

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

**God, in your goodness, you have
made a home, a home for the poor.
Psalm 68**



The today's Gospel, Luke presents a scene with Jesus in the home of a Pharisee.

Jesus addresses the guests in the house with a parable that warns against self-exaltation.

Jesus' words to the host point out that the kingdom is for everyone, especially those who are overlooked.

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, 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, Thomas Norris, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, 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, Gary Valinski, 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



August 31, 2025
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 3:17-18

Hebrews 12:18-19

Luke 14:7-14

Theme:

*Give as God gives –
in humility and
love.*

Question of the week:

*Who are the people
living near you that
you would find it
most difficult to
invite to a meal?*

September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wisdom 9:13- 18

Philem. 1:9-10

Luke 14:25-33

Theme:

*Commitment is
required to follow
him..*

Question of the week:

*How do you as a
modern man or
woman denounce
your possessions?*

Announcements: August 30 and 31, 2025

Activity Center Rental Fee:

As of January 1, 2024 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

The ODS Council of Catholic Women will hold its monthly meeting on September 9th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish who are interested in joining this group are welcome. Come and hear what we have planned for this coming year! Thank you

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal:

ODS target goal for 2025 ACA is \$25,278 and St. William is \$1,770. We thank you to everyone that can give to our appeal. ODS has given \$6,010.00 towards our goal.

We will also be starting the Harvest of Hope Capital Campaign with the Diocese in August and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan website for more information.

Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/0tWljZwg8HQ>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>

Diocesan Jubilee Gathering:

You are invited to our Diocesan jubilee Gathering on October 11th at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins! Catholics across South Georgia are invited to join us to celebrate our faith and come together as a diocesan family. The day will begin with Adoration and will include a morning and afternoon keynote, lunch, breakout talks, activities for all ages and in different languages, praise and worship, exhibitors, and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes. Registration information and additional details can be found at: diosav.org/en/10-11.

CCD & Sacramenta Preparation news:

There will be NO CCD the weekend of August 30 and 31. Please get your child registered soon as all sacramental preparation and youth group programs will begin in September. Registration will now take place in the CCD Building during CCD classes. You may contact Jackie Beals or Mayra Moreno for more information.

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 1st.

Dear Padre

August 31, 2025

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a /
Luke 14:1, 7-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

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Querido Padre

31 de agosto

¿Es sacrílego tirar un sacramental?

"Los sacramentales no confieren la gracia del Espíritu Santo como los sacramentos, pero, por la oración de la Iglesia, nos preparan para recibirla y nos disponen a cooperar con ella" (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 1670). Por lo tanto, los sacramentales confieren gracia a través del poder de oración de la Iglesia y, si están bendecidos, no deben tirarse, sino quemarse y/o enterrarse. Si el objeto no ha sido bendecido, puede desecharse; sin embargo, también podría donarse a un ministerio católico (escuela, prisión, hospital, etc.) que se beneficiaría de su distribución. (Si un objeto religioso fue incluido en una carta de solicitud no solicitada? de una organización benéfica, es seguro asumir que no fue bendecido).

Si el objeto está desgastado o roto, debe ser alterado sustancialmente para que pierda su forma de sacramento y luego devuelto a los elementos terrenales. Por ejemplo, un escapulario desgastado debe ser quemado y las cenizas enteradas; una estatua dañada debe ser rota en fragmentos más pequeños y enterrada. Una tradición europea en la Vigilia de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista (23 de junio) es quemar los antiguos sacramentales en hogueras y enterrar las cenizas. La quema y/o el entierro respetan la naturaleza sagrada que alguna vez tuvieron estos objetos y evitan que se adapten para un uso trivial. La reverencia y la discreción son apropiadas para cualquier método de eliminación. ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

31 de agosto de 2025

Vigésimo segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Eclesiástico 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebreos 12:18-19, 22-24a / Lucas 14:1, 7-14

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

El otro día me enfadé, como supongo que nos pasa a todos cuando metemos la pata, nos olvidamos de un compromiso importante o estropeamos lo que esperábamos que fuera perfecto. Lo que estropeé fue una homilía. Por alguna razón, la imagen salió mal, el ejemplo no encajaba o simplemente no salió como esperaba. Y estaba tan enfadado conmigo mismo que me pilló desprevenido. Fue un vistazo inesperado de lo que no quería admitir: el hecho de que la forma en que la gente me percibía como predicador había cobrado más importancia que predicar la palabra de Dios. La vida se había desenfocado. Se había perdido una perspectiva.

Nos pasa a todos en el transcurso de nuestras vidas, y más de una vez. Las notas se vuelven más importantes que el aprendizaje, o tener razón es más importante que la relación, o la dirección de donde vivimos es más importante que las personas que viven juntas. Ocurre entre padres e hijos cuando un padre da más importancia a la profesión de su hijo o hija que a la felicidad de ese hijo o hija. Como en la parábola de Jesús, donde el hecho de sentarnos a la mesa adquiere más importancia que las personas que se reúnen o la comida que se comparte. Eso es lo que hace el orgullo. Distorsiona lo que es real y cambia el enfoque de la vida hacia nosotros mismos. ¿El antídoto? Una conciencia orante de quiénes somos y quién es Dios. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK:**Saturday, August 30**

Mass at ODS **[+Spenser Stolberg]** 5:00 pm
 (Eloise Stone)]

Spanish Mass at **[+Francisco Agostini]** 7:00 pm
Sunday, August 31

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am
NO CCD at ODS

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 2:00 pm

Monday, September 1

Office Closed

Happy Labor Day

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, September 2

Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 3

Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 8:00 am

Thursday, September 4

Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 8:00 am

Friday, September 5

Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 5:30 pm

1 hour Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 62nd Collection ODS Building Fund

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

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Francisco Agostini]** 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 72nd 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 **[+Francisco Agostini]** . . . 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, September 6, 2025 – 5:00 pm**

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez

LECTOR : Debbie Blakey

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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten

..... Michelle Harten, Mary Beth Cary

SACRISTAN Jorge Novoa

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Alfonso Gutierrez

LECTOR : Bob Kemerait

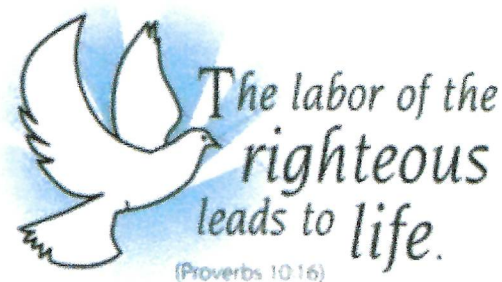
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..... Theresa Scarbrough, Veronica Ogolowa

..... Pius Ogolowa, Ben Fraelich

SACRISTAN: Mary Moultrie



ODS Weekly Offertory	(8/24/25):	\$4,001
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$38,690
ODS Building Fund	(8/24/25):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$3,598
St. William Offertory	(8/24/25):	\$431
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$3,607