

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**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026**

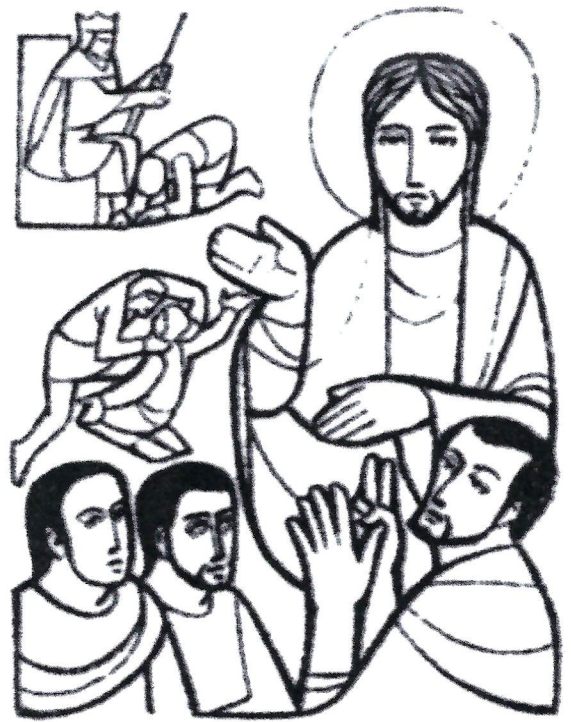
Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***The Lord is kind and merciful, slow
to anger, and rich in compassion.
Psalm 103***



*vengeance must not be multiplied,
but instead forgiveness should be
multiplied.*

*God is forgiving; we are made in
God's image.*

*God will judge us by the measure of
our forgiveness of one another.*

*Our mutual forgiveness will reveal
how the image of God lives in us.*

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, Lela Dillehay, Curtis Esmel, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Judy Fraeich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonia Mathis, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, Butch Parker, Dr. Franzella Pertilla, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehamski, 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, Lela Dillehay

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

*September 13 2026
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Sirach 27:30
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Theme:

*We are called to
forgive others as
Jesus forgives us.*

Question of the week:

*Name a time this
past week when
you forgave
someone.*

*September 20 2026
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Phillip. 1:20-24
Matthew 20:1-16

Theme:

*It is never too late
to enter the reign of
God.*

Question of the week:

*Describe in your
own words how
God will treat those
who come to be
part of the church,
even those who
come late.*

Announcements: September 12 & 13

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

The CCW purchased a AED for the church. If you are interested in learning how to use the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator we are looking into teaching a class in English and Spanish. This is only a how to class not a certificate class. There is a sign-up sheets in the front entrance of the church if you are interested.

Harvest of Hope Campaign and Annual Catholic Appeal:

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. And please write your check to the "Annual Catholic Appeal". Thanks for your generosity.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update:

HIP HIP HOORAY, and CONGRATULATIONS, and MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL THE GENEROUS ODS PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEARS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. We have surpassed our goal of \$24,014 by a whopping amount of \$20,524. God will surely bless all who have dug deep and given to the campaign. For those of you who still have a pledge balance remaining, and for those who have planned to give before the campaign ends, your donation will still be put to good use in the current year. Perhaps we can help make up the deficit for our brothers and sisters in other parishes who are not able to reach their goal. Generosity and Solidarity are important virtues for all of us to work on. May God bless all who have and/or will participate.

Book Club:

The next selection to be discussed by the book club is "Creation and the Cross" by Elizabeth Johnson. You are invited to read the book and join us for the discussion on Monday, September 14th at 7pm. September 14 just happens to be the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Holy Spirit at work?? You may contact Margo Martin for mor information. 229-402-0741.

K of C News:

Mark your calendar! The Knights of Columbus annual "Pig Pickin" will be held on Friday, October 9th starting at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center.

Mass intentions:

If possible, when requesting a mass intention, we kindly ask that the mass stipend be paid in cash. We truly appreciate your generosity and support of the parish. Mass stipends go directly to Fr. Peter.

Dear Padre

September 13, 2026

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (GIRM 46). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 27:30—28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew 18:21–35

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●

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Querido Padre

13 de septiembre de 2026

Si los católicos rezamos el Confiteor en la misa, ¿por qué seguimos necesitando ir a confesarnos?

Recuerda cuando Jesús dijo a Simón y a sus compañeros pescadores que echaran las redes después de no haber pescado nada. (Véase Lucas 5, 1–11.) Cuando sus barcas comenzaron a hundirse por la gran cantidad de peces, Simón se postró a los pies de Jesús y dijo: «Apártate de mí, Señor, porque soy un hombre pecador». Del mismo modo, en la misa, nos invade tal reverencia al entrar en la presencia de Dios que tomamos conciencia de nuestra propia pecaminosidad.

El acto penitencial prepara a la asamblea para entrar en la celebración con un espíritu adecuado de humildad. El sacerdote y los fieles observan un momento de silencio para reconocer su pecaminosidad y confesar su asombro ante el amor y la misericordia de Cristo. Esto se expresa de diferentes formas, una de las cuales es el Confiteor, una confesión general que invoca el apoyo de la comunión de los santos y de la comunidad específica reunida en la misa. Incluye la indicación de golpearse el pecho, un antiguo gesto de humildad y penitencia. (Véase Lucas 18, 13; 23, 48.) El rito concluye con la absolución del sacerdote, pero «carece de la eficacia del sacramento de la penitencia» (*Instrucción General del Misal Romano*, 51). Por lo tanto, el acto penitencial no sustituye a la absolución de los pecados confesados en el sacramento de la penitencia, en particular los pecados graves y mortales. Más bien, prepara a los fieles como comunidad unida para escuchar debidamente la palabra de Dios y celebrar dignamente la Eucaristía (*GIRM* 46). ●

P. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

13 de septiembre de 2026

Vigésimo cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)
Eclesiástico 27, 30–28, 7 / Romanos 14, 7–9 / Mateo 18, 21–35

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

¿Cómo puede suceder esto? Esta es la primera pregunta que nos viene a la mente. ¿Cómo puede alguien recibir un perdón tan grande y, solo unos minutos después, negarse a perdonar algo insignificante en comparación? El egoísmo no lo explica realmente. Estar tan lleno de uno mismo tampoco lo explica. Ser completamente torpe y obtuso quizá se acerque más a la verdad, pero incluso esa explicación se queda corta.

La verdad es que la exageración de la deuda es secundaria en la historia. Lo esencial de la historia es la invitación a reflexionar sobre lo que significa ser un ser humano. Es reconocer que, al fin y al cabo, todos tenemos una enorme deuda. Nadie está exento de la gratitud. Una aceptación honesta de quiénes somos —completa y totalmente dependientes del Dios que nos creó— es la verdad fundamental. Estar tan desconectado de esta verdad como para no reconocer la propia dependencia y ser completamente inconsciente de la necesidad de estar agradecido: ese es el verdadero desafío que plantea la historia. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, September 12

Mass at ODS [+**Rachelle Navarro**] 5:00 pm
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

Spanish Mass at ODS [+**Juana Lara**] 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 13

Mass at ODS [+**Pauline Lubbers**] 9:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)]

English CCD 10:15 am

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+**Juan Sanchez Hidalgo**] . 2:00 pm
(Debbie Blakey)]

Monday, September 14

NO Mass at ODS

BOOK Club 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15

Mass at ODS [+**Ermimia Mejia**] 5:30 pm
(Guadalupe Toro)]

Wednesday, September 16

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, September 17

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, September 18

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 19

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

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

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

Sunday, September 20

Mass at ODS [+**Maria Santibanez**] 9:00 am
(Claudia Mejia)]

English CCD 10:15 am

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

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

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, September 19, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR: Debbie Blakey

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,

..... JHoy Abantao, Susan Benson

SACRISTAN Pat Stephens

Sunday, September 20, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR : Shawn Thomas

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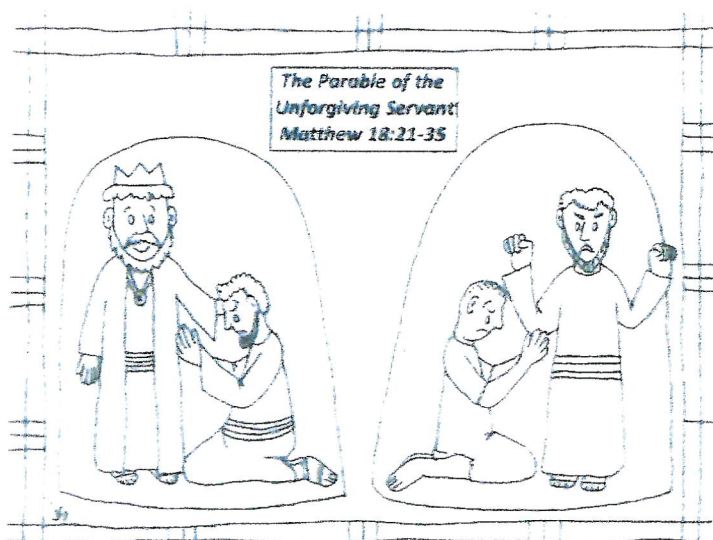
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..... Pius Ogolowa, Ben Fraelich,

..... Mary Moultrie, Bill McDaniel

SACRISTAN: Olga Montalvo

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) 259-4316 or 912-201-4074.



ODS Weekly Offertory	(9/06/26):	\$8,313
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$61,917
ODS Building Fund	(9/06/26):	\$1,227
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$5,934
St. William Offertory	(9/06/26):	\$
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$4,910