

# *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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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021

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Pastor  
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon  
J. Brian Bergeron  
Deacon  
Eric Windmoller

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
Psalm 19



*For Israel the temple is a sign of  
the presence of God.*

*Jesus cleanses the sign because  
it is no longer conveying the  
message.*

*Another message is added,  
“Destroying this temple, and in  
three days I will raise it up.”  
Jesus transfers the sign of God’s  
presence from the temple to his  
own body, raised from death.*

**Our Divine Savior**

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Friday.....Closed**

**Any new parishioners who would like to register,  
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**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:**

Allison Brannan, Rachel  
Brantley, 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, Raeleigh Jane  
McCartha, Andrew Meredith,  
Susana Melgar, Butch  
Parker, Charles Phenicie,  
Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy  
Quynn, Marian Robinson,  
Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse,  
Josephine Sehranski,  
Marlena Smith, Sterling  
Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough,  
Wayne Scarbrough, John B.  
Sherlock, Kaylon Spurlock,  
Jennifer Unis , Dowson  
Bedore , Debra Vazquez,  
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

**March 7, 2021**

**Third Sunday of  
LENT**

**Readings:**

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinth 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

**Theme:**

We must do what God  
wants.

**Question of the week:**

As you hear the  
Commandments  
proclaimed today, which  
one of them really  
strikes you?

**March 14, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of  
LENT**

**Readings:**

2 Chronicles 36:14  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

**Theme:**

We believe.

**Question of the Week:**

When is it difficult for  
you to believe? What  
particular line in this  
reading helps your faith?

## Announcements March 6 & 7, 2021

### 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 on Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm in the Activity Center. Council members, please make plans to attend. Social distancing and mask are required. Contact Paola Woodford or Laura Frizzell with questions.

### Thank you:

Thanks so much to the 58 generous donors who have so far contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have gotten off to a wonderful start, having already given nearly \$12,000. That works out to 26% of our registered families giving an average of about \$200 per family. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please consider this. A pledge of \$20 per month from an additional 50 families would bring us close to our goal for the year. It is never too late to pledge or to give a one-time gift and every gift is important, no matter the amount. Thank you for your generosity.

### CCW fundraiser:

The CCW is having a RADA cutlery fundraiser this year instead of a rummage sale due to COVID. Please help support them by checking out the information on the online bulletin and purchasing the wonderful knives and other kitchen items RADA has to offer. There are flyers at the entrance of the church with their web address of the RADA catalog. The fundraiser will continue through the month of March. If you have any questions, please email Carolyn Slade at [csslade@gmail.com](mailto:csslade@gmail.com) or call her at the number in the bulletin.

### Friday Lent Schedule:

Friday schedule ODS during Lent:  
5:00pm Stations of the Cross English  
5:30pm Mass  
6:00pm Via Crucis Spanish Stations of the Cross

# Dear Padre

March 7, 2021

## Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to metanoia. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to metanoia, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

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## EVENTS of the WEEK:

### Saturday, March 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ODS Building Fund  
Mass at ODS [+Loreto Abantao: 5:00 pm  
(Abantao Family)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Benita Soriano: 7:00 pm  
(Juventina Estrada)]

### Sunday, March 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ODS Building Fund  
Mass at ODS [+Eduardo & Norma Gegante: 9:00 am  
(Bob Kemerait)]  
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners) 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass at ODS [+Benita Soriano.: 1:30 pm  
(Juventina Estrada)]

### Monday, March 8

NO Mass at ODS

### Tuesday, March 9

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 10

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

### Thursday, March 11

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

### Friday, March 12

Stations of the Cross (English): 5:00 pm  
Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm  
Via Crucis (Spanish): 6:00 pm

### Saturday, March 13

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Mass at ODS [+Jesus Abantao: 5:00 pm  
(Abantao Family)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

### Sunday, March 14

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Relief Services

#### Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am  
(Bob Kemerait)]  
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners): 11:15 am  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 1:30 pm

## Good News!

March 7, 2021  
Third Sunday of Lent (B)

### The Long Arm Of The Law

Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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