

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

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 5, 2026**

Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron

***I will praise your name forever, my
king and my God.
Psalm 145***



In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks, not only as a wisdom teacher, but as wisdom herself.

Jesus borrows the language of wisdom to praise God for revelation through him.

He is the perfect revelation of God because Jesus is God's Son, knowing God perfectly.

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 Fraelich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonnia 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, 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

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

*July 5, 2026
 14th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Zechariah: 9:9-10
Romans 8:9-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Theme:

Jesus is yoked to us, easing our burden.

Question of the week:

How can I be less resentful and more peaceful and patient with family and friends.

*July 12, 2026
 15th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Theme:

Discipleship – opening our hearts to Jesus’ word and acting upon it.

Question of the week:

How has faith been planted in your life?

Announcements: July 4 & 5

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: (as of 6/1/26)

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:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$131,895 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$92,311
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$51,096 TOTAL GIVEN: \$90,681
78.42% of our campaign goal given by 36.36% of our families

ST. WILLIAM:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687
ONE TIME DONATIONS: \$805 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418
37% of our campaign goal given by 59% of our families

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR (as of 6/11/26):

We continue to make good progress toward our goal of \$24,014.00. We are now almost 61% of the way to completion, with 17.72% of our parish families donating. If you would like to donate or pledge an amount to be given before the end of the year, you can find envelopes in the vestibule. *Please make your checks payable to ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.* Thank you for your generosity.

ST. WILLIAMS (as of 6/11/26):

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A total of \$1,015 has been given, which is \$37.5% of our target amount of \$2,707. Envelopes are available to those who wish to pledge or contribute. *Please make your checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.*

Book Club:

The next book club selection is "The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted" by Obery M. Hendricks Jr. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, July 6 at 7 pm. If you would like to join us, please obtain a copy of the book, read it and contact Margo Martin (229-402-0741) for the meeting location.

Lost and Found:

A pair of EAR BUDS/PODS were found this past weekend in a pew at church. They are in a colored case. Please call the office and you can verify the color of the case to see if they are yours.

UNO Night:

Our next UNO Night will be held on Wednesday, July 8th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Activity Center.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 6th.

Dear Padre

July 5, 2026

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zechariah 9:9–10 / Romans 8:9, 11–13 /
Matthew 11:25–30

ANN M. GARRIDO

The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? ●

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Querido Padre

5 de julio de 2026

¿Es apropiado exhibir la bandera estadounidense en nuestra iglesia?

Un obispo diocesano —que a menudo delega este asunto a la discreción del párroco— determina las normas sobre si se debe exhibir la bandera estadounidense en una iglesia católica y cómo hacerlo. La exhibición de la bandera, y de un libro de recuerdo para quienes sirven en las fuerzas armadas, parece haber tenido su origen en muchas parroquias estadounidenses durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. La práctica ha continuado a lo largo de guerras posteriores y tragedias nacionales.

Aunque la Comisión Episcopal para la Liturgia aconsejó que los símbolos nacionales no deberían ser elementos permanentes del espacio de culto, pueden ser apropiados en las celebraciones litúrgicas de un día festivo civil, etc. Esta misma comisión desaconsejó a los párrocos que exhibieran la bandera estadounidense dentro del santuario propiamente dicho —un espacio reservado para el altar, el ambón, la silla presidencial y el sagrario—, sino que la colocaran en el vestíbulo de la iglesia junto con un libro de peticiones por los vivos y los difuntos.

Fundamentalmente, el edificio de una iglesia es el lugar donde la asamblea litúrgica se reúne como un solo cuerpo en Cristo —el mismo Cristo de la Eucaristía que está más allá del tiempo y el espacio, y que vino a unir nuestras divisiones—. «El edificio de la iglesia es un signo y un recordatorio de la inmanencia y la trascendencia de Dios —quien eligió morar entre nosotros y cuya presencia no puede ser contenida ni limitada a un solo lugar» (Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU., *Built of Living Stones*, 2000, n. 50). ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Buenas noticias

5 de julio de 2026

Decimocuarta Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)
Zacarías 9, 9-10 / Romanos 8, 9, 11-13 / Mateo 11, 25-30

ANN M. GARRIDO

La invención del yugo hace 6.000 años supuso uno de los grandes avances de la historia de la humanidad. El yugo —una viga de madera colocada sobre el cuello— aprovechaba la energía de dos animales que tiraban en la misma dirección, agilizando el trabajo de la tierra y el transporte de mercancías.

Es fácil ver por qué, entre muchos pueblos antiguos, el yugo se convirtió en un símbolo de sometimiento. Cuando el ejército romano ganaba una batalla, obligaba a los soldados derrotados a caminar bajo un «yugo» de lanzas para indicar que ahora se encontraban en un estado de servidumbre. El profeta Jeremías caminó una vez por Jerusalén llevando un yugo para advertir al pueblo de que estaban a punto de ser conquistados por Babilonia.

En el judaísmo, sin embargo, la Torá también se denominaba a veces «yugo». Era una ley a la que había que someterse, pero también era una forma de vida que ofrecía una alternativa a los crueles «yugos» impuestos por los reyes. El Libro de Sirácide anima a los jóvenes a «Tomad el yugo [de la Torá] sobre su cuello, para que su mente reciba su enseñanza... ¡Veánlo por ustedes mismos! He trabajado poco, pero he encontrado mucho» (Eclesiástico 51, 26-27).

No está claro exactamente qué quiso decir Jesús cuando nos invitó a aceptar su yugo, pero es probable que se hiciera eco de la invitación de Eclesiástico. Quería que supiéramos que seguir la ley de Dios nos permite trabajar juntos, logrando mucho de lo que no podríamos hacer por nuestra cuenta. Y que la ley de Dios es una ley suave, que capacita en lugar de oprimir. ¿Estás dispuesto a recibir la suave enseñanza de Cristo y hacerla tuya? ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, July 4

2nd Collection: ODS BUILDING FUND

Mass at ODS [+Val Vanags]5:00 pm
 +Robin McDaniel]

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez]..... 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 5

2nd Collection: ODS BUILDING FUND

Mass at ODS [+Charles Carroll]..... 9:00 am
 (Eric & Joann Prostko)]

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez]..... .2:00 pm

Monday, July 6

OFFICE CLOSED

NO Mass at ODS

Book Club 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 7

Mass at ODS [+Irma Diaz Ruiz]5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 8

Mass at ODS [+Irma Diaz Ruiz]..... 8:00 am

UNO NIGHT 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 9

Mass at ODS [+Irma Diaz Ruiz]8:00 am

Friday, July 10

Mass at ODS5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 11

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Santos Malacate]7:00 pm

Sunday, July 12

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

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

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Pedro Gutierrez]2:00 pm

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, July 11, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
 LECTOR:..... Judy Tyno
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 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,
 Jhoy Abantao, Dr. Anthony Burke
 SACRISTAN Ann Timbs

Sunday, July 12, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER:..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
 LECTOR :..... Shawn Thomas
 LECTOR Shawn Thomas
 EUCRISTIC MINISTER Morris Scarbrough
 Theresa Scarbrough, Veronica Ogolowa,
 Pius Ogolowa, Bill McDaniel
 SACRISTAN:..... Jhoy Abantao

**One Nation
 Under God**



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	(6/28/26):	\$3,738
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$305,367
ODS Building Fund	(6/28/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$25,634
St. William Offertory	(6/28/26):	\$364
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$27,388