

**THE CATHOLIC CENTER
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

CATHOLIC CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is a Eucharistic Community that seeks to live the gospel of Jesus Christ in the tradition of our Roman Catholic faith and the spirit of St. Francis. As Christian disciples we are charged to answer Christ's call for compassion by becoming instruments of peace, charity and justice. We seek to stand in solidarity with the poor, the stranger, the alienated and to collaborate with those who serve them in local and global communities. We endeavor to respect a universe created by God in Love.



**MASS TIMES &
SACRAMENTS**

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
 and 5:00 PM Student Mass

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 AM
 Tuesday 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM
 Wednesday 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM
 Thursday 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM
 Friday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer:

Mon - Wed - Fri
 Before 8:00 AM Mass

Evening Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 4:45 PM

Adoration:

Wednesday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday
 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

**THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER
DECEMBER 9-DECEMBER 16**

SATURDAY - December 9

- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:30 PM - Spanish Mass & Potluck

SUNDAY - December 10

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 10:00 AM - Mass & Donuts
- 10:00 AM - **No Nursery**
- 11:15 AM - Baptism Prep Class
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:00 PM - Late Night Breakfast

MONDAY - December 11

- 8:00 AM - Mass

TUESDAY - December 12

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass

WEDNESDAY - December 13

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass

THURSDAY - December 14

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:00 PM - Woman's Dinner

FRIDAY - December 15

- 8:00 AM - Mass

SATURDAY - December 16

- 9:00 AM - Our Daily Bread
- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 22** - Office Closed
- **December 25** - Office Closed
- **December 26** - Office Closed
- **January 1, 2018** - Office Closed
- **January 23, 2018** -12 pm - 8:00 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive



Advent is traditionally celebrated the four Sundays before Christmas as a means of preparing our hearts for the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word Advent is derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means coming. Christians typically celebrate the season by lighting the ceremonial Advent candles and reading Scriptures. As the candles are lit, the Christmas story is told from its foretelling in Isaiah. The Old Testament points to the promise of a Savior. The wreath is always in the shape of a circle to represent God's eternity. Nestled inside the wreath of evergreens, are five candles, each representing a significant aspect of the Christmas story. The first three candles are purple to represent preparation, the fourth candle is pink to represent joy, the last is white in the middle, to represent Christ.

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SUNDAY **Second Sunday of Advent**
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

Sat., 12/9 5:00 PM Jerry Foley†

Sun., 12/10 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 10:00 AM - David McElhannan†
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Mon., 12/11 Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Tues., 12/12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11-19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab /
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 8:00 AM - Ingrid Rojas (L)
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Wed., 12/13 Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Amelia Taruc†

Thurs, 12/14 Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Fri., 12/15 Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

NEXT SUNDAY **Third Sunday of Advent**
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**WE LIFT UP
 IN PRAYER**

Margaret Bell, Jill Bittle, Andrew Paul Blanton, Grace Byrne, Betty DeGuilo, Dorothy Dickert, Norma d'Azzo, Sr. Barbara Daniels, Elena Dekazos, Karla Dougan, Eileen English, Jill Ennis, Robert Ennis, Jr., Michael Fitzmaurice, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Max Germaine, Phyllis Ginn, Harsh Jain, Charles Hicks, Mary Kurtz, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Sharon Perrine, Andrea Pawalie, Joyce Ragan, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Grant Tyner

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially: F.X. Dickert, Anne Fasullo, Adam Martin, Fr. Aubrey McNeil, Sr. Barbara Smith, Marydel Ward

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017: The elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class and Godparents are welcome. Classes are held every month. Please contact the office to enroll.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for wedding scheduling and required marriage preparation. Contact the office for an appointment.

RCIA: RCIA is a program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with a possible interest in joining the Church.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements can be made by contacting the office. For more information, please contact the church office, 706-543-2293 or ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND
 Please contact the office to make arrangements if you or a family member is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?
 Being an Altar Server is a great way for students in grades 4 to 12 and college students to serve our faith community while becoming more involved in the Mass. Please contact coordinator Sharon Gamble at sgamble3.athens@gmail.com or 706-248-4823 for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Register online at ccatuga.org

Religious Education
Pre "K" and "K"
 Sunday's at 10:00 am
1st thru 7th Grade
 Wednesday's at 6:15 pm
Confirmation Classes
 Monday's at 6:00 pm

Contact David Briones at 706-543-2293 or brionesda@gmail.com

RCIA
 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes are full for this term. You can obtain registration forms for the next session by going to our website at ccatuga.org. If you need additional information, please contact Sr. Barbara Daniels, MSC at ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com



We would like to thank the UGA Women's Lacrosse Team, Jen Sanderson, Madeline Hanley, Ashley Brunner, Ashton Clary, Caroline Christ, Natalie Garcia, Julia Grady, Katie Buck, Sam Gladstein and Kim McLaughlin, for preparing our final Sunday Night Dinner of the Semester. The meal was fantastic and we greatly appreciate your time and talent. Good Luck in the upcoming Season! **Go Dawgs!**

SEEKING WATERS

Seeking Water, student-led praise and worship, meets on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel.

2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule

2nd Week of Advent

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 9 5:00 PM
 Sunday - Dec. 10 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

3rd Week of Advent

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 16 5:00 PM
 Sunday - Dec. 17 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

4th Week of Advent

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 23 5:00 PM
 Sunday - Dec. 24 8:00 AM & 10:00AM

Christmas

Sunday Vigil - Dec. 24 4:00 PM **Children's**
 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday - Dec. 25 10:00 AM

CATHOLIC CENTER OFFICE

The Catholic Center's office will be closed for Christmas on Fri., Dec. 22nd, Mon., Dec. 25th and Tue., Dec. 26th. We will be closed for New Year's on Jan. 1, 2018.

IGNITE

Freshmen are invited to come join us every Wednesday at 8:00 PM for Ignite. This is a freshman student program designed to help build a deeper Catholic faith and increase our presence on campus. We will provide food, fellowship and great discussions about being a freshman on campus.

TNT (Thursday Night Theology)

Join Fr. John on Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Catholic Center upstairs apartment for TNT. We are exploring the book, "You Did It for Me: Care of Your Neighbor as a Spiritual Practice." All students are welcome.

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

is on break for the holidays and will resume in the New Year. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

November 5, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 9,102.00
 CHILDREN'S \$ 32.00
 ALMS \$ 192.25

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

November 19, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 5,581.00
 CHILDREN'S \$ 39.26
 ALMS \$ 30.00

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

November 12, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 6,146.93
 CHILDREN'S \$ 34.00
 ALMS \$ 122.11

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

November 26, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 5,627.76
 CHILDREN'S \$ 7.00
 ALMS \$ 127.00



For your convenience, online giving is available for regular tithes and offerings or one-time donations.

AVAILABLE ON SMARTPHONE AND ANDROID MOBILE DEVICES. Visit our web site at ccatuga.org to learn more and sign up.

CC Alms Program Supports Local Charities
 During the month of **December**, the Catholic Center Alms program will be donating funds to: **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens.**

ON LINE GIVING

10/24/17 to 11/30/17 - **\$11,636.20**

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PLEASE NOTE

January 1st is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no 5:00 pm vigil mass on December 31st.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If your child or children are interested in singing in the choir at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Theresa Vencill at tmvencill@gmail.com. There will be two 45 minute rehearsals: Sunday, December 16th at 11:30 am and Saturday, December 23rd at 11:30am. It is important to attend both rehearsals. We look forward to singing with you!

NURSERY

The Catholic Center's Nursery will be closed until January 2018.



CHRISTMAS AT OASIS CATÓLICO

The Giving Tree at the Catholic Center benefits Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela, a Catholic ministry located in the Pinewood Estates North mobile home park in Athens. Tags can be found on the tree in the back of the chapel. **Please return unwrapped gifts to the Catholic Center office no later than Sunday, December 17th.** Be sure to include the gift tag so your gift will be distributed properly.

HOME BOUND BASKETS

Norah Risher and Annette Richt are collecting supplies for the Christmas Homebound Baskets. Please donate DAILY SAMPLE -SIZE SUPPLIES like toothpaste, shampoo, mints, Kleenex packets, liquid/gel soap, lotion, etc. Please deliver the supplies to the Catholic Center by Monday, December 18th at 11:00 am. If any questions, contact Annette Richt at email a47richt@bellsouth.net or Norah Risher at Nerisher@bellsouth.net

COUPLE'S BIBLE STUDY

The Couple's Bible Study is starting a new study series on Revelations starting January 9th at 6:30 pm in the Center. If you would like to join our group, please contact Janelle Paustian at [706-207-0155](tel:706-207-0155) or email janellep@me.com. We would love to have you join our group.



LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST

Our first Late Night Breakfast on Reading Day was the biggest ever. The Catholic Center hosted 175 of our students for a Blessing of the Brain by Fr John and Fr Bill and followed by our first of 5 late night breakfasts. This is our 5th year hosting this event and it continues to grow each year. Please keep all of the UGA students in your prayers as they begin their finals.



THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Who said "My soul magnifies the Lord"?

LAST WEEKS TRIVIA

Answer: This refers to the special way in which Mary herself was conceived. Mary was immaculately conceived as part of her being "full of grace" and thus "redeemed from the moment of her conception".

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 10AM - 4PM

Friday
 10AM - 4PM