

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon


J. Brian Bergeron

Deacon

Eric Windmoller

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

Unless a grain
of wheat
falls to the
earth
and dies



It remains
just a
grain
of wheat

*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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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 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 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.

March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Phillip, 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15

Theme:

Jesus dies for us.

Question of the Week:

Identify and share one
way that you personally
“die in Christ.”

Announcements March 20 & 21, 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal:

Please remember that it is never too late to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, and also, no gift is ever too small. There are special "Steadfast in Faith" envelopes available in the church vestibule or you can pick one up in the office. Even if you haven't made a pledge to give a certain amount over a period of time, you can use these envelopes to give what you can when you can and it will be credited to you personally and to our parish if you write your name and our parish's name on the envelope. Many thanks to those who have already given.

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

Lenten Confessions:

Lenten Confessions will be held next week March 23 thru 26, 30 minutes after the weekday masses in the Parish Hall. St. Ann's will be on Thursday, March 25 from 6 to 6:30 pm and mass will be at 6:30 pm.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy week schedule: Holy Thursday ODS English Mass at 6:00 pm and ODS Spanish Mass at 8:00 pm. Good Friday Service 6:00 pm at St. Ann, ODS English Service at 6:00 pm and ODS Spanish Service at 8:00 pm. Easter Vigil ODS Bilingual Mass at 8:00 pm. Easter Sunday ODS English Mass at 9:00 am, St. Ann Mass at 11:15 am and ODS Spanish Mass at 1:30 pm.

Dear Padre

March 21, 2021

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R.

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, March 20

Mass at ODS [+Harriet Stolberg: 5:00 pm
(Eloise Stone)]
Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

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

Monday, March 22

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, March 23

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm
Lenten Confessions after Mass

Wednesday, March 24

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am
Lenten Confessions after Mass

Thursday, March 25

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am
Lenten Confessions after Mass
St. Ann Lenten Confessions: 6:00 pm
Mass at St. Ann: 6:30 pm

Friday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 27

Mass at ODS [+Karen Ball.: 5:00 pm
(Ken & Margo Martin)]
Spanish Mass at ODS (ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

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 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31–34; Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

Do I have to die? Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself?

It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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