

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021**

**Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

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

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Psalm 51**



The author of today's Gospel is writing for a Greek audience.

Jesus' response to some Greeks asking to see Jesus becomes a prediction of his death and glorification.

In the image of the grain of wheat that dies to produce life we see that God will be glorified in the death of Jesus.

Our Divine Savior

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**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 Emanuelli, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Marie Fletcher, Judy Fraelich, Mary Ann Gregoire, Rodolfo Hernandez-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 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?

**March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of
LENT**

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 22:20-33

Theme:

Death and New Life.
Question of the Week:

Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

Announcements March 13 & 14, 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal:

As of the last report we received, 26.36% of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received. Many thanks to all who are contributing.

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 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 14, 2021

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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EVENTS of the WEEK:

Saturday, March 13

2nd 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

2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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, March 15

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, March 16

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 17

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Happy St:Patrick's Day

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

ODS Parish Council meeting: 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 18

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

Friday, March 19

Stations of the Cross (English): 5:00 pm

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

Via Crucis (Spanish): 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 20

Mass at ODS [+Harriet Stolberg: 5:00 pm

(Eloise Stone)]

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

Sunday, March 21

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

Good News!

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23; Eph 2:4–10; Jn 3:14–21

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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.