

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*

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***Go out to all the world and tell the
Good News.
Psalm 117***



The Gospel reading from Luke is a collection of sayings warning disciples to be faithful and prepared.

The image of a narrow door indicates the difficulties involved in following Jesus.

In the Gospel of Luke, table fellowship is a primary sign of discipleship. To eat with Jesus is to share his life, to share his life is to share his cross.

Our Divine Savior

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday.....Closed

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Please call the parish office**

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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, LaVonia Mathis, Raeligh 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, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehranski, Marlana 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

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7

Luke 13:22-30

Theme:

*Following Jesus
call us to risk and
not always take the
easy road.*

Question of the week:

*As you wrestle
with today's
Gospel, what signs
do you see in your
own life that you
are "with God"?*

August 31, 2025
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 3:17-18

Hebrews 12:18-19

Luke 14:7-14

Theme:

*Give as God gives –
in humility and
love.*

Question of the week:

*Who are the people
living near you that
you would find it
most difficult to
invite to a meal?*



Announcements: August 23 and 24, 2025

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

The ODS Council of Catholic Women will hold its monthly meeting on September 9th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish who are interested in joining this group are welcome. Come and hear what we have planned for this coming year! Thank you

The CCW would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and/or donated to our summer Fundraiser. The winner is Diego Huerta with a guess of 475. There was a total of 483 balls. Diego too home half the pot of \$530 which is \$265. Congratulations Diego!

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 \$6,010.00 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>

Diocesan Jubilee Gathering:

You are invited to our Diocesan jubilee Gathering on October 11th at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins! Catholics across South Georgia are invited to join us to celebrate our faith and come together as a diocesan family. The day will begin with Adoration and will include a morning and afternoon keynote, lunch, breakout talks, activities for all ages and in different languages, praise and worship, exhibitors, and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes. Registration information and additional details can be found at: diosav.org/en/10-11.

CCD & Sacramenta Preparation news:

The CCD program starts classes on the weekend of August 23-24 beginning at 10:15 am and then takes a week off for Labor Day weekend. Please get your child registered soon as all sacramental preparation and youth group programs will begin in September. Registration will now take place in the CCD Building during CCD classes. You may contact Jackie Beals or Mayra Moreno for more information.

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.

There will be NO Spanish Mass on Saturday, August 23rd.

Dear Padre

August 24, 2025

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 /
Luke 13:22–30

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

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Querido Padre

24 de agosto

Mi esposa mencionó que ni el Libro de Mormón ni la Biblia católica mencionan el purgatorio. Por favor, coméntalo.

Una frustración bastante común es cuando una persona busca en la Biblia una palabra o frase en particular. Francamente, es esperar demasiado del texto religioso poder registrar fielmente una palabra o frase en particular que se originó cientos de años después de que se compusiera el texto antiguo. El purgatorio es un ejemplo de esta frustración. El concepto del purgatorio se menciona en el texto bíblico, en particular en 2 Corintios 5:10 y 7:1, Hebreos 9:27 y 12:14, y 2 Macabeos 12:46, pero la palabra nunca se utiliza.

Esto no debería ser una sorpresa, ya que no fue hasta los escritos de Santo Tomás de Aquino (1225-1274) que el concepto se amplió y se convirtió en una declaración teológica de fe que se ha vuelto central para el catolicismo romano. ¿Y cuál es esa creencia? El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* es claro: "Todos los que mueren en la gracia y en la amistad de Dios, pero no purificados todavía de forma perfecta, tienen, en efecto, la seguridad de la salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte, se purifican para conseguir la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo. La Iglesia llama purgatorio a esta purificación final de los elegidos, que es totalmente diferente del castigo de los condenados" (CIC, 1030, 1031a). El Libro de Mormón nunca hace referencia al purgatorio, pero sí habla de la vida después de la muerte y de la experiencia de "esperar" en el mundo de los espíritus a que termine el tiempo terrenal. ●

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Buenas noticias

24 de agosto de 2025

Vigésimo primer domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Isaías 66:18-21 / Hebreos 12:5-7, 11-13 /

Lucas 13:22-30

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Algunas personas encuentran amor en sus vidas; otras se quejan de soledad. Algunos encuentran la paz, mientras que otros parecen estar perpetuamente enfadados. Algunos viven cómodamente en medio de la diversidad humana, pero otros insisten en que el resto del mundo sea como ellos. Hay quienes son capaces de perdonar y transigir y ofrecer compasión y quienes no. La diferencia parece ser la capacidad de renunciar a los propios deseos en aras de un bien mayor o del bien común. Esa puede ser la puerta estrecha por la que algunos no son lo suficientemente fuertes para entrar.

Frases como *el reino de Dios* o *el reino de los cielos* no son solo referencias a lugares a los que vamos, sino también formas de ser o estados de existencia. Todas se refieren a la presencia de Dios, a la vida con Dios. Has oído a gente decir que era tan feliz que sentía que era como el cielo en la tierra. No era un lugar al que iban, sino una experiencia de estar lleno de alegría y paz. Es un regalo puro. Nadie lo encuentra centrándose en sí mismo. Es la puerta estrecha por la que encontramos el camino hacia esa vida. Es la puerta del cuidado de los demás. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, August 23

Mass at ODS [+George Lubbers] 5:00 pm
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

NO Spanish Mass at ODS.

Concert and dinner with Taylor Tripodo 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 24

Mass at ODS [+Chuck Conner] 9:00 am
(Eric & Joann Prostkol)]

CCD Starts at ODS. 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 2:00 pm

Monday, August 25

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, August 26

Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 27

Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 8:00 am

Thursday, August 28

Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 8:00 am

Friday, August 29

Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 5:30 pm

1 hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 30

Mass at ODS [+Spencer Stolberg] 5:00 pm
(Eloise Stone)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Francisco Agostini] 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 31

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am

CCD at ODS 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Francisco Agostini] .. . 2:00 pm

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, August 30, 2025 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Rick Vidal
LECTOR Rick Vidal
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,
..... Jhoy Abantao, Susan Benson
SACRISTAN Jhoy Abantao

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Shawn Thomas
LECTOR Shawn Thomas
EUCRISTIC MINISTER Jim Moultrie,
..... Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Olga Montalvo

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 Weekly Offertory	(8/17/25):	\$5,748
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$34,689
ODS Building Fund	(8/17/25):	\$25
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$3,598
St. William Offertory	(8/17/25):	\$672
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$3,176

