

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

Praise the Lord, my soul!
Psalm 146



In the gospel readings prior to today's gospel the religious leaders had rejected Jesus's teachings about possessions.

The rich man was oblivious to the needs of the poor beggar, not realizing the seriousness of his complacency.

The indifference of the rich man led him to an eternal situation worse than that of Lazarus on earth.

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, 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, Thomas Norris, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehramski, 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

September 28, 2025
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Amos 6:4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Theme:

God cares for the poor and the oppressed, and we should too!

Question of the week:

How does this Gospel reading make you balance your own life?

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 other of Jesus' teachings?

The
Rich Man
and the Beggar

Announcements: September 27 & 28

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>

CCD & Sacramenta Preparation news:

The First Sacramental Prep class for the Sunday First Communion group will be held this Sunday, September 28th. At least one parent must also attend. Arrive no later than 10:15 am to the Activity Center.

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." If you are interested, you may purchase it in booklet form from Amazon or you can download it for free from the Vatican website. If you have any questions, please contact Margo Martin.

ODS/CCW Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:

Once again, the Parish Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a non-perishable food drive for 15+ needy families in our parish. We ask everyone in the parish to contribute. Each week you will see a bulletin announcement asking for specific foods to donate. Please place your donations on the HIGH counter in the Parish Hall under the sign "FOOD DONATIONS". The Food Drive begins NOW. This week we ask that you donate ANY or ALL of these items: MASA flour, Canned Corn, Diced Vegetables, Vegetable Broth. (Also, if you'd like to nominate a needy family FROM OUR PARISH, or INDIVIDUAL from our Parish, OR wish to remove your family or yourself from last year's list of recipients), please email Janet Vanags at Vanags01janet@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you!!

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.

There will be NO 7:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 27th.

Dear Padre

September 28, 2025

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (Lectionary, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook.

Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship. Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Querido Padre

28 de septiembre

¿Por qué el párroco de mi parroquia predica sobre el amor prácticamente todos los domingos?

"A lo largo del año litúrgico, la homilía expone los misterios de la fe y las normas de la vida cristiana basándose en el texto sagrado" (Leccionario, 24). La palabra "amor" aparece traducida en la Biblia más de 500 veces; en comparación, "pecado" aparece aproximadamente 400 veces. Por lo tanto, en la medida en que la homilía "debe ser una explicación de algún aspecto de las lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura" (*Instrucción General del Misal Romano*, 65), la palabra de Dios sobre el "amor" es demasiado frecuente como para pasarla por alto.

El papa Francisco llamó a la palabra de Dios "una carta de amor, escrita por Aquel que nos conoce mejor." En la Biblia, este Dios que desea derramar su amor sobre nosotros (véase 1 Juan 3, 1), nos dice esencialmente: "¿Cómo te amo? Déjame contarte las formas." La forma en que amamos a Dios a cambio puede compararse con dos personas que mantienen una relación comprometida. Con el tiempo, se entrelazan tanto que incluso pueden adoptar los patrones de habla, los gestos y las opiniones del otro. Del mismo modo, aquellos que aman a Dios, con el paso de los años, podemos empezar a interiorizar las palabras de la "carta de amor" de Dios y reflejarlas en nuestro lenguaje, nuestras acciones y nuestra perspectiva cristiana. "El que me ama, guardará mi palabra, y mi Padre lo amará, y vendremos a él y haremos morada con él" (Juan 14:23). ●

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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.

Good News!

September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

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Buenas noticias

28 de septiembre de 2025

Vigésimo sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

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P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

En *Cuento de Navidad*, Ebenezer Scrooge se enfrentó a la persona en la que se había convertido: alguien obligado a aceptar la realidad que le mostraban los fantasmas de las Navidades pasadas, presentes y futuras. Scrooge no se había dado cuenta de cómo, poco a poco, se había convertido en una persona indiferente y codiciosa, incapaz de mostrar compasión porque nunca había visto realmente el dolor de los demás. La historia de Ebenezer Scrooge es la historia del hombre rico del evangelio de este domingo, que no se conmovió ante el pobre Lázaro, sentado a la puerta de la suntuosa casa del rico. Ambas son historias de seres humanos que se han ido adentrando en el vacío.

Santo Tomás de Aquino sugirió que nuestras motivaciones en la vida pueden reducirse en última instancia a ocho categorías diferentes. Si nos interesa comprender en qué tipo de personas nos estamos convirtiendo, podríamos preguntarnos cuál de estas preguntas describe mejor nuestra motivación: ¿Tomo mis decisiones y elijo mi vida basándome en la riqueza? ¿O busco ser admirado por los demás y ser alabado? ¿Es la gloria duradera lo que busco? ¿O el poder para que se me reconozca por "marcar la diferencia"? ¿Busco una vida de placer y comodidad absolutos? ¿Busco la salud? ¿O tal vez algo relacionado con mi vida interior, algún bien intangible, como la virtud o el conocimiento? ¿O es ver a Dios ya en esta vida lo que realmente quiero? Conocernos a nosotros mismos es siempre un reto, porque con demasiada frecuencia podemos estar a la deriva, sin saber quiénes nos estamos convirtiendo. ●

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