Él vivía y trabajaba para un gobernante completamente diferente. Su pregunta estaba fuera de su ámbito de interés.

A menudo, nosotros también nos vemos atrapados en acaloradas conversaciones políticas en las que las preguntas se plantean de tal manera que parecen permitir solo una respuesta de sí o no. Quienes preguntan quieren saber: «¿Estás con nosotros o contra nosotros?», como si no hubiera otras opciones. Como seguidores de Jesús, sabemos que hay cuestiones que nos preocupan profundamente —«cuestas por las que vale la pena morir»—. El propio Jesús tenía una: el Calvario. Pero él no sentía la necesidad de posicionarse en cada tema político candente de su época. A veces eludía esas conversaciones. Nosotros también podemos hacerlo. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, October 17

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Mass at ODS [+**Hershall Bergeron**] 5:00 pm
(Al & MaryAnne Gibbs)]

NO Spanish CCD

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

Sunday, October 18

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Mass at ODS [+**Maria Guadalupe Aguilar**] 9:00 am
(Claudia Aguilar)]

NO English CCD

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners) . . . 2:00 pm

Reception for Archbishop Martins. 4:00 pm

Monday, October 19

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, October 20

NO Mass at ODS

ROSARY 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21

NO Mass at ODS

AED & CPR demonstration 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 22

NO Mass at ODS

Friday, October 23

NO Mass at ODS

NO 1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 24

Mass at ODS [+**Jose Hizon**] 5:00 pm
+ **Ken Martin**]

Spanish CCD 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass at ODS [+**J. Carmen Silva**] 7:00 pm
+ **Micaela Silva**]

Sunday, October 25

Mass at ODS [+**Hershall Bergeron**] 9:00 am
(CCW)]

English CCD. 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (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 Weekly Offertory	(10/11/26):	\$6,753
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$89,316
ODS Building Fund	(10/11/26):	\$330
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$8,723
St. William Offertory	(10/11/26):	\$662
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$7,952

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
..... Michelle Harten, Mary Beth Cary
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
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..... Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
SACRISTAN: Claudia Aguilar

*If you're hanging on by
a thread, make sure it's the hem
of His garment.*

