

# *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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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
November 15, 2020**

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**Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

**Deacon  
J. Brian Bergeron  
Deacon  
Eric Windmoller**

***Blessed are those who fear the Lord.  
Psalm 128***



*The Gospel readings deals with the end of the world and the coming of God's Kingdom.*

*The paradox of today's parable is that the one who played it safe lost while, in the end, the risk-takers gained.*

*Faithfulness implies not only keeping the tradition but also the willingness to risk everything in order to increase God's Kingdom.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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Friday.....Closed**

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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,  
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, Raeleigh  
Jane McCartha, Andrew  
Meredith, Susana Melgar,  
Pantea Pahlavan, Butch Parker,  
Charles Phenicie, Nancy  
Quynn, Marian Robinson,  
Arlene Ruse, Josephine  
Sehramski, Marlena Smith,  
Sterling Saunders, Robbi  
Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough,  
John B. Sherlock, Jennifer  
Unis , Dowson Bedore ,  
Debra Vazquez, , 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, Marquis  
Smith

**November 15, 2020**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary  
Time

**Readings:**  
Proverbs 31:10  
1 Thessal. 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

**Theme:**  
Christ calls us to use our  
gifts for the Reign of  
God.

**Question of the week:**  
Using Jesus’ parable as  
your starting point,  
describe in your own  
words how you  
are using your own gifts  
to enrich the reign of  
God.

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**November 22, 2020**  
Solemnity of Christ the  
King

**Readings:**  
Ezekiel 34:11-12  
1 Corinth. 15:20  
Matthew 25:31

**Theme:**  
Jesus’ kingdom is a  
kingdom of actions and  
deeds, not merely of  
words.

**Question of the Week:**  
Name the people for  
whom you have cared  
personally for.

### **Advent Small Groups:**

Advent will begin on Nov 29. We have some lectionary-based material for your personal reflection or for faith-sharing within your family or small group. Please help yourselves. They are in a basket in the vestibule of the church.

### **Food Baskets:**

This is a reminder about the Food Baskets for our less fortunate friends and neighbors. You may bring nonperishable food items and leave it in the Parish Hall or the Parish Office. A list of some of the nonperishable food items needed are: canned goods, vegetables and fruits, cereals, flour, sugar, pasta, rice, dry beans, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, stove top dressing, peanut butter, jelly, cake mixes and frosting. Please contact Jeanne Creel with any questions. Her phone number is 229-402-0002, Jeanne's email is [mapajc@friendlycity.net](mailto:mapajc@friendlycity.net).

### **Pennies From Heaven Project:**

You may have noticed a large bottle at the back of the church when you came in. This is for us to deposit our change in for the CCW Clean Water Project. All monies will be used to provide clean water. Please deposit your change on the way out of the church in this bottle.

### **Christmas Wish Tree:**

Our annual Christmas Wish Tree assists many members of our ODS parish. Here are the plans for our Wish Tree this year. The Wish Tree will be in the entrance of ODS Church on the weekend of Nov. 28 -29, 2020. Please take a tag, purchase gift and wrap it. Place your gift with the TAG attached under the Christmas Wish Tree. Return your gift (with tag) no later than weekend of Dec. 12-13. Thank you so much for your continued kindness in helping our ODS parish families. Direct questions to MaryAnne Gibbs [maryannegibbs7@gmail.com](mailto:maryannegibbs7@gmail.com) or Janet Vanags Vangs01janet@gmail.com

# Good News!

**November 15, 2020**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;  
Mt 25:14-30**

**Ready or Not, Here I Come.**

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you. In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the house holder. All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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## EVENTS of the WEEK:

### Saturday, November 14

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 5:00 pm  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 7:00 pm

### Sunday, November 15

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 9:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners) . 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 1:30 pm

### Monday, November 16

NO Mass at ODS

### Tuesday, November 17

Mass at ODS . 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, November 18

Mass at ODS . 8:00 am

### Thursday, November 19

Mass at ODS . 8:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann . 6:30 pm

### Friday, November 20

Mass at ODS. 5:30 pm

### Saturday, November 21

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: CCHD

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 5:00 pm  
Spanish Mass at ODS . 7:00 pm  
[+Isabel Malacate Lard and +Ines Malacate Lard (Santos Family)]

### Sunday, November 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: CCHD

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 9:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann [+Redona Futch . 11:15 am  
(Becky Davis)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . 1:30 pm

## **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal:**

**Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, please consider doing it this week.**

***ODS Target Goal is \$26,905 and total given as of 10/22 is \$19,827. St. Ann Target Goal is \$4,001 and total given as of 10/22 is \$2,030. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Thank you to those who have already responded with a sacrificial gift or pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.***

# Dear Padre

November 15, 2020

## Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (Order of Christian Funerals, 219). Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church. “Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63). It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae], 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!—Fr. Byron Miller, CSM

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