

# *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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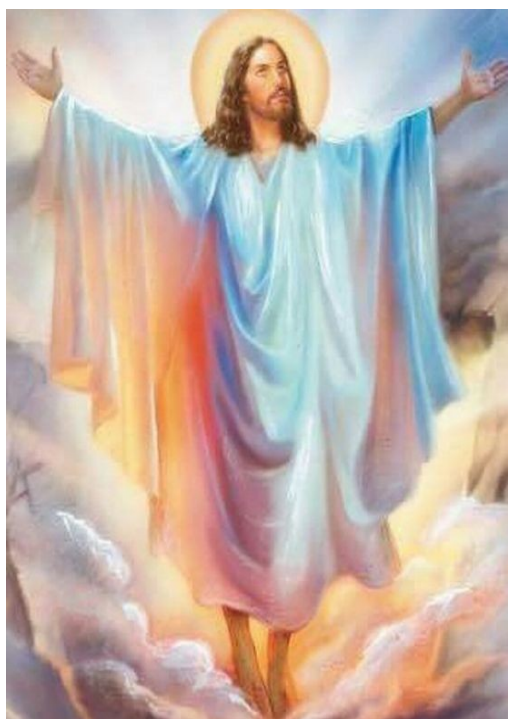
The Ascension of the Lord  
May 16, 2021

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Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon  
J. Brian Bergeron  
Deacon  
Eric Windmoller

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare  
of trumpets for the Lord.  
*Psalm 47*



*Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are on earth. For just so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies....*

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**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:**

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, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Wayne Harrell, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, Ortrun Logan, 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

**May 16, 2021**

**Ascension of the Lord**

**Readings:**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ephes. 1:17-23  
Mark 16:15-20

**Theme:**

Jesus has ascended into heaven.

**May 23, 2021**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Readings:**

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinth. 12:3-7  
John 20:19-23

**Theme:**

We have been given the breath of God – the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Question of the week:**

Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

## Announcements May 15 & 16

### 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.

### Some Normalcy:

On the weekend of May 22 and 23 the parish will be returning to some normalcy. Missalettes will return to the pews, the bulletin will be printed, altar servers will be present, masks are still required and social distancing will be at 3 feet. Those receiving communion by the mouth will continue to wait until the end. More information will be given later.

### Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group will meet on Monday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the CCD building to discuss “Fly While You Still Have Wings” by Joyce Rupp. Everyone is invited to read the book and join us for the discussion.

### Parish Council meeting:

There will be A ODS Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm. All members are asked to attend.

### ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, May 15, 2021 – 5:00 pm Mass

**PRESIDER:** ..... **FR. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**  
**LECTOR 1:** ..... **Judy Tyno**  
**LECTOR 2:** ..... **Judy Tyno**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** ..... **Greg Harten**  
..... **Michele Harten**  
**SACRISTAN** ..... **Jorge Novoa**

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – 9:00 am Mass

**PRESIDER:** ..... **Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**  
**LECTOR 1:** ..... **Mary McKinnon**  
**LECTOR 2:** ..... **Mary McKinnon**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** ..... **Chrisann Krohn**  
.....  
**SACRISTAN:** ..... **Theresa Scarbrough**

## Dear Padre

May 16, 2021

**My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?**

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, “You must be born anew” (Common English Bible). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, “Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom.”

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words “personal savior.” Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is “sealed” with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSM

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**EVENTS of the WEEK:**

**Saturday, May 15**

Mass at ODS **[+Mary Ann Gregorie]** . . . . .5:00 pm  
(Eric & Joann Prostko)  
Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Felicitas Donghu]** . . . . . 7:00 pm  
(Ken & Margo Martin)]

**Sunday, May 16**

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . . . . . 9:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann **[+Rose Spurlock]** . . . . . 11:15 am  
(Louise Reese)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 1:30 pm

**Monday, May 17**

**NO Mass at**

**ODS** . . . . .

**Tuesday, May 18**

Mass at ODS . . . . . 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 19**

Mass at ODS . . . . . 8:00 am  
ODS Parish Council meeting . . . . . 7:00 pm

**Thursday, May 20**

Mass at ODS . . . . . 8:00 am

**Friday, May 21**

Mass at ODS . . . . . 5:30 pm

**Saturday, May 22**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Comm. Camp.**

Mass at ODS **[+Spencer Stolberg]** . . . . .5:00 pm  
(Eloise Stone)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS **[+Ernestine Chavez]** ..7:00 pm  
(Ken & Margo Martin)]

**Sunday, May 23**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Comm. Camp.**

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) . . . . .9:00 am  
Mass at St. Ann **[+ Rose Spurlock]** . . . . . 11:15 am  
(Theresa Penewitt)]  
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners). . 1:30 pm

# Good News!

**May 16, 2021**

**Ascension of the Lord (B)**

**Acts 1:1–11; Eph 1:17–23**

**or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13; Mk 16:15–20**

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness... means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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