

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

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and re-
new the face of the earth.**
Psalm 104



*In today's Gospel, the disciples pass
from a state of fear to joy.*

*Jesus breathes his Spirit on them and
he commissions the disciples to
continue his mission on earth.*

*Enlivened by the Spirit, the disciples
are empowered to make the presence
of God known throughout the world.*

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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May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

Readings:

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinth. 12:3-7
John 20:19-23

Theme:

*We have been
given the breath of
God – the gift of
the Holy Spirit.*

Question of the week:

*Share about the
times when you felt
the power of the
Spirit?*

May 31, 2026
Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity

Readings:

Exodus 34:4-6
2 Corinth. 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Theme:

*The mystery of the
Trinity – Father,
Son, Holy Spirit.*

Question of the week:

*How would you
encourage the
members of your
parish to live as a
community of love?*

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 Herandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonnia 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

Announcements: May 23 & 24

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:

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.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

Thank you to those who have contributed recently to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We are making fine progress toward our goal of \$24,014. Recent donations total close to \$3,000 (one-time donations and payments on pledges). We are approaching 50% of our target. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. *Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.* Many thanks to those who have already donated or pledged.

ST. WILLIAMS:

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.*

The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday in May at 6:00 pm after the 5:30 pm mass.

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.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



Dear Padre

May 24, 2026

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

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

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Good News!

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday (A)

Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 / John
20:19–23

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●

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Querido Padre

24 de mayo de 2026

Soy una mujer católica mayor. Toda mi vida he esperado que la Iglesia acogiera a las mujeres como sacerdotes. A lo largo de los años, he sido voluntaria en numerosas confesiones religiosas y he trabajado con pastoras y rabinas. ¿Por qué la Iglesia católica no reconoce que las mujeres tienen vocación sacerdotal?

Probablemente mi respuesta no le resulte aceptable, e incluso puede que le frustre un poco más y quizá le desanime. La Iglesia entiende que la vocación al sacerdocio no se basa en los méritos. Si se basara en los méritos y ese fuera el único criterio importante, su pregunta podría formularse de otra manera. ¡Dejaré que imagine cuál podría ser!

La tradición, la práctica y la disciplina de la Iglesia siguen insistiendo en que la vocación al sacerdocio ordenado requiere que el respondiente sea varón. Cualquier explicación más allá de esta simple afirmación sería forzada y de poca utilidad. Somos conscientes de las tradiciones que se practican en otras confesiones cristianas. Probablemente conocemos la teología católica romana del sacerdocio que se ofrece en apoyo de esta práctica. Probablemente podamos ofrecer un sinnúmero de ejemplos a favor o en contra de esta práctica. Nada de eso importa cuando se enfrenta a la dura realidad de la tradición, la práctica y la disciplina: el sacerdocio requiere un varón bautizado para ser válido. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

24 de mayo de 2026

Domingo de Pentecostés (A)

Hechos 2, 1-11 / 1 Corintios 12, 3b-7, 12-13 /
Juan 20, 19-23

ANN M. GARRIDO

Al leer en voz alta el pasaje de hoy de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, ¿te tropiezas con los nombres de los pueblos reunidos como yo? «Partos, medos y elamitas». ¿Dónde están «Capadocia, Frigia y Panfilia»? ¿Y por qué estaban todos estos pueblos en Jerusalén en primer lugar?

Puede ser útil saber que Pentecostés no se originó como una fiesta cristiana. Hay tres fiestas de peregrinación que atraían a judíos de toda la región mediterránea a Jerusalén. Sucot celebra la cosecha de otoño y la protección de Dios durante el éxodo de Egipto. Dos son en primavera: la Pascua, la Fiesta de los Panes sin Levadura, que conmemora la noche en que los judíos fueron liberados de la esclavitud en Egipto; y Shavuot, o Pentecostés en griego, que conmemora la entrega de la ley de Dios en el monte Sinaí.

La escena descrita en Hechos se hace eco de la historia del monte Sinaí. Los pueblos que se reunieron fuera de la casa en Jerusalén representan la amplitud y diversidad de los pueblos conocidos en aquella época, y no solo en aquella época. Algunas de las civilizaciones mencionadas no habían existido durante cientos de años. El libro de los Hechos quiere hacernos saber que el don del Espíritu Santo fue un acontecimiento tan significativo que, de alguna manera, todos estaban misteriosamente presentes, y no solo los de tiempos pasados, sino incluso nosotros, que vivimos en lugares tan lejanos y difíciles de pronunciar como Islamabad o Albuquerque. Hoy celebramos un don que trasciende el tiempo y la geografía. Un don que sigue reuniéndonos a todos en asombro y admiración. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, May 23

2nd Collection: Catholic Communication

Confirmation Mass 11:00 am

Mass at ODS [+Spencer Stolberg 5:00 pm

(Eloise Stone)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+los difuntos de la Familia

Manriquez Ramirez] .. 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 24

2nd Collection: Catholic Communication

Mass at ODS [+Charles & Joan Carroll 9:00 am

(Eric & Joann Prostko)]

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Juan Manriquez Ramirez] 2 pm

Monday, May 25

OFFICE CLOSED

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, May 26

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

ROSARY.....6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 27

Mass at ODS [+los difuntos de la Familia Manriquez

Ramirez]..... 8:00 am

Thursday, May 28

Mass at ODS [+los difuntos de la Familia Manriquez

Ramirez]8:00 am

Friday, May 29

Mass at ODS [+los difuntos de la Familia Manriquez

Ramirez] 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration6:00 pm

Saturday, May 30

Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland 5:00 pm

(Eric & Joann Prostko)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Juan Huerta].....7:00 pm

Sunday, May 31

Mass at ODS [+Daniela Marek] 9:00 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners)2:00 pm

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, May 30, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER:Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR:.....

LECTOR :.....

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao

..... Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke

SACRISTANJhoy Abantao

Sunday, May 31, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:..... .Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR :.....

LECTOR Ben Fraelich

EUCRISTIC MINISTER Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez

..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn

SACRISTAN: Leticia Mendosa

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	(5/17/26):	\$4,185
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$272,491
ODS Building Fund	(5/17/26):	\$20
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$23,808
St. William Offertory	(5/17/26):	\$320
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$24,365