

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***

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.
Psalm 122***



This Gospel reading from Matthew focuses on the second coming of Christ.

The images of the two men in the field and the two women grinding meal emphasize the suddenness of Christ's coming and the separation that it will bring.

The lesson is: be constantly watchful.

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,
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, 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 Sehmanski, 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

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

*November 30, 2025
First Sunday of
Advent*

Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Theme:

*Waiting, hoping,
and preparing.*

Question of the week:

As you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do?

*December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of
Advent*

Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

Theme:

*God's kingdom is
at hand – it is here.*

Question of the week:

Name one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make room for Christ.

Announcements: November 29 & 30

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

The CCW would like to thank everyone for being so generous this year with their donations to the Pennies from Heaven. Your donations surpassed last year by almost \$40. We collected \$713.62 which will build one whole well and a half of another. People will have clean water because of your generosity. God bless you now and Always!

2025 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 \$6,883.00 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>

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.

There will be NO CCD on November 30th.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, December 2nd.

25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary:

If you will be celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 you are invited to the Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass which will be held on February 15, 2026 at the Cathedral in Savannah. Please RSVP by January 31, 2026 by calling the Diocese at 912-201-4068 or register online at: diosav.org/gold-and-silver.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Dear Padre

November 30, 2025

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are "every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (Code of Canon Law, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas." Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord's coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior's Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Querido Padre

30 de noviembre

¿Es el Adviento un tiempo penitencial?

En sentido estricto, los tiempos penitenciales en la Iglesia son «todos los viernes del año y el tiempo de Cuaresma» (*Código de Derecho Canónico*, 1250). El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación para la Navidad, en el que se recuerda la primera venida de Cristo, y este recuerdo orienta la mente y el corazón a esperar la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. (Véase *Normas universales sobre el año litúrgico y el calendario romano general*, 39). Aunque el Adviento es más anticipatorio que penitencial, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos afirma: «El Adviento también incluye un elemento de penitencia en el sentido de preparar, aquietar y disciplinar nuestros corazones para la plena alegría de la Navidad». Aunque, históricamente, el Adviento era similar a la Cuaresma, como un período de cuarenta días de oración y ayuno, era menos severo que la temporada que precedía a la Pascua y carecía de uniformidad en la Iglesia occidental. La Iglesia oriental todavía comienza el ayuno de Navidad el 15 de noviembre, mientras que en la Iglesia occidental, el Adviento comienza cuatro domingos antes de Navidad.

En cualquier caso, el enfoque significativo del Adviento es la venida de nuestro Señor (*adventus* en latín). La Iglesia refleja esta anticipación del Adviento mediante prácticas como la limitación de los arreglos florales en el santuario, una música litúrgica más sencilla y la omisión del Gloria en la misa hasta Navidad. También podemos reflejar la anticipación del Adviento mediante prácticas espirituales como la participación en obras de caridad, la moderación en las compras, la celebración del sacramento de la penitencia, el ayuno los viernes y la contemplación orante de la Encarnación de nuestro Salvador. ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Good News!

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●

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Buenas noticias

30 de noviembre de 2025

Primer domingo de Adviento (A)

Isaías 2, 1-5 / Romanos 13, 11-14 / Mateo 24, 37-44

MIGUEL DULICK

Este es el primer domingo de Adviento y la emoción es palpable. Escrito 800 años antes de Cristo, el profeta Isaías suena como una noticia de última hora: «Convertirán sus espadas en arados y sus lanzas en podaderas». El salmista anuncia que ya estamos allí: «Ahora hemos puesto los pies dentro de tus puertas, oh Jerusalén». San Pablo nos despierta la imaginación con otra ronda completa de «revelaciones» que aún están por llegar «en el día de nuestro Señor Jesucristo». Solo Jesús mismo parece un poco cauteloso: «¡Estad atentos! ¡Estad alerta!». El Señor «viene», pero aún no está aquí. Dejemos que sea Jesús quien imponga la paradoja para la que parece haber sido creado el Adviento: Jesús está presente, pero no nos atrevemos a «dormir», no sea que lo perdamos.

¿Cómo esperamos la Navidad? Después de Halloween, se encienden las luces navideñas, comienzan los villancicos y se inicia el debate entre «¡Feliz Navidad!» y «¡Felices fiestas!». La Cuaresma es un tiempo de arrepentimiento, limosna y ayuno. Pero en Adviento no se ayuna: llenamos bolsas con regalos y calcetines con golosinas. La Iglesia intenta frenarnos y animarnos a reflexionar un poco para preparar el camino, guiados por Juan el Bautista. Así que sigamos esperando; mantenemos la paz. La Nochebuena llegará pronto. Pero no seamos demasiado austeros. Un completo programa de fiestas, conciertos y comidas familiares puede «anticipar» legítimamente la Navidad. Animémonos unos a otros: ¡Feliz Adviento! ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, November 29

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Ines Malacate Lara]** .. 7:00 pm
(Familia Santos)]

Sunday, November 30

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

NO CCD at ODS.....

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Ramona Acosta]** 2:00 pm
(Margarita Zermeno)]

Monday, December 1

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, December 2

NO Mass at ODS

Wednesday, December 3

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, December 4

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, December 5

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 6

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Santos Malacate]**
(familia Santos)] 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 7

Mass at ODS **[+Jim Moultrie]** 9:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

CCD at ODS 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Alberto Ramirez]** 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) 357-5530.



ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, December 13, 2025 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR :

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao

..... Jhoy Abantao, Mary Beth Cary

SACRISTAN Pat Stephens

Sunday, December 14, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR :

LECTOR

EUCRISTIC MINISTER Veronica Ogolowa

..... Pius Ogolowa, Ben Fraelich

..... Morris Scarbrough, Theresa Scarbrough

SACRISTAN: Olga Montalvo

DECEMBER Holiday schedules:

December 8th (Immaculate Conception)

12:00 noon mass at St. William

6:00 pm English mass at ODS

8:00 om Spanish mass at ODS

December 10th (St. William Penance Service)

6:00 pm at St. William

December 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

NO Daily mass

4:45 am Procession

4:00 pm Mass at St. William

6:00 pm Rosary at ODS

7:00 pm Spanish Mass at ODS

December 17th ODS Advent Penance service)

7:00 pm at ODS

December 24th Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Mass at St. William

9:00 pm Spanish Mass at ODS

December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 am English Mass at ODS

December 26th NO MASS

December 31st New Years' Eve

6:00 pm Mass at St. William

10:00 pm Spanish Mass at ODS

January 1st 2026 New Years' Day

10:00 am English Mass at ODS

January 2nd

NO MASS