

Welcome

To our communities of faith

*Our Divine Saviour
Catholic Church
12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA*

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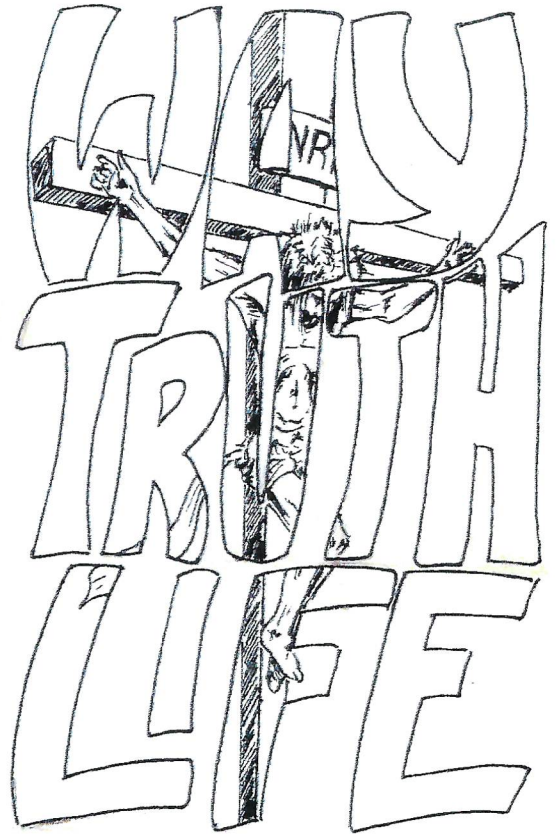
*St. William Catholic Church
807 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026**

*Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP*

*Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron*

***Lord, let your mercy be on us, as
we place our trust in you.
Psalm 33***



The author of today's Gospel situated the words of Jesus, "I am the way"; in the context of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died.

His words brought comfort in the face of impending distress.

Jesus' words also gave the disciples direction for the days ahead.

Our Divine Savior

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**Any new parishioners who would like to register,
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*May 3, 2026
 Fifth Sunday
 Of Easter*

Readings:
 Acts 6:1-7
 1 Peter 2:4-9
 John 14:1-12

Theme:
*Jesus, our
 cornerstone.*

Question of the week:
*How are the
 promises of this
 Gospel passage
 made real in your
 own life?*

*May 10, 2026
 Sixth Sunday
 Of Easter*

Readings:
 Acts 8:5-8
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21

Theme:
*We have the spirit
 of truth to guide us.*

Question of the week:
*Which one of the
 promises in today's
 Gospel gives you
 the most hope?*

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, 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 Sehranski, Marlana 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: May 2 & 3

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.

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.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

We have made a start on our obligation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far \$6,154 has been given toward our goal of \$24,014 with a pledge balance of \$770. Envelopes are available in the vestibule if you would like to make your pledge this week. *Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.* Thanks to those who have pledged or contributed and to all of you who continue to honor your Harvest of Hope pledges.

ST. WILLIAMS:

St. William's target goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$2,707. So far, there have been 6 donations which equal \$1,015. Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available to those who wish to pledge or contribute. *Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.*

The last CCD classes will be held the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd .

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

ODS Weekly Offertory	(4/26/26):	\$3,868
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$254,826
ODS Building Fund	(4/26/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$22,329
St. William Offertory	(4/26/26):	\$534
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$23,054

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.

Dear Padre

May 3, 2026

I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

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

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Good News!

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12

ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It’s a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today’s gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. “Show us the Father,” he says, “and that will be enough for us” (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus’ words and actions are the Father’s words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received “enough.”

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don’t get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I’ve been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I “shall not want.” I already have all I need. ●

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Querido Padre

3 de mayo de 2026

Tengo una hija y un nieto que dicen ser bisexuales y estar muy involucrados en el estilo de vida LGBTQ, donde sienten que pertenecen. No sé cómo manejar todo esto. Hace años que dejaron la fe católica. No creo que sean ateos. Por favor, ayúdeme.

No está solo en su lucha por saber cómo «manejar todo esto». Es difícil para los padres cuando sus hijos eligen un estilo de vida diferente.

Intente no confundir la expresión de género con la fe. Intente no confundir la orientación sexual con la fe. El hecho de que una persona se sienta atraída por alguien de su mismo sexo no significa que no sea una persona de fe. Puede que crean en Dios e incluso lo adoren a su manera. Parece que su hija y su nieto son sinceros con usted. Si están dispuestos, tal vez hablar con ellos sobre cómo experimentan a Dios en sus vidas sería una conversación fructífera.

Hagas lo que hagas, lo mejor es amar. Ama a tu hija y a tu nieto. Cuando te expresan lo que creen que es verdad sobre sí mismos, no te están pidiendo permiso. Te están confiando lo que creen haber aprendido sobre sí mismos. Quizás esa misma franqueza contigo sea una lección que tú les has enseñado y una señal de que quieren compartir contigo lo que es importante para ellos. ●

P. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

3 de mayo de 2026

Quinto domingo de Pascua (A)

Hechos 6, 1-7 / 1 Pedro 2, 4-9 / Juan 14, 1-12

ANN M. GARRIDO

Cuando era niña, mis padres me enseñaron a rezar con las manos juntas y los dedos apuntando hacia Dios. Pero en algún momento aprendí una postura diferente para rezar: sentada con las palmas de las manos hacia arriba sobre mi regazo. Es un gesto de apertura, un reconocimiento de que me presento ante Dios con humilde necesidad, dispuesta a recibir lo que Él quiera darme.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Felipe se acerca a Jesús con una actitud similar de apertura. «Muéstranos al Padre», le dice, «y eso nos bastará» (Juan 14, 8). Jesús le responde que Felipe ya ha visto al Padre, porque las palabras y acciones de Jesús son las palabras y acciones del Padre. Felipe no necesita más, ya ha recibido «suficiente».

A veces yo misma necesito este recordatorio. Anhele una nueva visión de Dios que tal vez me proporcione un libro más o una conferencia más. No me malinterpreten: ¡el aprendizaje permanente es algo maravilloso y siempre hay más de Dios por descubrir! Pero es importante reconocer que, al igual que Felipe, ya he llegado a conocer al Padre a través de Jesús, y todo lo que necesito para vivir la vida cristiana ya está en su lugar. Más que de más conocimiento, se trata de poner en práctica lo que me han enseñado.

Últimamente, cuando rezo, he adoptado una nueva postura: giro las manos hacia abajo y apoyo las palmas en las rodillas. Me ayuda a recordar que, con Jesús como mi pastor, «no me faltará nada». Ya tengo todo lo que necesito. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, May 2

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

ODS First Communion10:00 am
Mass at ODS [+Charles Dillehay 5:00 pm
(Wyatt Family)]

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas7:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Soriano]

Sunday, May 3

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland9:00 am
(Debbie Blakey)]

CCD at ODS..... 10:15 am
Mass at St. William (Catholic Extension)11:30 am
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 2:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Monday, May 4

NO Mass at ODS
Book Club..... 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas..... 5:30 pm
+ Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

ROSARY.....6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 6

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 8:00 am
+ Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Thursday, May 7

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 8:00 am
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

Friday, May 8

Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 5:30 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas]

1 Hour Eucharistic Adoration6:00 pm

Saturday, May 9

Mass at ODS [+Angelita Hizon.....5:00 pm
(Abantao Family)]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas 7:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Soriano)]

Sunday, May 10

Mass at ODS [+Kay Crowley Des Lauriers.....9:00 am
(Margo Martin)]

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Fulgencio Salas2:00 pm
+Benita Soriano
+Fulgencio Jr. Salas)]

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, May 9, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR:
LECTOR :
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao
..... Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke
SACRISTAN Jhoy Abantao

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR :
LECTOR
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Ben Fraelich
..... Mary Moultrie, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Chrisann Krohn
SACRISTAN: Leticia Mendosa



Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God; believe also in me.

John 14:1