

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

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
June 21, 2026**

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, in your great love, answer
me.
Psalm 69**



Matthew 19:26

Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is part of the missionary discourse that follows the sending out of the Twelve.

Jesus reminds the disciples of the great and powerful care of the Father.

Using the typical argument of the lesser to the greater, Jesus stresses that not even a sparrow dies without God's consent.

Our Divine Savior

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Monday - Thursday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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**Any new parishioners who would like to register,
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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 Herandez-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, 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

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

*June 21, 2026
 Twelfth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*

Readings:
 Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Romans 5:12-15
 Matthew 10:26-33

Theme:
There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.

Question of the week:
What is your responsibility to Jesus?

*June 28, 2026
 Thirteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*

Readings:
 2 Kings 4:8-11
 Romans 6:3-4
 Matthew 10:37-42

Theme:
Jesus asks his disciples to take their cross and follow him.

Question of the week:
What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship?

Announcements: June 20 & 21

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

Harvest of Hope Campaign:

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.

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.*

Book Club:

The next book club selection is "The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted" by Obery M. Hendricks Jr. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, July 6 at 7 pm. If you would like to join us, please obtain a copy of the book, read it and contact Margo Martin (229-402-0741) for the meeting location.

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.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... Dad.

- Author Unknown

Good News!

June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:10–13 / Romans 5:12–15
/ Matthew 10:26–33

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: “We do not share our family business with anyone.” All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The “good news” of the gospel is that “nothing is concealed that will not be revealed” (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●

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Dear Padre

June 21, 2026

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God’s presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, “We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you.” No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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Buenas noticias

21 de junio de 2026

Duodécimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)

Jeremías 20, 10-13 / Romanos 5, 12-15 / Mateo 10, 26-33

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secretos. El miedo incapacitante a ser descubiertos. Esforzarnos tanto por ocultar algo que no queremos que otros sepan. A menudo, guardamos celosamente los secretos porque creemos que nos avergonzaremos, seremos castigados o excluidos si se revelan.

A veces, nos aferramos a los secretos porque nos da vergüenza. Guardamos otros secretos debido a la dinámica de la vida familiar: «No compartimos los asuntos familiares con nadie». Todos los secretos pueden ser difíciles de guardar, algunos más que otros. Quizás el secreto más difícil de guardar es aquel que tememos que defina nuestra integridad y autenticidad personal. Es el miedo no solo a que se descubra, sino también a la percepción: «¿Cómo me percibirán si esto se da a conocer? ¿Seguirán aceptándome?». O, lo que es aún más doloroso: «¿Me rechazarán y cuán completo será ese rechazo?».

La «buena nueva» del evangelio es que «no hay nada oculto que no haya de ser revelado» (Mateo 10:26). En otras palabras, no hay nada que pueda permanecer oculto para siempre. Todo se revela de una forma u otra. La gracia y la libertad del evangelio se producen cuando una persona decide liberarse libremente de lo que le agobia, incluidos los secretos más íntimos. Es la experiencia definitiva de morir a uno mismo para reclamar la vida eterna. ●

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Querido Padre

21 de junio de 2026

Durante el último año, más o menos, he estado intentando rezar con regularidad, pero me distraigo constantemente. Mi mente divaga con mucha facilidad. ¿Tienes alguna sugerencia?

Las distracciones en la oración son una parte ineludible de la condición humana y el resultado de nuestra imaginación. Incluso los grandes santos experimentaban distracciones en la oración. Algunas de sus sugerencias pueden ser útiles. Por ejemplo, cuando santa Teresa de Lisieux tenía dificultades para orar, recitaba un Padrenuestro o un Ave María o leía los evangelios. Rezar como un acto de fe o volver a la presencia y al amor de Dios puede desviar nuestra atención de otras preocupaciones, pero, incluso entonces, pueden seguir surgiendo distracciones.

Cuando nos damos cuenta de las distracciones, debemos renovar con calma nuestra concentración y continuar nuestra oración. Santa Teresa de Ávila escribió en *El castillo interior*: «No debemos angustiarnos por nuestros pensamientos, ni dejarnos preocupar por ellos... [Los pensamientos son] inevitables. No dejes que [ellos] te perturben o te entristezcan». No importa cuántas veces vuelvan las distracciones o cuánto tiempo duren, no son pecaminosas; más bien, son oportunidades para mostrarle a Dios que somos sinceros en nuestra oración.

San Alfonso, otro gran maestro de la oración, nos recuerda que la oración es necesaria, beneficiosa y siempre posible. Nos aconseja que perseveremos, porque al diablo nada le gustaría más que dejáramos de orar. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK
Saturday, June 20

Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland]5:00 pm
 (Al & Mary Anne Gibbs)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Cindy Lopez]. 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 21

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, June 22

NO Mass at ODS
Tuesday, June 23

Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez] 5:30 pm
Wednesday, June 24

Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez]. 8:00 am
Thursday, June 25

Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez] 8:00 am
Friday, June 26

Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez]. 5:30 pm
 1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 27

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence

Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland] 5:00 pm
 (Eric & Joann Prostko)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 28

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence

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.

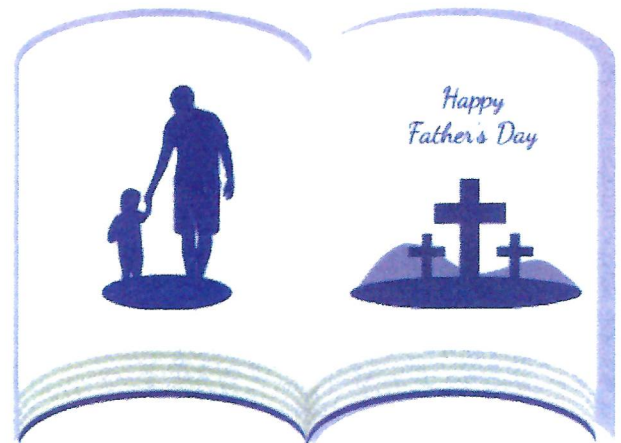
ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, June 27, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
 LECTOR: Jim Laycock
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 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
 Michelle Harten, Pat Stephens
 SACRISTAN Pat Stephens

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 9:00 am

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



ODS Weekly Offertory	(6/14/26):	\$5,843
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$294,086
ODS Building Fund	(6/14/26):	\$270
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$25,299
St. William Offertory	(6/14/26):	\$408
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$26,423

WITH
God
 ALL
 THINGS
 ARE
possible
 Matthew 19:26