

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Psalm 34



In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus contrasts the attitudes of two people praying.

The paradox here is that the prayer of the tax collector was preferred by God.

In the parable, Jesus once again combats the self-righteous attitudes that threaten spiritual growth.

Our Divine Savior

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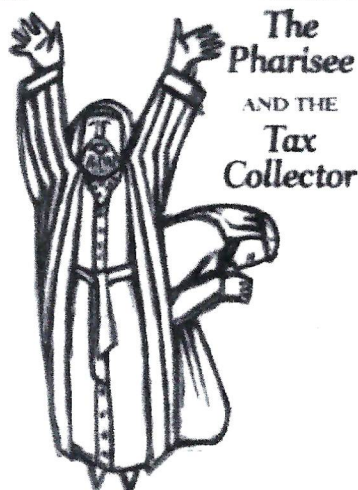
Requests for Prayers

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 Fraeich, 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 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



October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 35:12-14
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Luke 18:9-14

Theme:

*God knows and
sees our hearts.*

Question of the week:

*How do we
"humble"
ourselves?*

November 2, 2025
All Souls' Day

Readings:

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Theme:

*Everyone who
believes in the Son
will have eternal
life and I shall
raise them up on
the last day.*

Question of the week:

*How have your
thoughts about
death and eternal
life developed over
time?*

Announcements: October 25 & 26

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 Annual Pennies from Heaven clean water project has started and will continue until November 2nd. Please be generous as you can help build wells for those who need clean water.

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 \$6,663.00 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>

ODS/CCW Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:

Hello to our parish family members! As you know the CCW is leading the project of collecting non-perishable food items for 15 ODS families. Each week the CCW is asking each one of you to contribute one, two, or all of the following items. **VEGETABLE OIL, RICE, PASTA (any kind), PASTA SAUCE**. Please place the food item on the high counter in the Church Hall under the sign "FOOD Donations". Many Thanks.

CCD news:

Confirmation Year 2 and youth group will meet on Wednesday, October 29th. All students going through First Communion and Confirmation classes must have their mass attendance cards signed each week, and they must complete one mass reflection sheet each month. If you forgot yours, there are a few copies at the entrance of the church.

Book Club:

The next book which will be discussed by the parish book club is "Heretics and Heroes" by Thomas Cahill. If you would like to join us, just get a copy of the book, read it, and join us on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Margo Martin if you have any questions. 229-402-0741 or margomartin131@gmail.com.

Dear Padre

October 26, 2025

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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

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Querido Padre

26 de octubre

¿Está mal que los niños se disfrazen de zombies, demonios y otras criaturas malvadas para Halloween?

No. Es perfectamente aceptable elegir este tipo de disfraces y participar en las festividades de Halloween. Halloween es principalmente una celebración secular. Aunque es cierto que la celebración original está profundamente arraigada en la tradición cristiana, esa tradición se celebra más propiamente durante las grandes fiestas de la Iglesia que siguen a Halloween: Todos los Santos y el Día de los Difuntos.

Las representaciones mitológicas y los disfraces que nos recuerdan a este tipo de personajes deben entenderse con sentido del humor y picardía. No hay diferencia entre un fantasma, un duende, un zombi, el Capitán América, Superman o uno de los hermanos Mario. Todos son personajes ficticios de las historias muy humanas que compartimos entre nosotros. El significado que les asignamos debe ser proporcional a lo que representan. En Halloween, no representan más que una persona disfrazada. Podría ser una historia completamente diferente en otras circunstancias, en las que podría haber un malentendido sobre el significado de dicho disfraz. Halloween difumina bastante esa distinción y elimina el malentendido. Su objetivo es entretener y divertir. Eso es todo. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

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Good News!

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 /
Luke 18:9-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

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Buenas noticias

26 de octubre de 2025

Trigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Eclesiástico 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timoteo 4:6-8, 16-18 /
Lucas 18:9-14

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Para algunos, ir a confesarse puede traer una sensación de alivio, como si se hubiera borrado el pasado, como si se nos hubiera dado una segunda oportunidad en la vida o como si el pasado se hubiera quedado atrás, como si nunca hubiera existido. Sin embargo, nuestro pasado siempre está con nosotros—lo bueno y lo malo, las alegrías y las tristezas, la gracia y el pecado. No hay segundas oportunidades. Llevamos con nosotros las huellas de nuestras vidas simplemente porque cada experiencia, cada acto de bondad y crueldad, cada momento de generosidad y egoísmo, todo ello nos ha convertido en lo que somos. Somos muy parecidos a un árbol que cada año añade un anillo a su tronco. El anillo siempre lleva las huellas de ese año, ya haya sido un año de lluvia o de sequía, ya haya habido ataques de insectos o la madre naturaleza haya sido benévola. El árbol siempre recuerda y lleva consigo para siempre los anillos de lo que ha sido su vida.

Nuestras vidas son iguales. La historia del fariseo y el recaudador de impuestos cuenta esta historia. Al igual que el fariseo, tenemos mucho bueno en nuestras vidas. Nosotros también hemos rezado y hemos sido generosos. Hemos sido amables y honestos y hemos cuidado de los pobres. Hemos tratado de ser fieles. La caída del fariseo fue que se olvidó de su pecaminosidad; se olvidó de que necesitaba la misericordia de Dios. El recaudador de impuestos, por el contrario, recordaba sus defectos. Ambos necesitaban el amor de Dios. Solo el recaudador de impuestos parecía darse cuenta. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, October 25

Mass at ODS [**+Jose Hizon** 5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [**+Cindy Lopez** 7:00 pm
+Maria de Jesus Rodriguez Gallegos]

Sunday, October 26

Mass at ODS [**+Francis Anthony Blakey** 9:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

CCD at ODS.....
Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners) .. 11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS [**+J. Carmen Silva** 2:00 pm

Monday, October 27

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, October 28

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm
Rosary 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 29

Mass at ODS [**Health of Jackie Jacobsen**] 8:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

Thursday, October 30

Mass at ODS [**+John Macdonald** 8:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

Friday, October 31

Mass at ODS [**+Alberto Ramirez**] 5:30 pm
1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 1

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [**+Alfonso Santos Malacate** 7:00 pm
(Santo Family)]

Sunday, November 2

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [**+Cissy Sanii** 9:00 am
(Margo Martin)]

CCD at ODS 10:15 am
Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners) .. 11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS (For 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) 357-5530.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(10/19/25):	\$4,101
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$91,143
ODS Building Fund	(10/19/25):	\$200
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$7,711
St. William Offertory	(10/19/25):	\$898
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$8,113

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, November 1, 2025 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Jim Laycock
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
..... Michelle Harten, Susan Benson
SACRISTAN JHoy Abantao

Sunday, November 2, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Jill Bergeron
LECTOR Jill Bergeron
EUCRISTIC MINISTER Mary Moulitire
..... Maria Ramirez, Halario Ramirez
..... Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Leticia Mendosa

Pumpkin Prayer

