

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-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.
Psalm 63***



In a series of three passages, Jesus announces his imminent suffering and death, which is to be followed by his being raised from the dead.

In today's passage, a misunderstanding of the prediction is voiced by Peter. It becomes clear that fidelity to Jesus would ultimately cost the disciple life itself.

The paradox here is that the one who willingly gives up mortal life for Jesus' sake gains eternal life.

Our Divine Savior

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Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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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, 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, 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, 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

August 30, 2026
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Theme:

*The cross is a way
that leads to true
life.*

Question of the week:

*Name the cross
that you carry.
How is it bringing
you closer to God?*

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Theme:

*We are called to
help one another
grow as a
community of faith.*

Question of the week:

*How do you make
sure you follow the
way of love as
described by Paul
in today's reading?*

Announcements: August 29 & 30

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.

The Council of Catholic Women will hold its first meeting of the year on September 8th at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. Currently, we are seeking women from ODS to join this active group. This is a group whose mission is to serve both here and abroad. It will not be necessary to attend monthly meetings. You may choose to be a member and help on certain projects. Please consider joining us and taking action to show love and service to people in our church and our community. Contact Janet Vanags at vanags01janet@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Any amount you can give will be appreciated. There are envelopes in the foyer. Please make checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal and put the envelopes in the offertory collection.

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.

FR. Peter's Birthday celebration:

Mark your calendars!! Help celebrate Fr. Peter's birthday on Friday, September 11th at 7pm in the Activity Cener. It will be a potluck so bring a dish to share with others.

Dear Padre

August 30, 2026

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

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Good News!

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2
/ Matthew 16:21-27

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). Everything for Jesus. ●

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Querido Padre

30 de agosto de 2026

¿Estamos obligados a desobedecer o infringir una ley mala?

Según santo Tomás de Aquino, una ley justa tiene cuatro características. Debe ser (1) una ordenanza de la razón, (2) para el bien común, (3) debidamente promulgada, y (4) por una autoridad legítima. Según san Agustín, el mal es la falta de algo que debería estar ahí. Si lo aplicamos a la ley, si falta una de esas cuatro características, la ley carece de algo que debería estar ahí y, por lo tanto, es mala. En otras palabras, una ley injusta es una ley mala. Como cristianos, se nos anima en general a obedecer las leyes del Estado. Como dice el apóstol Pablo: «Que cada uno se someta a las autoridades superiores, pues no hay autoridad que no provenga de Dios» (Romanos 13, 1). Al mismo tiempo, también tenemos la responsabilidad de formar nuestra conciencia según la revelación de Dios en la Escritura y la Tradición, tal y como la interpreta la autoridad docente de la Iglesia, divinamente ordenada. Aunque no estamos obligados a seguir una ley injusta, el grado en que debemos desobedecerla activamente depende del nivel de maldad que la ley promueva. Debido a su gravedad, una ley que promueva el aborto, por ejemplo, debe ser resistida activamente mediante protestas pacíficas y el activismo legal y civil adecuado. Las leyes que promueven males menores deben ser evaluadas cuidadosamente por las autoridades de la Iglesia y por nuestras propias conciencias bien informadas. ●

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Buenas noticias

30 de agosto de 2026

Vigésimo segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Jeremías 20, 7-9 / Romanos 12, 1-2 / Mateo 16, 21-27

MIGUEL DULICK

¿Te sorprendería saber que Jesús usa el mismo verbo griego para echar a Pedro —«¡Apártate de mí, Satanás!» (Mateo 16, 23)— que el que usó para llamarlo en un principio —«Ven detrás de mí» (Mateo 4, 19)? ¡Pobre del traductor que tiene que darle significados opuestos a la misma palabra! Jesús cambió el nombre de Simón por el de Pedro cuando lo llamó, y ahora lo cambia por el de Satanás para degradarlo. Pero, por dura que sea la reprimenda, tal vez podríamos decir que Jesús sí quiere a Pedro detrás de él, pero no demasiado lejos. De hecho, justo después de lidiar con Pedro, Jesús hace un llamado general, usando la misma palabra «desencadenante»: «Quien quiera seguirme debe negarse a sí mismo, tomar su cruz y seguirme».

¡La cruz! Así es como empezó la controversia, cuando Pedro «se llevó a Jesús aparte» (literalmente, «lo agarró por el cuello») para prohibirle incluso pensar en cualquier pasión o cruz. (Ver Mateo 16, 22.)

¿Cómo me siento tentado, igual que Pedro, a evitar cualquier conversación sobre la cruz? Ni siquiera quiero admitir que soy pecador, y mucho menos que haya una cruz para mí. Pablo, en su carta a los Romanos, tiene un consejo para todos los que pensamos como Satanás: «Ofreced vuestros cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios», y «No os conforméis a este mundo, sino transformaos por la renovación de vuestro entendimiento, para que comprobéis cuál es la voluntad de Dios» (Romanos 12, 1-2). Todo por Jesús. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, August 29

Mass at ODS [+**Spencer Stolberg**] 5:00 pm
(Elosie Stone)]

Spanish CCD 5:45 pm

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

Sunday, August 29

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

Monday, August 30

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, September 1

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, September 3

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, September 4

Mass at ODS [+**Adam Caseras**] 12:00 pm

24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 12:30 pm

Saturday, September 5

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

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

NO Spanish CCD

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

Sunday, September 6

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

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

NO English CCD

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

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) ... 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) 259-4316 or 912-201-4074.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(8/23/26):	\$4,272
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$48,755
ODS Building Fund	(8/23/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$4,657
St. William Offertory	(8/23/26):	\$416
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$4,212

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, September 5, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR: Judy Tyno

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jose Abantao,

..... JHoy Abantao, Susan Benson

SACRISTAN Pat Stephens

Sunday, September 6, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

LECTOR : Giselle Mendoza

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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Veronica Ogolowa,

..... Pius Ogolowa, Ben Fraelich,

..... Mary Moultrie, Bill McDaniel

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