

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***The Lord is my light and my
salvation.
Psalm 27***



The passage from Isaiah is used in today's Gospel to explain the fact that Jesus' ministry began in Galilee, not Jerusalem.

The substance of Jesus' preaching is summarized, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus' preaching calls for a radical change, the old way of living must be abandoned and a new way embraced.

Our Divine Savior

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**Any new parishioners who would like to register,
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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, Curtis Esmel, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Judy Fraelich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonnia Mathis, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Bob McDuffie, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, Thomas Norris, 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

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



*January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Isaiah 8:23
1 Corinth. 1:10-13
Matthew 4:12-23

Theme:

Jesus calls us to follow him.

Question of the week:

How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry.

*February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Zephaniah 2:3
1 Corinth. 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Theme:

The Beatitudes – a way of life – a map to happiness.

Question of the week:

How do you describe what it means to be "Bless" in your own life?

Announcements: January 24 & 25

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: Thanks to everyone who has pledged or contributed to the Harvest of Hope campaign. The January 8th progress report shows that there have been 80 pledges or donations. That represents 31.62% of our registered parishioners. Because we have surpassed the half way point of our suggested goal, we have received our first return from the campaign, which is \$19,708 deposited in our account. The next deposit will be in April.

TOTAL GIVEN: \$70,106.67 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$99,942.75

ST. WILLIAM: There have been 18 donors or 56.25% of registered parishioners.

TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,215 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,890

There are 2026 calendars at the entrance to the church. Please take one per family.



Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 /

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

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Querido Padre

25 de enero de 2026

¿Por qué un protestante no puede recibir la Eucaristía en una misa católica?

Unidos por el bautismo, los hermanos cristianos son nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el Señor. Como tales, siempre son bienvenidos a la misa católica, pero normalmente no participan en la Sagrada Comunión. «Dado que los católicos creemos que la celebración de la Eucaristía es un signo de la realidad de la unidad de fe, vida y culto, los miembros de aquellas iglesias con las que aún no estamos plenamente unidos no suelen ser admitidos a la Sagrada Comunión» (Código de Derecho Canónico, 844 §4).

Cuando los católicos reciben la Sagrada Comunión, creen firmemente que el pan y el vino se transforman en la presencia real de Cristo. En la Eucaristía, os convertís en parte del cuerpo de Cristo y compartís la santidad y la unidad entre vosotros. Vuestro «Amén» al «Cuerpo de Cristo» y a la «Sangre de Cristo» significa «¡Verdaderamente, así sea!». Indica que afirmáis vuestra creencia en este misterio, que es fundamental para vuestra identidad católica. Si los no católicos reciben la Eucaristía pero no abrazan esta identidad y la misma creencia, pueden faltar al respeto a los católicos que sí lo hacen, así como a su propia identidad en la denominación a la que pertenecen.

Sin embargo, en la misa, los hermanos cristianos pueden unir sus oraciones a las de los católicos para alabar a Dios. Juntos, también rezamos para que las divisiones que nos separan desaparezcan finalmente, en consonancia con la oración de Cristo por nosotros «para que todos sean uno» (Juan 17, 21). ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

25 de enero de 2026

Tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 8, 23-9, 3 / 1 Corintios 1, 10-13, 17 /
Mateo 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

«Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado» (Mateo 3, 2) es el mensaje que predicó Jesús tras el arresto de Juan el Bautista. Es importante situar este mensaje en su contexto. Jesús no está repitiendo la predicación del Bautista. Su mensaje es único y convincente.

Fíjate bien en lo que dice Jesús. No rellenes automáticamente los espacios en blanco con los recuerdos de todos los sermones que has escuchado. Intenta escuchar las palabras de Jesús de nuevo, como si fuera la primera vez. ¿El énfasis está en «arrepentíos» o en el anuncio «el reino de los cielos está cerca»? ¿Hay alguna diferencia?

Repite estas palabras y cambia el énfasis cada vez. Juega con las palabras. Deja que las palabras jueguen contigo. Observa cómo respondes. Observa qué marca la diferencia. Observa cómo reaccionas y, sobre todo, observa si te sientes invitado o juzgado.

El Bautista no se anduvo con rodeos. Estás siendo juzgado: «El hacha ya está puesta a la raíz de los árboles» (Mateo 3, 10). Jesús, por otro lado, parece no juzgar, sino invitar: «porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado» (Mateo 4, 17). En la invitación, se nos desafía a ver de una manera diferente. Usa habilidades diferentes. Abstenerse de los juicios automáticos. Buscar comprender, pero, sobre todo, aceptar y amar. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, January 24

2nd Collection: Harvest of Hope

Mass at ODS [+Victoriano Abantao] 5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners)... 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 25

2nd Collection: Harvest of Hope

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am
CCD at ODS.....10:15 am

Mass at St. William (St. William Parishioners) . 11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners)... 2:00 pm

Monday, January 26

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, January 27

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 28

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, January 29

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, January 30

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 31

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners).. 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 1

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). 9:00 am

CCD at ODS 10:15 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, January 31, 2026 – 5:00 pm

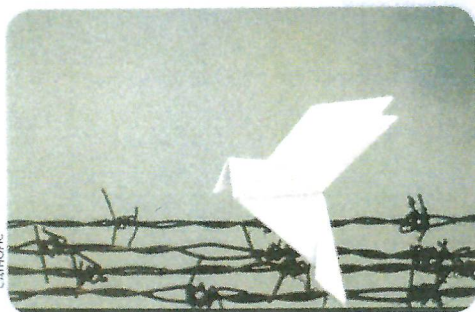
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LECTOR : Jim Laycock
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao
..... Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez
LECTOR : Margo Martin
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich
..... ary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez,
..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie

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	(1/18/26):	\$
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$158,400
ODS Building Fund	(1/18/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$16,864
St. William Offertory	(1/18/26):	\$
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$14,224



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025