

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

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

***This is the day the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad.
Psalm 118***



The Gospel reading is John's version of the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb.

Central to the story is how the participants come to believe in the risen Lord.

The disciples saw and believed, however the author calls attention to the "Beloved Disciple", who saw only the minimum yet believed.

Our Divine Savior

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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, Raeligh 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

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

April 5, 2026
 Easter Sunday

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43
 Coloss. 3:1-4
 John 20:1-9

Theme:

Jesus' resurrection – the heart of our faith, life, and journey.

Question of the week:

Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ?

April 12, 2026
 Second Sunday
 Of Easter

Readings:

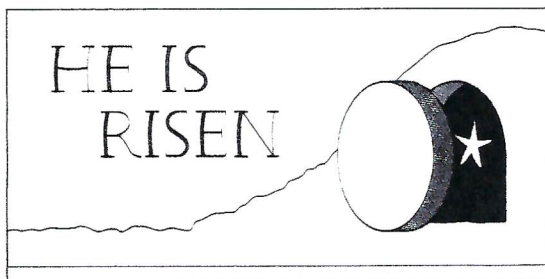
Acts 2:42-47
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 19-31

Theme:

Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Question of the week:

When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ?



Announcements: April 4 & 5

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

Attention High School Seniors: The college scholarship application packets will be available for students starting January 27th for the "Joe and Martha Day AND the Jared A. Gibbs Scholarships. You can pick up your application packet from Mr. Guzman in the Guidance office. Please consider applying for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please call Janet Vanags at 229-392-6770 or Mary Anne Gibbs at 229-392-7676.

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.

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

The latest progress report for the Harvest of Hope campaign (March 26) indicates that our generous parishioners continue to honor their pledges and also give one-time cash gifts. We have so far given 78.35% of our goal of \$233,335, with two years left in the campaign. As our share, we will receive another deposit in our savings with the diocese in April. Please don't forget that we have also begun our drive for the Annual Catholic Appeal (2026) which funds our ongoing expenses which never go away (vocation formation, evangelization, social outreach, etc.). Our goal is \$24,014.

ST. WILLIAM:

Current Harvest of Hope figures:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300.00 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687.00 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418

Annual Catholic Appeal goal: \$2,707.

ODS 11th Annual International Food Festival:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The ODS Eleventh Annual International Food Festival will be held on April 25, 2026. We are always looking for new countries to be represented. The International Food Festival is only a success if cooks volunteer to cook and donate ethnic dishes from their native country. Please contact Carolyn Slade, email is csslade@gmail.com or Priscilla Carpenter, email is ki4gae@yahoo.com or phone 229-848-6699 with the authentic dish from your native country. There is also space available on our T-Shirt if you would like to place an ad. Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal *Faith, Hope Charity* has begun. Our Divine Saviour Parish Goal is \$24,014 and St. William is \$2,707. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education, of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others. You may view the video on the diocesan website (diosav.org). Pledge/Donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

Help Needed:

"In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them." (GIRM #57)

Are you ready to be a bit more active in your parish? Do you wish to deepen your understanding of Scripture? We have excellent lectors in our parish, and they need help! Our parish needs more lectors to serve at weekend English-language Masses. The only requirements for this ministry are the lectors must already be Confirmed and in full Communion. Once trained, lectors give 1-2 hours of time throughout the month in the preparation of their assigned readings. Experienced lectors also help with training novice lectors. For more information about training for this ministry, please contact Deborah Blakey at 229-339-0986. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

Book Club:

The next selection for the Book Club is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver. You are invited to obtain a copy of the book, read it and meet us for the discussion on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Margo Martin (229-402-0741) for the location of the meeting.

There will be NO CCD this weekend, April 4 and 5.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, April 7th thru Friday, April 10th

Dear Padre

April 5, 2026

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

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

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Good News!

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9
or Matthew 28:1–10

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or kerygma, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

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Querido Padre

5 de abril de 2026

¡Me voy a casar con mi novia! Aunque ella creció como católica, no practica la fe. ¿Está bien casarme con ella?

¿Vas a contraer matrimonio con tu prometida por el amor mutuo que se tienen? ¿Entienden ambos que este amor se verá fortalecido por la gracia sacramental de su unión matrimonial, una gracia que recibirán por el bautismo, no por la práctica? ¿Intentarán ambos crear una familia amorosa y, juntos como familia, intentarán estar abiertos cada día a la gracia de Dios que ya obra en sus vidas? ¿Se dan cuenta ambos de que esta gracia los llama a crear, en nombre de Jesús, un testimonio de la verdad del Evangelio, que es aún más poderoso que el amor que comparten?

Si dudan en responder a cualquiera de estas preguntas con un «sí» sincero, consideren la posibilidad de explorar estas preguntas junto con su párroco u otra persona que les ayude a prepararse para el matrimonio. No se requiere una fe perfecta para un buen matrimonio sacramental. La apertura a la fe es creer que el Señor que los ha unido aún no ha terminado con ninguno de los dos. Ambos tienen más que aprender y, con la gracia de Dios, responderán a su amor. Jesús obrará a través de ambos de maneras que tal vez ni siquiera puedan imaginar. Con ese espíritu, cástate con ella, construyan una vida juntos y sepan que el plan de Dios para ustedes siempre estará ahí. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

5 de abril de 2026

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor (A)
Hechos 10, 34a, 37-43 / Colosenses 3, 1-4 o 1 Corintios 5, 6b-8
/ Juan 20, 1-9 o Mateo 28, 1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

Celebramos la Pascua el primer domingo después de la primera luna llena de la primavera, que es también el primer domingo después de la Pascua judía. Toda la historia del mundo llega a este punto, y el evangelio de hoy capta la emoción eterna de ese día. María Magdalena, desesperada, no encuentra a su Señor en la tumba. Pensando que su cuerpo ha sido robado, avisa a los apóstoles. Pedro y Juan corren hacia allí, y se produce un momento de suspense inolvidable cuando primero Pedro y luego Juan entran en la tumba. Los detalles son significativos. Vieron allí los sudarios y «el paño que había cubierto su cabeza, no con los sudarios, sino enrollado en un lugar aparte» (Juan 20, 7). Los ladrones no se habrían tomado la molestia de desenrollar el cuerpo y doblar el paño que cubría su rostro. Estos detalles pretenden señalar la verdad de la resurrección. ¡Vieron y creyeron!

La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles sigue la historia del centurión Cornelio, el primer pagano prominente en convertirse. (Su historia es fascinante; tómate tu tiempo para leerla esta semana). Pedro da un discurso que incluye una especie de catecismo que se había estandarizado en una fórmula repetida al menos seis veces en los Hechos. Esta proclamación, o kerygma, incorpora el mensaje y la motivación para un cambio de vida. Dios ungió a Jesús, lo resucitó de entre los muertos y prometió que todos los que creyeran en él serían perdonados de sus pecados y resucitarían con él. ¡Feliz Pascua! ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, April 4

Bilingual Mass at ODS **[+Sheila Carpenter Holland]**
(Al & Mary Anne Gibbs)8:00 pm
NO Spanish CCD

Sunday, April 5

2nd Collection: Priest Retirement

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am
NO CCD at ODS.
Mass at St. William **(Catholic Extension)**11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Alberto Ramirez]** 2:00 pm
(Norma Ramirez)]

Monday, April 6

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, April 7

NO Mass at ODS

Wednesday, April 8

NO Mass at ODS

International Food Festival meeting. 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9

No Mass at ODS

Friday, April 10

NO Mass at ODS

Saturday, April 11

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

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Jose Toro]**. 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 12

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am
CCD at ODS 10:15 am
Mass at St. William **(Catholic Extension Society)** 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 LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, April 11, 2026 – 5:00 pm

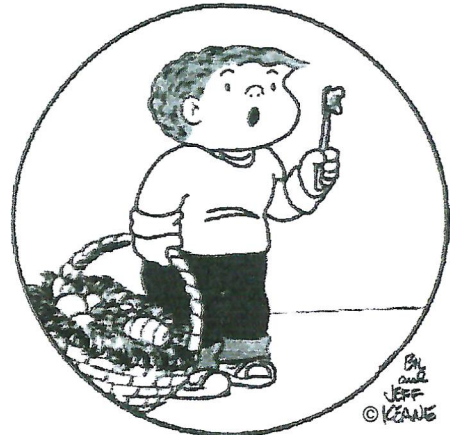
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LECTOR: Shawn Thomas
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
. Michele Harten, Mary Beth Cary
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, April 12, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
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. Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
. Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Jeff and Bill Keane



"Why did I get a new toothbrush in my Easter basket?"

ODS Weekly Offertory	(3/29/26):	\$5,418
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$228,329
ODS Building Fund	(3/29/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$20,999
St. William Offertory	(3/29/26):	\$682
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$20,731

