

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

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 12, 2026**

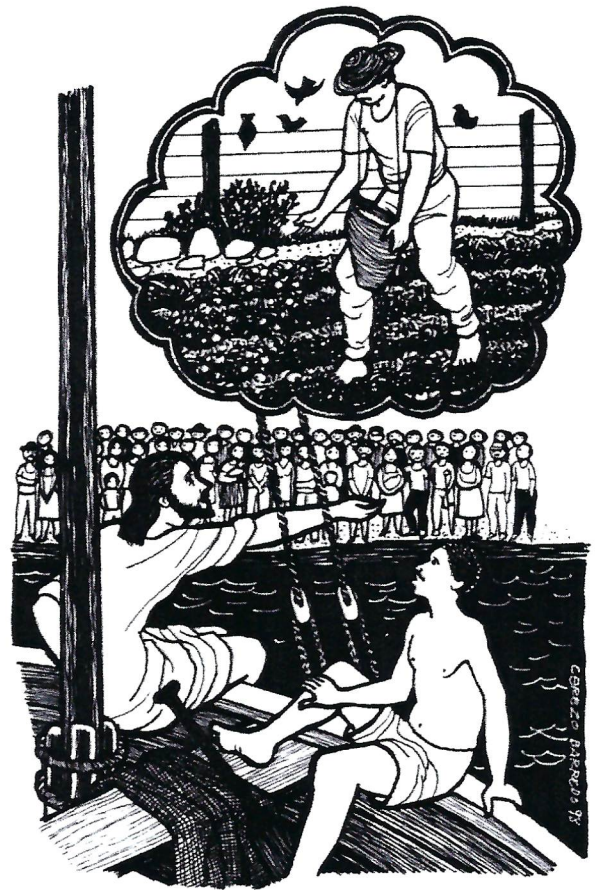
Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Psalm 65***



In the parable of the sower, Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of God.

The seed is the word of God; the various kinds of soil represent different dispositions in the hearers.

The Kingdom of God grows best in willing hearts.

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 12, 2026
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Theme:

**Discipleship –
opening our hearts
to Jesus' word and
acting upon it.**

Question of the week:

**How has faith been
planted in your
life?.**

**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?**

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 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, Suzanne Norwood, Sandra Hendricks, June Hendricks, Rebekah Carpenter, Misael Sausedo Mendez

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 11 & 12

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: (as of 6/1/26)

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: \$92,311
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$51,096 TOTAL GIVEN: \$90,681
78.42% of our campaign goal given by 36.36% of our families

ST. WILLIAM:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$805 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418
37% of our campaign goal given by 59% of our families

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR (as of 6/11/26):

We continue to make good progress toward our goal of \$24,014.00. We are now almost 61% of the way to completion, with 17.72% of our parish families donating. If you would like to donate or pledge an amount to be given before the end of the year, you can find envelopes in the vestibule. *Please make your checks payable to ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.* Thank you for your generosity.

ST. WILLIAMS (as of 6/11/26):

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.*

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.

Dear Padre

July 12, 2026

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18-20.) ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●

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Querido Padre

12 de julio de 2026

Miro lo que está sucediendo en nuestro mundo hoy en día y empiezo a perder la fe. ¿Cómo puedo mantener mi fe firme en una época que parece carecer de fe?

El mal no es un fenómeno nuevo. El Libro de los Jueces, por ejemplo, presenta una época de incredulidad que podría rivalizar con lo que está sucediendo en nuestro mundo hoy en día. Los veintidós capítulos de Jueces están tan llenos de vandalismo y guerra, asesinatos y magnicidios, fratricidios y suicidios, que constituyen un sombrío testimonio de lo peor de la humanidad. Jueces nos recuerda la necesidad de salvación de la humanidad. En *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, el autor Oscar Lukefahr escribe: «Abandonada a sí misma, la humanidad degenera en una caricatura espantosa de lo que deberíamos ser. Vemos cómo se repiten estas lecciones en la historia reciente... En el Libro de los Jueces, vemos nuestra necesidad de Dios». Es fácil perder la fe cuando nos centramos en lo malo que es el mundo en lugar de en cómo podemos aportar nuestro granito de arena para hacerlo santo. El papa San Juan Pablo II escribió en *Cruzar el umbral de la esperanza*: «La conciencia de nuestra propia pecaminosidad, incluida la heredada, es la primera condición para la salvación; la siguiente es la confesión de este pecado ante Dios, que solo desea recibir esta confesión para poder salvar al hombre. Salvar significa abrazar y elevar con amor redentor, con un amor que siempre es mayor que cualquier pecado». ¡No pierdas la esperanza cristiana! Aunque Cristo ya triunfó sobre el pecado y la muerte, la realidad del mal permanece hasta que el reino de Dios se realice plenamente en la tierra como en el cielo. (Véase 1 Jn 5, 18–20.) ●

... P. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

12 de julio de 2026

Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)

Isaías 55, 10–11 / Romanos 8, 18–23 / Mateo 13, 1–23 o 13, 1–9

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

El Padre es el Sembrador imprudente. Siembra no solo en la tierra buena, donde se puede anticipar una cosecha, sino también en la tierra difícil, donde nada parece echar raíces. Siembra con abandono, aparentemente desperdiçando buena semilla, sin otra razón que experimentar la alegría de la creación y las infinitas posibilidades de esperar ser sorprendido.

No hay nada de malo en los planes bien trazados y en el uso cuidadoso y metódico de los recursos disponibles. Sin embargo, la planificación no debe excluir la posibilidad de que el poder de Dios se manifieste de manera creativa e imprevista. Nuestra planificación no debe restringir ni limitar, sino más bien habilitar y alentar. Todos hemos visto esa flor inesperada que, de alguna manera, crece rodeada de pavimento. O ese árbol resistente que se aferra a la ladera de la montaña. No deberían estar ahí. No debería ser posible. Nada puede crecer allí. Y, sin embargo, ahí están, haciendo lo imposible y proclamando lo improbable.

Afortunadamente, servimos a un Dios que ve más de lo que nosotros jamás podremos ver. Que imagina para nosotros más de lo que jamás hemos soñado que fuera posible. Que no solo siembra, sino que también cuida y riega, permitiendo un crecimiento prodigioso, hasta que llega el momento de la cosecha abundante. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, July 11

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 5:00 pm
 Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Santos Malacate] 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 12

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 13

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, July 14

Mass at ODS (Special intentions for Guadalupe Toro and Andres Hernandez) 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 15

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, July 16

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, July 17

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm
 1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 18

2nd Collection: Church in Africa

Mass at ODS [+Charles Dillehay] 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

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 18, 2026 – 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026 – 9:00 am

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



ODS Weekly Offertory	(7/05/26):	\$6,252
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$6,252
ODS Building Fund	(7/05/26):	\$1,447
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$1,447
St. William Offertory	(7/05/26):	\$523
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$523