

# 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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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

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Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon  
J. Brian Bergeron

**Lord, you will show us the path of  
life.**  
**Psalm 16**



In today's Gospel, a stranger joins the disciples as they journey to Emmaus.

It was not unusual for a person living in the region at the time to invite a stranger to be their guest and share a meal.

The stranger/guest in today's Gospel suddenly becomes the host, and the disciples receive from him the Bread of Life.

## 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,**  
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*April 19, 2026*  
**Third Sunday**  
**Of Easter**

#### Readings:

**Acts 2:14-23**  
**1 Peter 1:17-21**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

#### Theme:

*When we share meals, Christ sits among us.*

#### Question of the week:

*Share about a great meal you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.*

*April 26, 2026*  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**Of Easter**

#### Readings:

**Acts 2:36-41**  
**1 Peter 2:20-25**  
**John 10:1-10**

#### Theme:

*We enter life to the full through Christ.*

#### Question of the week:

*In what ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others?*

#### 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 Sehrsanski, 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

## Announcements: April 18 & 19

### 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.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:csslade@gmail.com) or Priscilla Carpenter, email is [ki4gae@yahoo.com](mailto:ki4gae@yahoo.com) or phone 229-848-6699 with the authentic dish from your native country. Those serving food at the International Food Festival please plan on being at the Activity Center on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm to set up your area. If it is impossible for you to make this time, please contact Carolyn or Priscilla. Tickets for the Festival are \$1.00 per bite and \$35 for Unlimited bites.

### 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](http://diosav.org)).

Pledge/Donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO "ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL"**.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please contact Margo martin (229-402-0741) for the location of the meeting.

**There will be No 7:00 pm Spanish Mass on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

# Dear Padre

April 19, 2026

## **Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?**

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for "if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

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# Good News!

April 19, 2026

## **Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

Acts 2:14, 22–33 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles** from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

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# Querido Padre

19 de abril de 2026

## ¿Por qué hay diferentes historias sobre la resurrección de Jesús?

En su conjunto, el Nuevo Testamento es un testimonio de la resurrección. Unos veinte años después de la muerte de Jesús, San Pablo ofrece la primera referencia escrita a la resurrección. (Véase 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 10). Los cuatro evangelios cuentan la historia de Jesús, que fue crucificado, resucitó de entre los muertos y se apareció a sus discípulos. Sin embargo, los evangelistas incorporaron elementos que se transmitían oralmente y los presentaron con su propio estilo para responder a las necesidades particulares y los antecedentes culturales de sus lectores. Cada autor intentó expresar la inexpresable resurrección dentro de los límites del lenguaje, y seleccionaron o omitieron material con fines teológicos. Si hay pequeños detalles que varían entre los escritores, como el número de mujeres o ángeles en la tumba de Cristo, estas variaciones son coherentes con la naturaleza de los relatos de testigos oculares y los acontecimientos registrados tal y como se recuerdan. Los relatos divergentes no son relatos falsos. A pesar de las discrepancias, el objetivo de los autores se mantuvo intacto: la identidad del Jesús histórico de Nazaret es ahora el Señor resucitado de todos. (Véase Hechos 10, 34–43). Además, los autores querían transmitir esta verdad fundamental: ¡la derrota de la muerte por parte de Jesucristo mediante su resurrección es fundamental para nuestra esperanza cristiana y es la garantía de nuestra propia resurrección! Guiados por el Espíritu Santo, los relatos de la resurrección de los evangelios han inspirado a los creyentes durante 2000 años, ya que «si Cristo no ha resucitado, entonces... también vuestra fe es vana» (1 Corintios 15, 14). ●

P. Byron J. Miller, CSSR

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# Buenas noticias

19 de abril de 2026

Tercer domingo de Pascua (A)

Hechos 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pedro 1, 17-21 / Lucas 24, 13-35

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**La historia de Emaús trata de dos discípulos que caminan siete millas** desde Jerusalén hasta un pueblo llamado Emaús y su encuentro con Jesús, a quien no reconocen. La historia es rica en simbolismo y significado. En pocas palabras, nos enseña tres reglas básicas para la formación de la comunidad cristiana: *Acoger al extranjero. Abrir la palabra. Celebrar la Eucaristía.* Cuando somos fieles a estas prácticas, somos fieles a la promesa del reino en medio de nosotros. Si decidimos ignorar estas reglas básicas, no debería sorprendernos que parezcamos estar pasando por dificultades.

Las tres reglas establecen la base. No podemos felicitarnos por seguir bien una o dos de ellas e ignorar la tercera. No podemos elegir. Es el Señor quien establece los parámetros; nuestra misión es solo responder positivamente con fe a lo que Él nos indica que hagamos.

¿Cómo lo estamos haciendo? Una evaluación honesta probablemente sugiera que es necesario mejorar. Cada una de nuestras comunidades locales, e incluso la Iglesia en general, a veces lucha por formar una comunidad de fe como la de Emaús. Sabemos que pueden hacerlo mejor. La buena noticia es que no están desinformados y saben dónde deben poner más esfuerzo. El Espíritu Santo de Dios les mostrará cómo deben aplicar este esfuerzo renovado. ●

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**EVENTS of the WEEK**

**Saturday, April 18**

- Mass at ODS [+**Bonnie Davis** ..... 5:00 pm  
+**Tresor Banani**]
- Spanish CCD ..... 5:45 pm
- Spanish Mass at ODS [+**Familia Manriquez Ramirez**]  
..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19**

- Mass at ODS [+**Sheila Carpenter Holland** ..... 9:00 am  
(Margo Martin)]
- CCD at ODS..... 10:15 am
- Mass at St. William (**Catholic Extension**) ..... 11:30 am
- Spanish Mass at ODS [+**Paula Malacate Laura**.. 2:00 pm  
(Familia Santos)]

**Monday, April 20**

- NO Mass at ODS .....

**Tuesday, April 21**

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

**Wednesday, April 22**

- Mass at ODS ..... 8:00 am

**Thursday, April 23**

- Mass at ODS ..... 8:00 am

**Friday, April 24**

- Mass at ODS ..... 5:30 pm
- 1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration ..... 6:00 pm

**Saturday, April 25**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Home Mission**

- Mass at ODS [+**Christina Stevens** ..... 5:00 pm  
(Eloise Stone)]

- International Food Festival ..... 6:00 pm

- NO Spanish CCD .....

- NO Spanish Mass at ODS .....

**Sunday, April 26**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Home Mission**

- Mass at ODS [+**Whitley Norwood Cheevers** ..... 9:00 am  
(Debbie Blakey)]

- 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 Weekly Offertory	(4/12/26):	\$9,188
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$246,215
ODS Building Fund	(4/12/26):	\$505
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$22,324
St. William Offertory	(4/12/26):	\$483
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$21,871

**ODS LITURGY TEAM**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 5:00 pm**

- PRESIDER: ..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
- LECTOR: ..... Judy Tyno
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- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: ..... Greg Harten
- ..... Michele Harten, Mary Beth Cary
- SACRISTAN ..... Eloise Stone

**Sunday, April 26, 2026 – 9:00 am**

- PRESIDER: ..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
- LECTOR : ..... Margo Martin
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- EUCRISTIC MINISTER ..... Morris Scarbrough
- ..... Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
- ..... Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
- SACRISTAN: ..... Claudia Aguilar

