

# *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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**First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021**

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**Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

**Deacon  
J. Brian Bergeron  
Deacon**

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those  
who keep your covenant.  
Psalm 25**



*The story of the temptation of  
Jesus is told on the First  
Sunday of Lent every year.*

*Mark's brief account brings to  
mind figures and events from  
the Hebrew Scriptures.*

*After Jesus' baptism, the Spirit  
who had descended upon him  
drove him into the desert to be  
tempted by Satan.*

*Today's Gospel relates to  
Baptism and its meaning.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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**Office Hours  
Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday.....Closed**

**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, 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 Cartha, Andrew  
Meredith, Susana Melgar,,  
Pantea Pahlavan, Butch  
Parker, Charles Phenicie,  
Miller Blake Prostko, 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

**February 21, 2021**

**First Sunday of LENT**

**Readings:**

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

**Theme:**

Reform your lives!

**Question of the week:**

What is the one area of  
your life which you  
most want to “reform”  
as you get ready to  
embrace the Gospel,  
what is it?

**February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday of  
LENT**

**Readings:**

Genesis 22:1-2  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

**Theme:**

Seeing Jesus.

**Question of the Week:**

In what ways does  
Jesus speak today, ways  
in which you can truly  
“Listen to him?”

## **Announcements February 20 & 21, 2021**

### **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.

### **Parish Council Meeting:**

The Parish Council will meet Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm in the Activity Center. Council members, please make plans to attend. Social distancing and masks are required. Contact Paola Woodford or Laura Frizzell with questions.

### **Thank you:**

Thank you to all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you haven't yet made your pledge, it is not too late. If you need a pledge envelope you can get one from the office. You can then return it to the office or put it in an offertory collection or mail it directly to Savannah. If you do the latter, please remember to put our parish name on the envelope. A special thanks is in order also for those who gave a witness talk in support of the ACA at the Masses this past weekend. We are only sorry that circumstances like Covid and the incessant rain determined that few of our parishioners were present to hear the excellent personal testimony of Corine Alt, Juan Carlos Diaz and Bob Kemerait. Thank you so much. Our parish and our diocese are fortunate to have such committed and articulate members.

## **Dear Padre**

**February 21, 2021**

**As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?**

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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## EVENTS of the WEEK:

### Saturday, February 20

Mass at ODS [+Dudley Babcock: 5:00 pm  
(Ken & Margo Martin)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners): 7:00  
pm

### Sunday, February 21

Mass at ODS [+Sr. Veronica Emmich: 9:00 am  
(Ken & Margo Martin)]  
Mass at St. Ann [+Nell Rose Nugent: 11:15 am  
(Rachel Pritchett)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners):  
1:30 pm

### Monday, February 22

NO Mass at ODS

### Tuesday, February 23

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 24

Mass at OD: 8:00 am

### Thursday, February 25

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

### Friday, February 26

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

### Saturday, February 27

Mass at ODS [+Dudley Babcock: 5:00 pm  
(Katy Podagrosi)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (OD Parishioners): 7:00  
pm

### Sunday, February 28

Mass at ODS [+George Allard: 9:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners):  
11:15 am  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners):  
1:30 pm

## Good News!

February 21, 2021

### First Sunday of Lent (B)

**Gn 9:8–15; 1 Pt 3:18–22; Mk 1:12–15**

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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.