

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

and

St. Ann Catholic Church

U.S. Highway 82 East
Alapaha, GA

**First Sunday of ADVENT
November 29, 2020**

**Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

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

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

Psalm 80



*The author of Mark's Gospel wrote for a
community greatly concerned with events
of the end of time.*

Today's passage repeats two ideas.

*First, no one but God knows the time of
the end.*

*Second, the proper response of the
faithful disciple is to watch and be ready
at all times.*

Our Divine Savior

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Please see back of bulletin for Mass Times

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Requests for Prayers

**Please pray for the sick and
those 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
Emanueli, 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,
Kaylon Spurlock, Jennifer
Unis , Dowson Bedore , Debra
Vazquez, 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, Marquis Smithwho

**November 29, 2020
First Sunday of
ADVENT**

Readings:

Isaiah 63:16-17
1 Corinth. 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Theme:

Active waiting.

Question of the week:

When you’re getting ready
to receive a guest, what
are some things you do?
How do you apply this to
receiving Christ?

**December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of
ADVENT**

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Theme:

Preparing a pathway in our
lives.

Question of the Week:

When you hear Isaiah
comfort the people by
promising that God is like
a shepherd who gathers
the lambs into his arms,
what is your response?

Advent Small Groups:

Advent will begin on November 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:

Food Baskets for our less fortunate friends and neighbors. We will be preparing Food Baskets for Christmas. Please bring nonperishable items and leave them in the Parish Hall or the Parish Office. Please call Jeanne Creel with any questions.

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 or Janet Vanags Vangs01janet@gmail.com

CCW Annual Fundraiser

The CCW will be having their annual fundraiser starting on Nov. 28th after the 5:00 pm mass and before and after all weekend masses thru Dec. 13th. This year they have brought back the big wreath covered in gift cards from several area stores and gas stations worth over \$400. 2nd and 3rd prizes are gift cards to Publix for \$50 and \$25 respectively. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be after the 9:00 am mass on Dec. 13. Winner need not be present. If you don't come to mass due to age or illness and want a ticket or two, call a CCW member and we'll be sure to get you one.

Good News!

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent (B)

**Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; 1 Cor 1:3–9;
Mk 13:33–37**

Hurry Up and Wait! We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet. For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen. If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29

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 30

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, December 1

NO Mass at ODS

Wednesday, December 2

Mass at ODS . 8:00 am

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

Mass at ODS. 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 5

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [+Charles Carroll . 5:00 pm
(Eric & Joann Prostko)]
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Javier Santos Malacate
(Santos Family) . 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 6

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

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

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 11/12 is \$20,063. St. Ann Target Goal is \$4,001 and total given as of 11/12 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 29, 2020

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation.

How can I feel heard? I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it. "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in Hamlet. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19). Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says.

Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words. In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate.

It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard! —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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