

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

**Third Sunday of ADVENT
December 13, 2020**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller



*John's Gospel uses words from
Isaiah 40 to identify John the
Baptist as the one who prepares the
way for the new exodus and return
from exile.*

*The priests and Levites ask, "Why
then do you baptize?" Baptism was
a form of initiation for Gentle
converts to Judaism.*

*John uses this opportunity to bear
witness to the one who will come,
who will baptize not in water but in
Spirit.*

*My soul rejoices in my God.
Luke 1:46*

Our Divine Savior

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Friday.....Closed**

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

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**Please pray for the sick and
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our prayers:**

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Brown, Julia Cadden Brady,
Carol Budnick, Erica Carroll,
Mary Carroll, Tommy Carroll,
Sean Winn Carampatan,
Margarie D’Souva, Tina
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Herandez-Labastida, Wayne
Harrell, Chloe Kendrick,
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Lindsey, Randy Long, Shirley
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Pahlavan, Butch Parker,
Charles Phenicie, Miller Blake
Prostko, Nancy Quynn,
Marian Robinson, Arlene
Ruse, Josephine Sehranski,
Marlena Smith, Sterling
Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough,
Wayne Scarbrough, John B.
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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 13, 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?

December 20, 2020

**Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT**

Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-5
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Theme:

God’s Spirit comes to us in
ways we least expect.

Question of the Week:

Name one area of your life
where God has surprised
you with love, abilities, or
even a pregnancy.

Sunday, December 13 Announcements:

Food Baskets

Food Baskets for our less fortunate friends and neighbors. Because of your generosity for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets we have enough non-perishable items for the Christmas Food Baskets. If you would like to help with the perishable items please call the once.

Clean Water 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 church in this bottle. This is the project ends this weekend.

Christmas Wish Tree

Our annual Christmas Wish tree assists many members of our ODS parish. Your wrapped gift with the tag attached should be placed under the tree no later than this weekend of December 12-13. Thank you and any questions please contact MaryAnne Gibbs or Janet Vanags.

CCW Annual Fundraiser

The drawing for the CCW annual fundraiser will be this weekend after the 9:00am Mass. 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. Winner need not be present.

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 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others. The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing." Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding. Now we are ready for Christmas.—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

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

Monday, December 14

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, December 15

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm
Advent Confessions after Mass in the Parish
Hall

Wednesday, December 16

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am
Advent Confessions after Mass in the Parish Hall
ODS Parish Council & Finance Meeting: 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 17

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am
Advent Confessions after Mass in the Parish Hall

Friday, December 18

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm
Advent Confessions after Mass in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20

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

** Advent Penance Service will be held 30 minutes after the
week day masses December 15 – 23.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal:

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 12/10 is \$20,063. St. Ann Target Goal is \$4,001 and total given as of 12/10 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 20, 2020

Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?

Perhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11). In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth. God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us. Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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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.