

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-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026**

Pastor

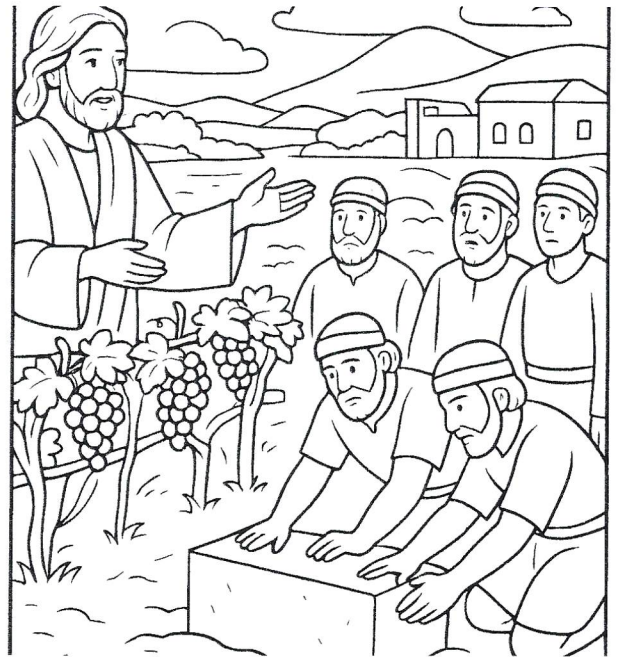
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.
Psalm 80***

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is another parable about a vineyard.

In this story, the problem was not the vineyard itself, but those entrusted with its care.

Jesus' hearers knew on whom the judgment fell; the chief priests and the Pharisees.

Our Divine Savior

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Friday.....Closed

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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, LaVonia 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, 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, 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 4, 2026
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Phillip. 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Theme:

*Whatever is good
and true, think
about those things.*

Question of the week:

*What steps do you
take each week to
make sure you are
doing as Paul
directs?*

**October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Phillip. 4:12-14

Matthew 22:1-14

Theme:

*Only those who
enter the banquet
will share the reign
of God.*

Question of the week:

*Describe in your
own words who will
be welcome and
why they will be
welcome, at the
eternal banquet of
God.*

Announcements: October 3 & 4

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 a RADA show and taste after all Masses on October 3 and 4 weekend in the church hall. See, hear and taste some of the things of what our continued fundraiser is really all about!

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.

Harvest of Hope Campaign and Annual Catholic Appeal:

The 3 year Harvest of Hope campaign will continue for another couple of years. The campaign will provide endowments which will yield financial benefits for our diocese in the future. Parishes are also receiving part of the funds back to help with their own projects. We will receive our next payment in October.

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 has pledged a total of \$131,895.42 toward the suggested goal of \$233,335.00. During the last month, approximately \$6,000 has been given toward our pledges, leaving a balance of \$84,658.38.

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.

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.

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.

K of C News:

Mark your calendar! The Knights of Columbus annual "Pig Pickin" will be held on Friday, October 9th starting at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, October 6th.

ROSARY In October:

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

In honor of October being the month of the Rosary, we are planning a wonderful morning of community and fellowship at ODS's Rosary and Picnic for women. This event will be on Saturday, October 10th at 9:30am. Enjoy coffee, pastries, and a bloom bar to create your own bouquet. Register by October 2nd. There are flyers by the entrance with a QR code that has more information and the registration form.

ODS/CCW Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Hello ODS Parishioners! The Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Food Drive for 15 needy families in our parish. Non-perishable food items donated during the next several weeks will be sorted, boxed and given to the designated families from our parish during the week of Thanksgiving. Will you help us by contributing any or all of the following items? **GABANZO 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 the items until the week of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity!

The CCW Religious Cabinet will be open this weekend and the first weekend of each month through December.

Dear Padre

October 4, 2026

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" ("Why We Bless Animals," *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it's especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

A wise old sage once observed, "When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid." The parable in today's gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It's time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son*, they think, *and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from "don't pay the rent" to "kill the son"? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you've embraced convinces you that you're making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●

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Querido Padre

4 de octubre de 2026

Mi amiga está muy comprometida con su fe, pero me cuesta mantener nuestra amistad porque no me gusta cómo trata a sus mascotas. No entiendo cómo alguien que valora tanto la religión puede mostrar tan poco cuidado por los animales. ¿Qué debo hacer?

El fraile franciscano Kevin Mackin escribe: «El vínculo entre una persona y su mascota no se parece a ninguna otra relación, porque la comunicación entre seres vivos es de lo más básica. «Ojos a ojos, dos criaturas de amor» («Por qué bendecimos a los animales», Catholic Update). Debido a este fuerte vínculo entre los seres humanos y las criaturas sensibles, resulta especialmente difícil ser testigo de su maltrato, ya sea por negligencia (como no proporcionar suficiente comida, agua, refugio o atención veterinaria) o por abuso físico directo (una violación de las leyes contra la crueldad y un delito penal en los cincuenta estados). Los estudios demuestran que tener mascotas nos ofrece compañía y apoyo emocional; a su vez, estas cualidades pueden fomentar en nosotros una mayor empatía y compasión hacia los demás. Sin embargo, aunque las mascotas pueden beneficiar enormemente nuestra salud y bienestar, tenerlas conlleva una grave obligación y responsabilidad moral. Las mascotas vulnerables dependen de los humanos para recibir cuidados y protección adecuados. A veces, algunos dueños pueden sentirse abrumados por la responsabilidad de proporcionarles los cuidados adecuados; otros pueden incluso no ser conscientes de que están tratando a sus mascotas de forma inadecuada. Por el bien tanto de tu amiga como de sus mascotas, considera un enfoque no crítico y sin confrontaciones para hablar de tus observaciones y ofrecer ayuda. ●

P. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

4 de octubre de 2026

Vigésimo séptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 5, 1-7 / Filipenses 4, 6-9 / Mateo 21, 33-43

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Un sabio anciano dijo una vez: «Cuando algo empieza siendo una tontería, acaba siendo aún más tonto». La parábola del evangelio de hoy ilustra esta sabiduría. Han enviado al hijo. Se acabó el juego. El dueño no va a renunciar a la viña. Los labradores se la jugaron y perdieron. Es hora de que acepten lo inevitable y paguen el alquiler. Pero el sentido común y la sabiduría no prevalecen. «Matemos al hijo», piensan, «¡y todo lo que él habría heredado será nuestro!».

¿Cómo pasas de «no pagar el alquiler» a «matar al hijo»? No es un camino recto ni fácil. Hay muchos giros y vueltas entre el punto A y el punto B. Pero ocurre. Se cuela sigilosamente. Exige pequeñas concesiones y pequeñas deshonestidades por el camino, a medida que te resulta cada vez más fácil elegir lo que es destructivo. Entonces, te das cuenta de que lo has perdido todo: tu propio ser. Y la corrupción que has abrazado te convence de que estás tomando decisiones acertadas. Debes purificarte por completo de la seducción que te ha llevado a tomar estas decisiones. Tienes que empezar de nuevo. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, October 3

2nd Coll: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [+Bob McDuffie] 5:00 pm
(Margo Martin)]

Spanish CCD 5:30 pm
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) .. 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 4

2nd Coll: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [+Leonorme Medina Torrez] 9:00 am
(Claudia Mejia)]

English CCD 10:15 am
Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners). 11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners) .. 2:00 pm

Monday, October 5

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, October 6

NO Mass at ODS

ROSARY 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, October 8

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, October 9

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm
1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm
K of C Pig Pickin" 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 10

Rosary and Picnic for Women 9:30 am
Mass at ODS [+Hershall Bergeron] 5:00 pm
(Margo Martin)]

Spanish CCD 5:30 pm
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 11

Mass at ODS [+Joan Carroll] 9:00 am
(Eric & Joann Prostko)]

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 LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Giselle Mendoza
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Morris Scarbrough
..... Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
SACRISTAN: Claudia Aguilar



ODS Weekly Offertory	(9/27/26):	\$2,962
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$74,280
ODS Building Fund	(9/27/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$6,624
St. William Offertory	(9/27/26):	\$587
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$6,718