

# Welcome

To our communities of faith

*Our Divine Saviour*  
**Catholic Church**  
12<sup>th</sup> Street and Love Avenue  
Tifton, GA

and

*St. Ann*  
**Catholic Church**  
U.S. Highway 82 East  
Alapaha, GA

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 1, 2019**

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*Pastor*  
**Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

**Let us go rejoicing to the  
house of the Lord.**  
*Psalm 122*



*This Gospel reading from Matthew focuses on the second coming of Christ.*

*The image of the two men in the field and the women grinding meal emphasize the suddenness of Christ's coming and the separation that it will bring.*

*The lesson is: be constantly watchful.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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**Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday.....Closed**

**Any new parishioners who would like to register,  
 Please call the parish office**

**Please see back of bulletin for Mass Times**

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**Requests for Prayers**

**Please pray for the sick and those who have requested our prayers:**

Russ Aschoff, Allison Brannan, Rachel Brantley, Larissa Barosso, James Brown, Julia Cadden Brady, Carol Budnick, Whitney Cargley, Erica Carroll, Mary Carroll, Tommy Carroll, Sean Winn Carampatan, Margarie D’Souva, Tina DeWees, Anne Marie Emanuelli, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Marie Fletcher, Judy Fraelich, Mary Ann Gregoire, Rodolfo Herandez-Labastida, Wayne Harrell, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, Shirley Martin, Cameron Maves, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, , Pantea Pahlavan, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehranski, Marlina Smith, Sterling Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough, John B. Sherlock, Jennifer Unis , Dowson Bedore , Debra Vazquez, Raylin Ward, Rena Ward, Sonia Webb

**Please Pray for our Military:**

Anthony Caucci, Jonathan Elder, Clayton F. Gibbs, Terry Jones, James Olands, Angel Olivos, Bong Tanesco, Aurelio Tovar, Gregory Camargo, Michael Gibbons, Jackson Bergeron

**Birthday Dec. 1 – Dec. 7**

**Kaitlan Fonsah, Biloiana Meza, Martha Mascorro, Gaston Castillo, Araceli Lopez, Pat Stephens**

**Anniversary Dec. 1 – Dec. 7**

**Josh & Mary Scarbrough 27 yrs  
 Ricardo & Felicitas Donghu 7 yr**

**December 1, 2019  
 First Sunday of  
 Advent**

**Readings:**

**Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:37-44**

**Theme:**

***Waiting, hoping,  
 and preparing.***

**Question of the week:**

***As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do?***

**December 8, 2019  
 Second Sunday  
 of Advent**

**Readings:**

**Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Romans 15:4-9  
 Matthew 3:1-12**

**Theme:**

***God’s kingdom is at hand – it is here.***

**Question of the Week:**

***Name the one thing in your life which you must “move out of the way” in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.***

### CCW Holiday Food Baskets:

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We will start collecting for the Christmas Food Baskets now. This week we will be collecting CAKE MIX, ICING and SUGAR. All donations need to be dropped off by Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. *Thank you*

### CCW Christmas Baskets Raffle:

The CCW will be holding a basket raffle to raise money for the CCW Scholarship fund. The \$750 scholarship will be awarded to an ODS Parishioner/Tift County High School graduating senior on May, 2020. For this fundraiser, the CCW has prepared 6 LARGE baskets full of goodies. The themes of the baskets are: **Movie basket, Christmas Baking basket, Barbeque basket, Children's basket, Winter Comfort basket, and Spiritual basket.** There will be 6 winners! Tickets will be sold before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14 and before Mass on Dec. 15. The drawing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 after the 9:00 am Mass. Winners will be notified. Tickets are \$2 each; three tickets for \$5; six tickets for \$10. Be sure to look for the baskets in the church hall from November 30 until December 14! Thank you!

### Book Club:

As a follow-up to the last book about the Cristero War in Mexico, the book club members have decided to read "The Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene. All are invited to read the book and join us for the discussion on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm.

### CCW -Ruth's Cottage:

The CCW is coordinating a drive to assist Ruth's Cottage (Shelter for abused women) by collecting the following items: diapers (all sizes), socks (women's, children's or men's), new underwear (women's, children's or men's), school uniforms, pajamas (women's and children's), bath towels, wash cloths, toilet paper, paper towels, blankets (twin size) shampoo, conditioner, deodorant. The CCW will place a large gray and white box in the church hall to collect items. It will be labeled "Ruth's Cottage". Thank you!

### CCW Religious Articles for Sale:

The CCW will be selling religious articles (statues of Jesus, Mary and the saints, books, rosary beads, advent candles etc.) from the display cabinet in the church hall. Please see one of the CCW members after Mass if you wish to make a purchase. Thank you!

### ODS Advent Penance Service:

Mark your calendar, the Advent Penance Service will be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### ODS Christmas Wish Tree:

The Christmas Wish Tree which provides Christmas gifts for several needy families will be put up the weekend of November 30<sup>th</sup> at the main church entrance with tags attached. Please take a tag, purchase the gift and then wrap it. You can drop off the gift at the church office during the week or put it under the tree before or after Mass. *The wrapped gift with the tag attached to the package should be delivered to the church by December 16.* We may be able to help a few more families. If you have a family that you would like to nominate, please email Mary Anne Gibbs at [mag74@mchsi.com](mailto:mag74@mchsi.com) with the family's information. We would also like to help with any of our parishioners who may be homebound or ill. You can also email Mary Anne their names and phone number.

### Mass changes this week:

Tuesday, December 3: NO Mass at ODS

Thursday, December 5: NO Mass at St. Ann

7:00 pm Advent Penance Service at ODS

Friday, December 6: 12:00 noon Mass at ODS

12:30 pm 24 hr. Eucharistic Adoration

## Good News!

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Be prepared! But for what? Since we're entering the season of Advent, we might think that we're called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it's much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we "throw off the works of darkness," works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus' insistence to "stay awake" and "be prepared" (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God's coming? Today's readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

— Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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**EVENTS of the WEEK:**

**Saturday, November 30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ODS Building Fund**

Reconciliation ..... 4:15 pm  
 Mass at ODS [+Jed Gibbs..... 5:00 pm  
 (Al & Mary Anne Gibbs)]

Reconciliation ..... 6:15 pm  
 Spanish Mass at ODS [+Javier Santos Malacate 7:00 pm  
 (Santos Family)]

**Sunday, December 1**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ODS Building Fund**

Choir practice ..... 8:00 am  
 Mass at ODS [+Maria Ciria Zamaripa ..... 9:00 am  
 (Claudia Mejia)]

CCD & EDGE at ODS..... 10:15 am  
 CCD at St. Ann ..... 9:45 am  
 Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners) .11:15 am

**Monday, December 2**

K of C ..... 7:00 pm  
 Grupo Oracion ..... 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 3**

**NO Mass at ODS** .....

**Wednesday, December 4**

Mass at ODS ..... 8:00 am  
 LifeTeen ..... 6:30 pm  
 English Choir practice ..... 7:15 pm

**Thursday, December 5**

Mass at ODS ..... 8:00 am  
**NO Mass at St. Ann** .....

ODS Advent Penance Service ..... 7:00 pm

**Friday, December 6**

Mass at ODS ..... 12:00 pm  
 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration ..... 12:30 pm  
 Spanish Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Saturday, December 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Religious Retirement**

Bilingual Rosary ..... 8:00 am  
 Reconciliation ..... 4:15 pm  
 Mass at ODS [+Anderson Roberts ..... 5:00 pm  
 (Jean Courson)]

Reconciliation ..... 6:15 pm  
 Spanish Mass at ODS [+Blanding Hernandez Garcia  
 (Friendly City Cycling Group) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, December 8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Religious Retirement**

Choir practice ..... 8:00 am  
 Mass at ODS [+Loreto Abantao ..... 9:00 am  
 (Abantao Family)]

CCD & EDGE at ODS ..... 10:15 am  
 CCD at St. Ann ..... 9:45 am  
 Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners) .11:15 am

**ODS LITURGY TEAM**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 5:00 pm Mass**

**PRESIDER:** ..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba  
**LECTOR 1:** ..... Margo Martin  
**LECTOR 2:** ..... Jeanne Creel  
**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** ..... Pat Stephens  
 ..... Jean Courson  
 ..... Susan Benson  
**SACRISTAN:** ..... Jorge Novoa

**Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 9:00 am Mass**

**PRESIDER:** ..... Fr. Peter Oyenugba  
**LECTOR 1** ..... Mary McKinnon  
**LECTOR 2** ..... Debbie Blakey  
**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** ..... Chris Ann Krohn  
 ..... Bill McDaniel  
 ..... Mary Scarbrough  
**SACRISTAN:** ..... Mary Moultrie

**LAST WEEKS OFFERING AT ODS**

Weekly Budget ..... \$5,622  
 Weekly Offertory (11/24/19) ..... \$4,052  
 Last Year. (11/25/18) ..... \$4,289  
 Offertory to Date ..... \$108,637  
 Expenses to Date ..... \$138,728

**ODS BUILDING FUND**

Balance of Building Fund ..... \$57,452.31  
 Monthly Money Received ..... \$ 1,789.00  
 Total Draw for CCD building ..... \$25,840.00

**ODS 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Beginning 2019 BAA Target Goal ..... \$24,821  
 BAA money received ..... \$16,899

**LAST WEEKS OFFERING AT ST. ANN**

Weekly Needs ..... \$650  
 Weekly Offertory (11/24/19) ..... \$664  
 Last Year (11/25/18) ..... \$830  
 Offertory to Date ..... \$16,048  
 Needs to Date ..... \$13,650

**ST. ANN 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Beginning 2019 BAA Target Goal ..... \$4,108  
 BAA money received ..... \$3,045



**Protecting Our Youth:** Diocesan policy requires all diocesan Adult employees and volunteers 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) 357-5530.