

# Welcome

To our communities of faith

## Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12<sup>th</sup> Street and Love Avenue  
Tifton, GA

And

St. William Catholic Church  
807 S. Merrimac Dr.  
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
June 28, 2026**

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*Pastor*

*Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP*

*Deacon*

*J. Brian Bergeron*

***Forever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.  
Psalm 89***



*Jesus explains the demands of  
discipleship.*

*Those who welcome disciples welcome  
Jesus himself. They will be rewarded.*

*Disciples are also included among  
the "little ones." Those who welcome  
them will also be rewarded.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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**Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Friday.....Closed**

**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, 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, 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, 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

**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 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?*

*July 5, 2026  
 Fourteenth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*

**Readings:**  
 Zechariah 9:9-10  
 Romans 8:9-13  
 Matthew 11:25-30

**Theme:**  
*Jesus is yoked to us, easing our burden.*

**Question of the week:**  
*How can I be less resentful and more peaceful and patient with family and friends?*

## Announcements: June 27 & 28

### 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: (as of 6/1/26)

*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.*

#### OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$131,895                      PLEDGE BALANCE: \$92,311  
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$51,096              TOTAL GIVEN: \$90,681  
78.42% of our campaign goal given by 36.36% of our families

#### ST. WILLIAM:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300                      PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687  
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$805                TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418  
37% of our campaign goal given by 59% of our families

### 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

#### OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR (as of 6/11/26):

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$912                      PLEDGE BALANCE: \$588  
ONE-TIME DONATIONS: \$14,178            TOTAL GIVEN: \$14,501

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.

# Good News!

June 28, 2026

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a / Romans 6:3–4, 8–11  
/ Matthew 10:37–42

MIGUEL DULICK

**Today's gospel passage is challenging.** If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●

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# Dear Padre

June 28, 2026

***I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.***

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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# Querido Padre

28 de junio de 2026

***Crié a mis hijos en la fe, pero dos de ellos dejaron la Iglesia para abrazar otra confesión, y otros dos, aunque siguen siendo católicos, no se han comprometido a asistir regularmente a la iglesia. Me preocupa su salvación.***

Tu experiencia no es desconocida para muchos padres católicos. Probablemente, muchas madres y padres podrían mantener una buena conversación contigo sobre sus preocupaciones por la vida de fe de sus hijos.

El camino de la fe tiene muchos senderos. Una persona puede reflexionar más profundamente sobre el significado de la vida o puede encontrar la religión después de una experiencia trascendental o en el proceso de reunirse con una comunidad en la que encuentra apoyo, claridad, creencias compartidas o pautas para vivir moralmente. Para aquellos de nosotros que crecimos creyendo, es probable que no hayamos sido introducidos a la religión a través de la lógica. Los niños son llevados a la iglesia mucho antes de que sean conscientes de su necesidad de Dios. Aprenden la doctrina y asisten al culto antes de que se formen en ellos las preguntas sobre la fe y la religión. Transmitir la fe es un gran regalo que los padres dan, y será muy útil para estos jóvenes. Sus hijos tienen las herramientas que les ayudarán a encontrar su camino, y Dios sigue estando con ellos. Sigán el ejemplo de Santa Mónica y recen por ellos. Confíen esto a Dios y sigan siendo un buen ejemplo. ●

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# Buenas noticias

28 de junio de 2026

*Decimotercer domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)*  
2 Reyes 4, 8-11. 14-16a / Romanos 6, 3-4. 8-11  
/ Mateo 10, 37-42

MIGUEL DULICK

**El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy es desafiante.** Si alguien que no fuera Jesús te dijera que si amas a tu propia familia «más que a mí», «no eres digno de mí», ¡te reirías en su cara! ¿O es esto lo que los eruditos llaman un «semitismo», una exageración condicionada culturalmente que se utiliza para causar efecto? ¿Qué hay de que «no eres digno de mí» a menos que «tomes tu cruz y me sigas», o «el que encuentre su vida, la perderá»? ¿Jesús lo dice literalmente, o son metáforas? ¿Y qué es «la recompensa del profeta»?

Un amigo mío hizo un experimento. Tomó el Evangelio de Mateo y lo leyó de principio a fin como si nunca lo hubiera visto antes. ¡Quedó asombrado! Jesús hablaba en serio. Lo decía en serio, todo. Pruébalos tú mismo sin buscar escapatorias.

La clave de la lectura de hoy es «por mí». La norma, la regla, la marca absoluta soy «yo», es decir, Jesús mismo, solo Jesús, siempre Jesús. Y Jesús pone esa marca muy alta. ¿Tomar tu cruz? Jesús fue abandonado en la cruz. Jesús entregó a su Madre desde la cruz. Jesús perdió la vida en la cruz. Pero encontró esa vida: ¡la resurrección! Esa es «la recompensa del profeta», ¿no es así?

Me encanta la promesa de Jesús, una «recompensa» especial por compartir «un vaso de agua fría» con «uno de estos pequeños». Me recuerda a Honduras, donde vivo. Aquí, un vaso de agua fría puede marcar la diferencia entre la vida y la muerte. ¡Y eso no es una exageración! ●

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**EVENTS of the WEEK**

**Saturday, June 27**

*2nd Collection: Peter;s*

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

**Monday, June 29**

NO Mass at ODS . . . . .

**Tuesday, June 30**

Mass at ODS [**+Pedro Gutierrez**] . . . . . 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, July 1**

Mass at ODS [**+Pedro Gutierrez**] . . . . . 8:00 am

**Thursday, July 2**

Mass at ODS [**+Pedro Gutierrez**] . . . . . 8:00 am

**Friday, July 3**

Mass at ODS . . . . .5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration . . . . . 6:00 pm

**Saturday, July 4**

*2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund*

Mass at ODS [**+Val Vanags**. . . . . 5:00 pm  
**+ Robin McDaniel]**

Spanish Mass at ODS [**+Alberto Ramirez**] . . . . . 7:00 pm

**Sunday, July 5**

*2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund*

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

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [**+Pedro Gutierrez**] . . . . .2:00 pm

**ODS LITURGY TEAM**

**Saturday, July 4, 2026 – 5:00 pm**

**PRESIDER:** . . . . . Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP  
**LECTOR:** . . . . . Lydia Fortier  
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** . . . . . Jose Abantao,  
. . . . . Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke  
**SACRISTAN** . . . . . Ann Timbs

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 – 9:00 am**

**PRESIDER:**. . . . . Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP  
**LECTOR :** . . . . . Bob Kemerait  
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**EUCRISTIC MINISTER** . . . . . Morris Scarbrough  
. . . . . Theresa Scarbrough, Veronica Ogolowa,  
. . . . . Pius Ogolowa, Bill McDaniel  
**SACRISTAN:** . . . . . Jhoy Abantao

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 Weekly Offertory	(6/21/26):	\$7,543
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$301,629
ODS Building Fund	(6/21/26):	\$335
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$25,634
St. William Offertory	(6/21/26):	\$601
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$27,024