

# *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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**the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph  
December 27, 2020**

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**Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

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

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.  
*Psalm 105*



*Mary and Joseph took Jesus to  
Jerusalem to present him at the  
Temple.*

*When Simeon held Jesus in his  
arms, he recognized him as the  
Messiah.*

*As a child, Jesus grew stronger  
and he was filled with wisdom.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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Friday.....Closed**

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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, Miller Blake  
Prostko, Nancy Quynn,  
Marian Robinson, Arlene  
Ruse, Josephine Sehranski,  
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

**December27 2020**

**The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Readings:**

Genesis 15:1-6  
Hebrews 11:8  
Luke 2:22-40

**Theme:**

Families grow through  
good times and bad.

**Question of the week:**

How does Paul’s advice  
ring true in your own life?

**January 3, 2021**

**The Epiphany of the  
Lord**

**Readings:**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephes . 3 :2-3  
Matthew 2:2

**Theme:**

The mystery of the  
incarnation – Jesus is a gift  
to all humanity.

**Question of the Week:**

How this past week did  
you demonstrate God’s  
love at home and at work?

## Sunday, December 27

### Announcements

#### Christmas baskets:

The baskets for Christmas were delivered on December 22, 2020.

#### Christmas Wish Tree:

Update on Christmas Wish Tree--Thank you to all our most generous and kind ODS parishioners for supporting our Wish Tree this year! We were able to provide gifts to 14 families! Also, we very much appreciate the assistance given to the gift assembly team. Abby Bergeron and Elias Moreno happily assisted us with packing presents and calling families!

#### 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 fulfill 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:**

**Saturday, December 26**

Mass at ODS [+Guillermo Abantao: 5:00 pm

(Abantao Family)]

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

**Sunday, December 27**

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, December 28**

NO Mass at ODS

**Tuesday, December 29**

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 30**

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

**Thursday, December 31**

New Year's Eve Masses

Mass at St. Ann: 5:30 pm

Spanish Midnight Mass at ODS: 12:00 am

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

New Year's Day Mass Mass at ODS: 10:00 am

**Saturday, January 2**

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

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

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

**Sunday, January 3**

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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:**

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 12/17 is \$20,063. St. Ann Target Goal is \$4,001 and total given as of 12/17 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.