

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-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.
Psalm 23***



Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet to describe the Kingdom of God.

Those invited to God's Kingdom must respond to the invitation with repentance and good works.

Because many of the Jews in Jerusalem refused the invitation, the Gentiles were invited to the banquet.

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, 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 Sehranski, Marlana 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

October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Phillip. 4:12-14
Matthew 22:1-14

Theme:

Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.

Question of the week:

Describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 45:1-6
1 Thessal. 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Theme:

We thank God for faithfulness.

Question of the week:

If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would

Announcements: October 10 & 11

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:

There will be 2 demonstrations of the AED and CPR led by Dr. Burke and another member from Southwell to be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 6pm in the church hall. An additional class will be held on November 21st at 9:30 am for those who cannot make the evening class or prefer a Saturday morning class.

Pennies from Heaven has started and will end the first weekend in November.

Monthly Harvest of Hope Campaign Report:

St. William has given a total of \$1,418 toward a goal of \$13,962 with a remaining pledge balance of \$3,687.

Our Divine Saviour will receive another deposit to our account with the diocese in October. That will bring the total we have received to \$52,934.25. Please remember that each parish will benefit financially from all we give to this campaign. So far, due to the 50/50 split, \$5,007,593.43 has been returned to 59 parishes to fund their own projects.

Our Divine Saviour currently has a Harvest of Hope pledge balance of \$82,945. During the month of September, \$1,700 was paid toward our pledges, compared to \$6,000 in August. If you are behind on your pledges, you should receive a reminder from the diocesan office. Please remember that Harvest of Hope is an investment in the future of our diocese to ensure we will be able to sustain the ministries, programs, and outreach efforts that exist to serve our local Church and Almighty God.

The campaign will continue for another couple of years, so it is not too late to participate. If you would like to make a pledge to be fulfilled over the next few years, please look for the Harvest of Hope envelopes in the foyer of the church. If you want to make an outright donation, *please make your checks payable to Harvest of Hope* and put them in the offertory collection. Our thanks go out to those who have given and/or pledged.

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.

ROSARY In October:

The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesday in October at 6:00pm after the 5:30pm mass.

There will be NO CCD classes the weekend on October 17 and 18.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Dear Fellow parishioners, the CCW is collecting non-perishable food items to make food baskets for 15 needy families in our parish. Thank you, we are off to a good start! This week we are asking you to donate any or all of the following food items: *DICED TOMATOES, HUNTS TOMATOE SAUCE CANNED or DRIED FRUIT, CANNED TUNA FISH*. Please place your donations on the high counter in the parish hall. There will be a sign, "FOOD BASKETS", to show you where to place your food items. Thank you for your contribution to make sure needy families have food for Thanksgiving and beyond.

Most Reverend Alfred Adewale Martins:

We are blessed to welcome Most Reverend Alfred Adewale Martins, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lagos, Nigeria, to Tifton and to our parish community! Please join us as we extend a warm Our Divine Saviour welcome to Archbishop Martins with a special Potluck dinner on Sunday, October 18th at 4:00 pm in the ODS Activity Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together in fellowship, share a meal. And personally welcome Archbishop Martins to our community. Please plan to attend and bring a favorite dish to share. Let's fill the Activity Center with great food, joyful fellowship, and the warm hospitality that makes Our Divine Saviour such a special family of faith. Come hungry. Bring a dish. Bring your family. Let's give Archbishop Martins a welcome he will always remember.

Dear Padre

October 11, 2026

In the Creed, we say we believe in the resurrection of the body. So, why is it all right to be cremated?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly states what many find confusing: "It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?" (CCC 996). The *Catechism* goes on to address several questions: "What is rising? Who will rise? How? When?" (CCC 997–1001). In essence, "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (CCC 999). The disposition or condition of the physical body at death will not affect the spiritual body that is raised. Cremation, decomposition, mutilation or dismemberment by violence, or the donation of one's body to science—deemed "a noble and meritorious act...to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (CCC 2296)—does not prevent the resurrection of our glorified body. It is only when the act of cremation appears to be a public denial of faith in the resurrection or the sacredness of the body that the practice is forbidden. ●

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Good News!

October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 /
Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

MIGUEL DULICK

The closer Jesus gets to his death, the more targeted are his parables, specifically to the "chief priests and elders." He has no patience with their hypocrisy.

The wedding feast has a long history in the prophets and the psalms, always a glorious celebration of love and delight—God marrying the chosen people. But in today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the feast as a massacre. When the guests refuse to attend his son's wedding, and they even kill the messengers sent to invite them, the enraged king amasses his troops to destroy "those murderers" and burn their city to the ground. So, the chosen people are un-chosen. Then, the king tries again, this time sending the servants to "whomever [they] find." And then comes a beautiful moment: the servants invite the "bad (literally, 'evil') and good alike," and they fill up the hall! This echoes Jesus' own promise of the cross: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

There is one more twist to the story that keeps Jesus in his own uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a "wedding garment," he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace. ●

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Querido Padre

11 de octubre de 2026

En el Credo, decimos que creemos en la resurrección del cuerpo. Entonces, ¿por qué está bien ser incinerado?

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica aclara lo que a muchos les resulta confuso: «Es muy comúnmente aceptado que la vida de la persona humana continúa de manera espiritual después de la muerte. Pero, ¿cómo podemos creer que este cuerpo, tan claramente mortal, pueda resucitar a la vida eterna?» (CIC 996). El Catecismo continúa abordando varias preguntas: «¿Qué es la resurrección? ¿Quién resucitará? ¿Cómo? ¿Cuándo?» (CIC 997–1001). En esencia, «Cristo “transformará nuestro cuerpo humilde para que sea semejante a su cuerpo glorioso”, en un “cuerpo espiritual”» (CIC 999). El estado o condición del cuerpo físico al morir no afectará al cuerpo espiritual que resucita. La cremación, la descomposición, la mutilación o el desmembramiento por violencia, o la donación del cuerpo a la ciencia —considerada «un acto noble y meritorio... que debe fomentarse como expresión de generosa solidaridad» (CIC 2296)— no impiden la resurrección de nuestro cuerpo glorificado. Solo cuando el acto de la cremación parece ser una negación pública de la fe en la resurrección o en la sacralidad del cuerpo es cuando se prohíbe esta práctica. ●

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Buenas noticias

11 de octubre de 2026

Vigésimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario (A)
Isaías 25, 6–10a / Filipenses 4, 12–14, 19–20 / Mateo 22, 1–14 o 22, 1–10

MIGUEL DULICK

Cuanto más se acerca Jesús a su muerte, más directas son sus parábolas, dirigidas específicamente «a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos». No tiene paciencia con su hipocresía. La fiesta de bodas tiene una larga tradición en los profetas y los salmos, siempre como una gloriosa celebración de amor y alegría: Dios casándose con el pueblo elegido. Pero en el evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla de la fiesta como una masacre. Cuando los invitados se niegan a asistir a la boda de su hijo, e incluso matan a los mensajeros enviados para invitarlos, el rey enfurecido reúne a sus tropas para destruir a «esos asesinos» y arrasar su ciudad. Así, el pueblo elegido deja de serlo. Entonces, el rey lo intenta de nuevo, esta vez enviando a los siervos a «quienquiera que encuentren». Y ahí llega un momento precioso: los siervos invitan tanto a los «malos (literalmente, “malvados”)” como a los buenos», ¡y llenan el salón! Esto se hace eco de la hermosa promesa de Jesús en la cruz: «Cuando sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí» (Juan 12, 32).

Hay un giro más en la historia que mantiene a Jesús en su propio espacio sin concesiones. Cuando el rey ve a un invitado sin «traje de boda», le ata de pies y manos y lo echa a la oscuridad. Da bastante miedo, pero quédate con Jesús. Acepta la invitación al banquete. Y deja que Jesús te vista con su propio traje de gracia. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, October 10

Mass at ODS **[+Hershall Bergeron]** 5:00 pm
(Margo Martin)]

Spanish CCD 5:30 pm

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

Sunday, October 11

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

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, October 12

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, October 13

Mass at ODS (special intentions for Ben Culver). 5:30 pm
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)

ROSARY 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14

Mass at ODS (special intentions for Rob Mims) . 8:00 am
(Ed & Vickie Lubbers)

UNO Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 15

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Friday, October 16

Mass at ODS 5:30 pm

1 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 17

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Mass at ODS **[+Hershall Bergeron]** 5:00 pm
(Al & MaryAnne Gibbs)]

NO Spanish CCD

Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Cindy Lopez]** 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 18

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Mass at ODS **[+Maria Guadalupe Aguilar]** 9:00 am
(Claudia Aguilar)]

NO English CCD

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

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

Reception for Archbishop Martins. 4:00 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.

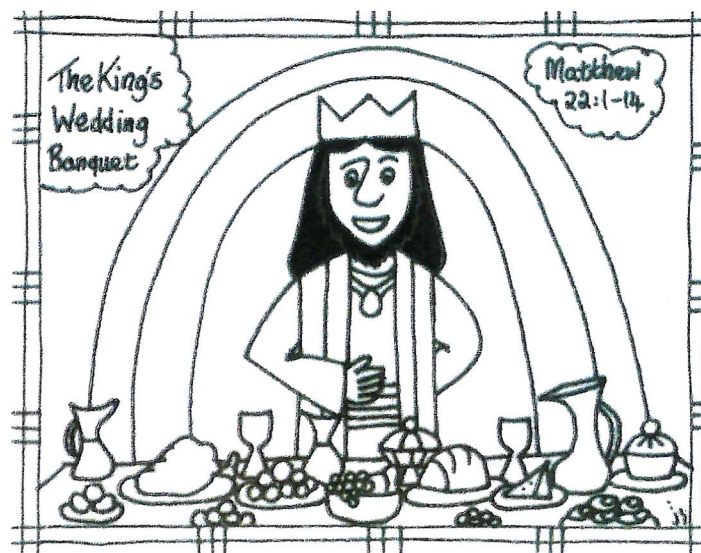
ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – 5:00 pm

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR: Jim Laycock
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EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
..... Michelle Harten, Mary Beth Cary
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Lydia Fortier
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Morris Scarbrough
..... Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
..... Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
SACRISTAN: Claudia Aguilar



ODS Weekly Offertory	(10/04/26):	\$8,283
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$82,563
ODS Building Fund	(10/04/26):	\$1,769
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$8,393

St. William Offertory	(10/04/26):	\$572
St. William Collected to Date	(7/01/26):	\$7,290