

**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

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**THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER
DECEMBER 16- DECEMBER 23**

SATURDAY - December 16

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

SUNDAY - December 17

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 10:00 AM - Mass & Donuts
- 10:00 AM - **No Nursery**

MONDAY - December 18

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 1:00 PM - Virtus Training

TUESDAY - December 19

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

WEDNESDAY - December 20

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

THURSDAY - December 21

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

FRIDAY - December 22

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8:00 AM - Mass

SATURDAY - December 23

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 25 - Office Closed**
- **December 26 - Office Closed**
- **January 1, 2018 - Office Closed**
- **January 4**
7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
- **January 23, 2018**
12:00 PM - Red Cross Blood
- **February 14, 2018**
Ash Wednesday



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.

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

Sat., 12/16 5:00 PM Jack Horton†

Sun., 12/17 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 10:00 AM - Ricard Picas†

Mon., 12/18 Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
 8:00 AM - Robert Burden†

Tues., 12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Wed., 12/20 Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Thurs, 12/21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Fri., 12/22 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 /
 Lk 1:26-38
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

NEXT SUNDAY **Fourth 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, Lurdes Barreto ,
 Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey, Capizzi, 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: Barbara Ayer, Adam Martin, Fr. Aubrey McNeil, Nat Seney, ofs, Barbara Smith, ofs,

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, at 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 4th thru college to serve our faith community while becoming more involved in the Mass. Please contact 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

LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST STUDIES

Over the course of 5 days, we served 444 students, some came from outside the Catholic Center community. The first night we had a record of 175 students. Some of these students were from Hillel Jewish Community and the Muslim Student Community. The late night breakfast during finals has become the biggest week-long event at the Catholic Center. Our openness and willingness to serve our students, has become widely recognized around the UGA 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

2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule
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 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.

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

GSYPF will have the first meeting of its winter/spring study on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center. New-comers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

SEEKING WATERS

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

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

December 3, 2017

OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$10,588.53
 CHILDREN'S \$ 13.25
 ALMS \$ 152.00

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

December 10, 2017

OFFERTORY

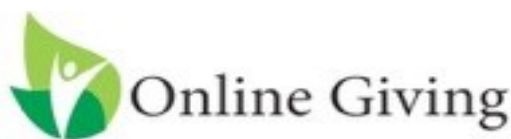
IN CHURCH \$ 7,786.21
 CHILDREN'S \$ 9.50
 ALMS \$ 77.00

ON LINE GIVING

December 1 - December 10, 2017

\$5,810.44

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.**



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.

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Christmas Day

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Monday - Dec. 25 10:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE

January 1st is **NOT**

A Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be no 5:00 pm vigil mass
 December 31st.

NURSERY

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

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ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All are invited to join the choir in spirit and song at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We will meet in the chapel at 8:30 PM to practice. Caroling will begin at 9:30 PM, followed by Mass at 10:00 PM. The music is a wonderful way to join in the Christmas Spirit and participate in Midnight Mass! For more info, contact Ellen Ritchey at 706-549-3532 or eritchey@uga.edu.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We would love for your child or children to participate in singing with the choir at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Theresa Vencill at tmvencill@gmail.com. There will be a 45 minute rehearsal on Saturday, December 23rd at 11:30am. It is important to attend both rehearsals. We look forward to singing with you!

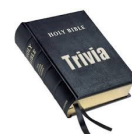
COUPLE'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

VIRTUS

REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Virtus Training is now available for all volunteers who have not had the Virtus class yet. The next class will be held on Monday, Dec. 18th, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Please register for the class at : <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/> This ensures our volunteers are in compliance with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please register ASAP.



THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Who was the King who interviewed the wise

men?

LAST WEEKS TRIVIA Who said "My soul magnifies the Lord"? **Answer:** *The Virgin Mary.*



HOME BOUND BASKETS

Norah Risher and Annette Richt are collecting supplies for the Christmas Homebound Baskets. Please donate Travel Size supplies like toothpaste, shampoo, mints, Kleenex packets, liquid/gel soap, lotion, etc. Please deliver all 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

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 10AM - 4PM
 Friday
 10AM - 4PM