

**Welcome  
to our  
Communities of  
Faith:**

Our Divine Saviour  
Catholic Church  
Tifton, GA

and

St. Williams  
Catholic Church  
715 South Merrimac Drive  
Fitzgerald, GA

Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP  
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J. Brian Bergeron  
Deacon  
Eric Windmöller

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

July 20, 2025



**Bienvenidos  
a nuestras  
Comunidades de  
Fe:**

Nuestro Divino Salvador  
Iglesia Católica  
Tifton, GA

Y

Santa Williams  
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*In today's Gospel story, Martha exercised the role expected of women in her culture when she entertained her guest.*

*Mary assumed the role of the disciple.*

*The story illustrated that Christian discipleship was open to both men and women.*

*He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.  
Psalm 15*

# Dear Padre

July 20, 2025

**"Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?**

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation."

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose.

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

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## Additional Bulletin information:

### CCD & Sacramental Preparation News:

Beginning the first week in August, we will hold registration for CCD classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation Year 2. For anyone who registers prior to the start of August 16 -17 classes, there is a small discount. Beginning in second grade, students can prepare for First reconciliation and First Communion. Starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students can begin their Confirmation program, which is a 2-year program. More information will be given out regarding the schedule, retreats, and other requirements at the registration.

# Querido Padre

20 de julio

**¿Por qué debo elegir a católicos practicantes como padrinos de mi bebé?**

La Iglesia es clara en cuanto a los requisitos de los padres: tener al menos dieciséis años; una mujer y un hombre que lleven una vida de fe; estar confirmados y haber recibido ya la Comunión (ver Cánones 872–874). El padrino no es simplemente un título honorífico que otorgamos a alguien. Es un papel importante de confianza en la vida de fe del niño.

Crecemos en la confianza hacia alguien a través de un proceso gradual de llegar a conocer a esa persona: ser presentados, pasar tiempo juntos, hablar el uno con el otro, aprender el uno del otro y ser generosos con el otro.

Así es como se desarrolla la confianza en Jesús. Los padres y padrinos nos lo presentan, nos enseñan a rezar. Hablamos con Jesús por nuestra cuenta y aprendemos más sobre él a través de las Escrituras. Nuestros padres nos llevan a la iglesia. Observamos su ejemplo y el de nuestros padrinos. Aprendemos de la parroquia, de la escuela católica y de nuestro *catecismo*. Es un proceso gradual de conocimiento de Jesús que nos lleva a confiar en él y a tener fe en él.

En el bautismo, el sacerdote o el diácono encienden una vela del gran cirio pascual. En muchas parroquias, el cirio se pasa primero al padrino. "Recibe la luz de Cristo", dice el sacerdote. El padrino lo pasa a la madrina, que lo pasa a la madre, que lo entrega al padre para que lo sostenga para el niño. Así es como nos llega la fe: un regalo de Dios, pero a través de otras personas. Los padres y padrinos deben tener la llama brillante de la fe en sus propios corazones si esperan transmitirla a su hijo. ●

P. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR

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## Volunteers needed:

The CCD program is in need of volunteers. Visit the ODS website at [Odsparishtifton.org](http://Odsparishtifton.org) to view the recruiting video. Or, contact Jackie Beals through the office to find out more information. We could use additional catechists, substitute teachers, sacramental preparation retreat leaders, and bilingual helpers. All individuals must have a background check and be VIRTUS trained, but all training is free.

# Good News!

July 20, 2025

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke  
10:38–42

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they've let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they've turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they've told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they've let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It's not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It's crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary's reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

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# Buenas noticias

20 de julio de 2025

*Decimosexto domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)*  
Génesis 18:1–10a / Colosenses 1:24–28 / Lucas  
10:38–42

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

En estos días, cuando la gente viene a confesarse, rara vez enumera sus pecados por nombre y número. Muy a menudo, parece, simplemente hablan de sus vidas, del caos en el que parecen estar viviendo, de las relaciones que no son lo que esperaban, de los valores que han dejado caer a veces en el fango, de cómo se han encerrado en sí mismos y de cómo el cuidado de los demás se ha desvanecido de sus vidas. Despues de que han contado sus historias, suelo preguntarles si se toman algún tiempo durante el día para estar en silencio y si rezan de la forma que les resulta útil y con cierta regularidad. Invariablemente, dirán que han dejado escapar ese tiempo de oración; que no han estado rezando como lo hacían antes. En tales casos, a menudo sugiero que, como penitencia, se tomen un tiempo, aunque sea poco, al día siguiente o al otro para simplemente tranquilizarse en presencia de Dios.

La vida siempre tenderá a ser caótica. Hoy en día, ocurren demasiadas cosas para que no lo sea. Pero la oración tranquila y reflexiva parece traer un equilibrio, un reenfoque sobre lo que es importante y lo que es trivial. Sin eso, podemos sentirnos abrumados y perder el rumbo. De eso trata la historia de Marta y María. No es que nuestro propio servicio a Marta no valga la pena. Es de vital importancia para que la vida siga su curso de manera ordenada. Pero sin la parte reflexiva de María, nuestras vidas pueden convertirse en una pesada rutina. ●

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## Announcements: July 19 & 20, 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 damage to the property.

Fr. Peter's NEW EMAIL address is: father\_peter@odsparishtifton.org

### **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?fsn=5276229.0684f0>. This will take you right to the ODS site. 40% of the proceeds are paid to the OCS CCW. Thank you

Summer 50/50 FUN-draiser will be held July 7 thru August 12th. Guess how many BIG and small "Blessing Balls" are in the container. Go ahead .. Pick it up...Look over, under, around and through!! Then, buy a ticket for \$1.00 per guess. Put your guess number on the ticket along with your name and phone number and place the ticket in the coffee can. On August 11th the drawing will be held and whoever comes closest to guessing the correct number of blessing balls will win half of the money we collect. If there is a tie, a second drawing will be made between those names. GOOD LUCK and THANK YOU FOR COUNTING YOUR BLESSING and helping the CCW's Scholarship Fundraiser!

### **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 \$5,910.00 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/0tWIjZwg8HQ>  
Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>

### **Book Club:**

The book club will meet again on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 pm to discuss "Hope: the Autobiography" by Pope Francis. Anybody is welcome to join us. Please contact Margo Martin for details.

### **Bible Study Group:**

The bible study group is starting a new course called "Jesus and the Gospels". It will consist of video lectures by Luke Timothy Johnson, followed by discussion. We will meet next on Sunday, July 20th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join the group please contact Margo Martin.

### **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](http://diosav.org/en/10-11).

Please visit the Diocese website: [www.diosav.org/jubilee](http://www.diosav.org/jubilee) for the calendar of celebrations, Novenas and daily reflections for the Jubilee Days.

The Grupo Guadalupano held a Kermes on July 1st. They raised \$6,271.52 at the fundraiser and all the money raised was donated to our parish. A BIG THANK YOU to the Grupo Guadalupano for their generous donation!

## EVENTS of the WEEK:

### **Saturday, July 19**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Church in Africa**  
**Mass at ODS [+Val Vanags 5:00 pm**  
**(Janet Vanags)]**

**Spanish Mass at ODS [+Isabel Malacate Lara 7:00 pm**  
**(Silvia Santos)]**

### **Sunday, July 20**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Church in Africa**  
**Mass at ODS [+Ken Martin 9:00 am**  
**(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]**

**Mass at St William (St William Parishioners) 11:30 am**  
**Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 2:00 pm**  
**Bible Study 7:00 pm**

### **Monday, July 21**

**NO Mass at ODS**  
**Book Club 7:00 pm**

### **Tuesday, July 22**

**Mass at ODS 5:30 pm**

### **Wednesday, July 23**

**Mass at ODS [+Ana Lorenzo Olalde 8:00 am**  
**+Enrique Ibarra]**

### **Thursday, July 24**

**Mass at ODS [+Ana Lorenzo Olalde 8:00 am**  
**+Enrique Ibarra]**

### **Friday, July 25**

**Mass at ODS [+Ana Lorenzo Olalde 5:30 pm**  
**+Enrique Ibarra]**

**1 hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm**

### **Saturday, July 26**

**Mass at ODS [+Brian Alt 5:00 pm**  
**(Margo Martin)]**

**Spanish Mass at ODS [+Ana Lorenzo Olalde 7:00 pm**  
**+Enrique Ibarra**  
**+ Hector J. Nunez**  
**+Javier Nunez Jr.**

### **Sunday, July 27**

**Mass at ODS [+Todd Schneider 9:00 am**  
**(Priscilla Carpenter)]**

**Mass at St William (St William Parishioners) 11:30 am**  
**Spanish Mass at ODS [+Hector J. Nunez . . . 2:00 pm**  
**+Javier Nunez Jr.]**

**July 20, 2025**  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Genesis 18:1-10  
Coloss. 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42

**Theme:** Hospitality – we welcome Jesus in our lives.

**Question of the week:** When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a stranger?

**July 27, 2025**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Genesis 18:20-32 Coloss. 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

**Theme:** The Lord's Prayer is a map for life.

**Question of the week:** When did you take the time to pray this past week?

## **ODS LITURGY TEAM**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025 – 5:00 pm**  
**PRESIDER:** Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

**LECTOR:** Jim Laycock

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Greg Harten,  
Michele Harten, Pat Stephens  
**SACRISTAN:** Eloise Stone

**Sunday, July 27, 2025 – 9:00 am**  
**PRESIDER:** Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

**LECTOR:** Jill Bergeron

**LECTOR:** Jill Bergeron

**EUCRISTIC MINISTER** Morris Scarbrough  
Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez  
Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel  
**SACRISTAN:** Leticia Mendosa

### **Financial:**

ODS Weekly Offertory	(7/13/25):	\$4,427
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$11,062
ODS Building Fund	(7/13/25):	\$90
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$1,238
St. William Offertory	(7/13/25):	\$416
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$1,165

### **Finanzas:**

Ofertorio Semanal ODS (7/13/25):	\$4,427
Ofertorio recogido hasta la fecha ODS (7/06/25):	\$11,062
Fondo de Construcción de ODS (7/13/25):	\$90
Fondo de Construcción recaudado hasta la fecha ODS (7/06/25):	\$1,238
Ofertorio Semanal de St. Williams (7/13/25):	\$416
Ofertorio de St. Williams recogido hasta la fecha: (7/06/25):	\$1,165

### **Protecting Our Youth:**

Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers 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.

### **Protegiendo a nuestros jóvenes:**

La política diocesana requiere que todos los empleados y voluntarios adultos que ministran a los jóvenes de la diócesis asistan a la formación de concienciación VIRTUS (ambiente seguro) para someterse a una verificación de antecedentes, lean y firmen el "Código de conducta diocesano para trabajar con menores" antes de comenzar su ministerio. La Oficina para la Protección de la Infancia y la Juventud, línea directa gratuita de informes: (888) 357-5530.

## Our Divine Saviour

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Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
2:00pm – 5pm

Friday / Viernes: Closed / Cerrado

Any new parishioners who would like to register, please call  
the parish office

Cualquier nuevo feligrés que desee registrarse, por favor llame  
a la oficina parroquial

## Parish Council Members 2022- 2023 Miembros del Consejo Parroquial 2022- 2023

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Bookkeeper / Contador: Kevin Frizzell

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	Carolyn Slade	457-0873

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EDGE Youth Ministry	Jackie Beals	382-4600
Hispanic CCD Coordinator	Mayra Moreno	382-4600
Parish Activity Center rental	Office	382-4600
Choir Contact	Walter Jarboe	

### Requests for Prayers / Solicitudes de Oraciones

Please pray for the sick and those who have requested our prayers / Por favor, oren por los enfermos y por aquellos que han pedido nuestras oraciones:

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 Quinn, Marian Robinson, 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

Pray for our Military / Por favor rezar por nuestras Fuerzas Armadas:

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