

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

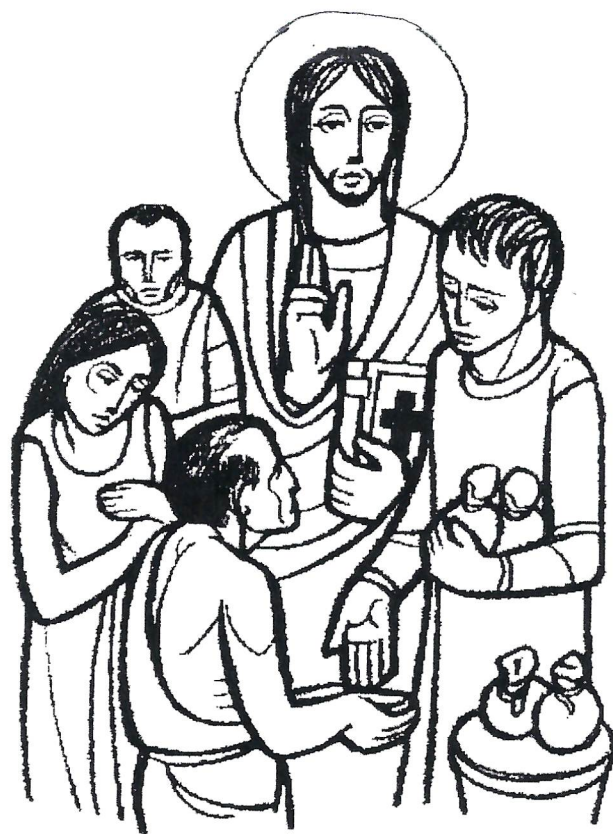
Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***Blessed the people the Lord has
chosen, chosen to be his own.
Psalm 33***



In the Gospel of Luke, the question of possessions is raised again.

Disciples need not worry about collecting possessions, they should be given to the poor.

Jesus cites two parables, one concerning servants ready for when their master returns, and a second concerning homeowners being prepared for if a thief comes.

Our Divine Savior

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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 10,, 2025
19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2
Luke 12:32-48

Theme:

*Do not live in fear.
Live, and be ready!*

Question of the week:

*On a daily basis,
what are some
ways to keep
yourself "ready for
God to act?"*

*August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Readings:

Jeremiah 38:4-6
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Theme:

*God's power
among us gives us
strength.*

Question of the week:

*Share about a time
when life's
struggles were so
difficult for you
that you nearly
"threw in the
towel".*

Announcements: August 9 and 10, 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

Summer 50/50 FUN-draiser will be held July 7 thru August 12th. Guess how many BIG and small "Blessing Balls" are in the container. Go ahead .. Pick it up...Look over, under, around and through!! Then, buy a ticket for \$1.00 per guess. Put your guess number on the ticket along with your name and phone number and place the ticket in the coffee can. On August 11th the drawing will be held and whoever comes closest to guessing the correct number of blessing balls will win half of the money we collect. If there is a tie, a second drawing will be made between those names. GOOD LUCK and THANK YOU FOR COUNTING YOUR BLESSING and helping the CCW's Scholarship Fundraiser!

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:

Beginning the first week in August, we will hold registration for CCD classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation Year 2. For anyone who registers prior to the start of August 16-17 classes, there is a small discount. Beginning in second grade, students can prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Starting in 8th grade, students can begin their Confirmation program, which is a 2-year program. More information will be given out regarding the schedule, retreats, and other requirements at the registration.

Our new parish website is odstifton.org.

Fr. Peter cordially request the pleasure of your company at an informational reception inaugurating the Harvest of Hope campaign on Thursday, August 21st. Mass will be at 6:00 pm followed by a reception at 6:45 pm. Bishop Parkes will be our honored guest. Reception will be held at the Activity Center and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by emailing or calling the parish office.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, August 12th.

Friday, August 15th is the Assumption of Mary and a Holy Day of obligation. Mass schedule that day is 12:00 noon at St. William, at ODS 6:00 pm in English and 8:00 pm in Spanish.

There will be no 1-hour Eucharistic Adoration that day.

Querido Padre

10 de agosto

¿Dónde pasó la Virgen María sus últimos días en la tierra? ¿En Éfeso o en Jerusalén?

Poco antes de morir en la cruz, Jesús encomendó a su madre viuda al cuidado protector de Juan el Evangelista. (Ver Juan 19:26-27). En consecuencia, cuando Juan vivió sus últimos años en Éfeso, se cree que María también pasó sus últimos días cerca, en una modesta vivienda de piedra, antes de ser llevada en cuerpo y alma al cielo "para ser preservada de la corrupción de la tumba" (Papa Pío XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Además, es probable que la tradición de la Asunción de María comenzara en Éfeso (actual Turquía).

El papa Benedicto XIV (1740-1758) declaró que Éfeso era "donde la Santísima Madre... pasó de esta vida al cielo". Papas más recientes, como Pablo VI en 1967 y Juan Pablo II en 1979, rezaron en este venerable hogar, conocido como la Casa de la Madre María.

Sin embargo, cerca de Getsemaní, en Jerusalén, se encuentra la Basílica de la Tumba de María, del siglo V. Está construida alrededor de una antigua cripta donde se cree que fue depositado el cuerpo de María antes de su ascensión al cielo.

Aunque tanto Éfeso como Jerusalén afirman ser el lugar donde la Virgen María pasó sus últimos años en la tierra, los expertos sostienen que la última es la tradición más antigua y el lugar más creíble. Incluso si María dejó Jerusalén temporalmente, es probable que regresara a su tierra natal y residiera allí al final de su vida terrenal. ●

P. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Dear Padre

August 10, 2025

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26-27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven "to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758) declared Ephesus was "where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven." More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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Buenas noticias

10 de agosto de 2025

Decimonoveno domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Sabiduría 18:6-9 / Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 o 11:1-2, 8-12 /
Lucas 12:32-48 o 12:35-40

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Cuando los británicos colonizaron la India, trajeron consigo el juego del golf. Un peligro peor que las trampas de arena resultaron ser los monos. Dondequiera que aterrizara la pelota, un mono corría hacia la calle, la recogía y la dejaba en otro lugar: de la calle al rough, de una trampa de arena al green, del green de nuevo a la calle. Los británicos lo intentaron todo para mantener a los monos fuera del campo: vallas, sirenas, ruidos atronadores. Nada funcionó. Al final, acabaron cambiando el reglamento: jugar la pelota donde el mono la dejara.

Las escrituras de hoy hablan de personas que vivían con una apertura a dondequiera que Dios los llevara. Jugaban la pelota dondequiera que el mono la dejara caer. Es la historia de los hebreos esclavizados en Egipto cuando estaban a punto de ser conducidos a un desierto que Dios solo sabía dónde estaba. Es la historia de los ancianos Abraham y Sara, llamados a viajar a una tierra extraña y luego a la paternidad en su vejez. La fe no es confiar en que Dios siempre nos llevará a donde queremos estar; es confiar en que dondequiera que Dios nos lleve, en última instancia, nos llevará a una vida más plena. Así que, observa y prepárate para reconocer la venida de Dios. Puede ser en tiempos de oscuridad para ti (como cuando el amo llega tarde por la noche, dice el Evangelio de Lucas) o cuando te encuentres en una «tierra extraña», un lugar en la vida en el que nunca has estado antes. ●

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Good News!

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

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