

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

Second Sunday of ADVENT

December 6, 2020

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller



Mark's Gospel begins the story of Jesus by introducing John the Baptist, describing him with phrases from Isaiah, Malachi, and Exodus.

John is also portrayed as Elijah, the great northern prophet of the ninth century B.C., who called Israel back to fidelity to Yahweh.

Pictured with images of every precursor of exodus and deliverance, John preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 85

Our Divine Savior

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Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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**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, 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 Smith

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?

December13, 2020

**Third Sunday of
ADVENT**

Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-2
1 Thessal. 5:16
John 1:6-8

Theme:

God is doing great things
for us.

Question of the Week:

If you were to write three
suggestions for those who
follow Jesus, to keep them
strong in their faith, what
would you write?

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 this 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.

Pastoral Council 2021

The 2021 Pastoral Council members are:

Tania Bautista (2019)	Laura Frizzell (2020)
Debbie Blakey (2019)	Bob Kemerait (2019)
Gary Burtle (2020)	Joseph McKinnon (2019)
Juan Carlos Diaz (2020)	Claudia Mejia (2019)

Father Peter and the Council would like to thank outgoing members Kenneth Morgan and Michele Harten for their service on the Council and their commitment to our ODS parish family. Council members fulfil a two-year term, and elections are held each year in October. Thank you to all who participated in this year's council election.

Good News!

.December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage.

Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation. The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9-10). The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, December 5

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS [+Charles Carroll: 5:00 pm

(Eric & Joann Prostko)] [+Maria Le Thi Dac]

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

Sunday, December 6

2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS (Miller Blake Prostko: 9:00 am

(Eric & Joann Prostko)

Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners): 11:15 am

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 1:30 pm

Monday, December 7

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, December 8

Mass at ODS (Miller Blake Prostko): 5:30 pm

(Eric & Joann Prostko)

Wednesday, December 9

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

Thursday, December 10

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

Friday, December 11

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 12

2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 13

2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

Mass at ODS [+Joan Carroll: 9:00 am

(Eric & Joann Prostko)]

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.

December 6, 2020

Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

Yes! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, "The Church seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more" (On Evangelization in the Modern World [Evangelii Nuntiandi], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is "in the know" and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God's love to be proclaimed and reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God's love in Jesus.—
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Protecting Our Youth:

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