

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*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

***Our help is from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121***



*The point of today's parable is
perseverance in prayer.*

*The story is aimed to bring comfort
to the disciples as they await the
coming of the Son of Man.*

*The final sentence connects the
delay of an answer to prayer to the
delay of the coming of the Son of
Man.*

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, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehramski, 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

October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14

Luke 18:1-8

Theme:

***Never stop praying.
Have faith and
never give up.***

Question of the week:

***When you pray,
what do you ask for
most often?***

October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 35:12-14

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Luke 18:9-14

Theme:

***God knows and
sees our hearts.***

Question of the week:

***How do we
"humble"
ourselves?***

Announcements: October 18 & 19

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

The Annual Pennies from Heaven clean water project has started and will continue until November 2nd. Please be generous as you can help build wells for those who need clean water.

The CCW will be selling a treasure trove of new merchandise this Saturday and Sunday October 18 and 19 in the parish hall.

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 \$6,560.00 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>

ODS/CCW Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive:

Our Divine Saviour Parishioners. The CCW is collecting non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We need your donations to make this food collection a success. The food you donate will go directly toward feeding 15 needy families in our parish. Please donate one or all of the following items this week. **DRIED or CANNED BEANS (any kind), JARS of JELLY and PEANUT BUTTER.** Please place your donated items on the high counter in the parish Hall under the sign "Food Donations". The CCW thanks you for your help.

CCD news:

There will be NO CCD classes this weekend due to Fall Break. All students going through First Communion and Confirmation classes must have their mass attendance cards signed each week, and they must complete one mass reflection sheet each month. If you forgot yours, there are a few copies at the entrance of the church.

Book Club:

The next book which will be discussed by the parish book club is "Heretics and Heroes" by Thomas Cahill. If you would like to join us, just get a copy of the book, read it, and join us on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Margo Martin if you have any questions. 229-402-0741 or margomartin131@gmail.com.

Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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Querido Padre

19 de octubre

¿Cuál es la opinión de la Iglesia sobre tener piedras de cristal o salvia en casa para atraer la energía positiva?

La Iglesia no tiene una posición oficial sobre todas las acciones o actividades humanas posibles. La Iglesia cree en el principio discernidor de la madurez y espera plenamente que el pueblo de Dios utilice la capacidad que le ha sido confiada por el Creador de manera positiva. La Iglesia comprende el poder del misterio y el poder de los símbolos, pero atribuye acertadamente cualquier "energía" que el misterio y los símbolos puedan generar al poder del Espíritu Santo. Los objetos inanimados, por definición, no generan energía. Pueden ser símbolos de energía, pero no tienen energía en sí mismos.

Si te gustan los cristales por su belleza o por la forma en que difunden la luz, no hay ningún mal en tenerlos en tu casa. Si te gusta el olor de la salvia, úsala y disfrútala. Todos los símbolos tienen diferentes significados, dependiendo de cómo los entienden y utilizan las personas que los reúnen, coleccionan y guardan para su uso. Estos símbolos no tienen poder en sí mismos para el bien o para el mal. Sin embargo, si vives en una cultura que ha identificado el significado de un símbolo y ese significado asignado contradice las creencias y prácticas cristianas, sería mejor evitar ese símbolo. ●

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Good News!

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

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Buenas noticias

19 de octubre de 2025

Vigésimo noveno domingo del tiempo ordinario (C)

Éxodo 17:8-13 / 2 Timoteo 3:14-4:2 / Lucas 18:1-8

P. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tengo un amigo al que le gusta decir que Dios siempre responde a las oraciones; solo que a veces Dios dice "no." Él dice que no siempre obtener lo que pedimos en nuestras oraciones parece encajar con la forma en que es la vida. Mi dificultad con esa sabiduría popular religiosa es que Dios queda entonces como alguien que se sienta a clasificar las respuestas a las oraciones de los miles de millones de peticiones que se le envían cada día. Cuando le digo que no estoy de acuerdo, él se apresura a recordarme que Dios quiere que recemos. ¿No es eso lo que dice la parábola de esta semana sobre la viuda que acosa al juez deshonesto? No dejéis de rezar. Sin embargo, Dios no es como un juez deshonesto que no se preocupa por los seres humanos. También supone que la mera multiplicación de las palabras dirigidas a Dios aumenta las posibilidades de que se nos escuche y de que Dios necesite ser convencido para hacernos el bien, o al menos lo que nosotros suponemos que es el bien. Pero eso supone que sabemos más que Dios.

Así que tal vez Dios no es como el juez, sino como la viuda, que suplica continuamente para que le escuchemos. El propósito de nuestra oración, entonces, no es conseguir que Dios haga lo que queremos, sino abrirnos a lo que Dios quiere para nosotros. Eso requiere cierta confianza, pero ¿no creemos que Dios nos conoce mejor que nosotros mismos? Por eso la parábola termina con la pregunta: "Cuando venga el Hijo del Hombre, ¿encontrará fe en la tierra?" ●

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