

# *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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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 31, 2021**

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**Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

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

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
Psalm 95**



*The Gospels reveal Jesus to be the true prophet, the one who not only brings the word of God but who is the Word of God.*

*In the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, there are several stories illustrating Jesus' authority.*

*Today's passage tells of Jesus casting out a demon. The people are amazed because the demon obeys Jesus.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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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, 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

**January 31, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Readings:**

Deuter. 18:15-20  
1 Corinth7:32-35  
Mark1:21-28

**Theme:**

Jesus has power over  
evil.

**Question of the week:**

What are the evils in  
today’s world that you  
pray God will free us  
from?

**February 7, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Readings:**

Job7:1-4  
1 Corinth. 9:16-19  
Mark 1:29-39

**Theme:**

Let us preach the good  
news to all!

**Question of the Week:**

If you were going to pray  
for healing for any  
reason, what would it be?

## Announcements January 30 and 31

### Calendars for 2021:

Calendars for 2021 are at the entrance of the church. Please take one per family.

### Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers needed to help keep everyone safe. A few volunteers are needed after each mass to help with the wiping of the pews. The more hands we have, the quicker we will finish. Thank you for helping.

### Annual Catholic Appeal:

Last week we began the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is *Steadfast in Faith*. The past year has been challenging, to say the least, but hopefully we can all find reasons to count our blessings. We can pass those blessings on to others through our contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, assuring continued support for many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students; ongoing formation for our clergy and lay leadership; evangelization and Christian initiation, and much more. Our parish goal for 2021 is \$25,000. We can meet that goal if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, each of us participates according to our ability. All registered families in the parish should have received a letter and a pledge envelope through the mail. After determining the amount of your pledge, you can bring it to Mass in two weeks, the weekend of Feb. 13/14. If you send it directly to the diocese, please remember to include our parish name. If you haven't received a pledge envelope through the mail, you can find one in the church vestibule or in the office, and if that is the case, please consider filling out a form to register in the parish. Thank you for your faithful financial support of our parish and our diocese.

### Faith-sharing Materials:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. There are faith-sharing materials available for all who wish to use them, and however you might want to use them: as a personal reflection, with your family members, or with your "bubble" of "safe" friends. You can obtain a copy from Margo Martin or from the office or from a basket in the vestibule of the church beginning on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining Steadfast In Faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen

## Good News!

January 31, 2021

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Dt 18:15–20; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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## EVENTS of the WEEK:

### Saturday, January 30

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

### Sunday, January 31

Mass at ODS [+ Joe Day: 9:00 am  
(Ken & Margo Martin)]  
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners): 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 1:30 pm

### Monday, February 1

NO Mass at ODS:

### Tuesday, February 2

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 3

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

### Thursday, February 4

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

### Friday, February 5

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

### Saturday, February 6

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

### Sunday, February 7

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

# Dear Padre

January 31, 2021

**Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?**

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CsrR

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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.