



DECEMBER 16, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

Happy Advent!

Today we enter our third week of Advent called Gaudete Sunday; it is the week we focus on **joy**. As we light more Advent candles, the light gets brighter and brighter until Jesus comes. What are we to do? Maybe there are difficulties popping up in our relationships. Maybe people around us, even ourselves, are suffering from sickness, loneliness, depression or addictions. Maybe we are missing someone we lost this year and see reminders everywhere we go. What are we to do? John and Paul, who we read about this Sunday, are two men who died martyr deaths in prison. They both discovered the joy of God's presence overcomes all fears, removed all anxiety, and turned every kind of suffering into a reason to rejoice and give thanks. Can we do the same?

A favorite prayer of mine is Thomas Merton's prayer of abandonment. This week we celebrated 50 years since his death and his presence continues to challenge us and deepen our awareness of God, especially through contemplative prayer. Before we celebrate the Christmas season, may we give time to God in quiet meditation and offer God a prayer of gratitude. The gift of this advent season lies in waiting with patience and joy for the coming of Light into our world.

-Father Frank

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all I am doing. I hope I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

**Advent Activities**

**Advent Lunch and Reflection Series**

Each *Thursday at noon* during Advent, we will have a reflection from a member of our community in the Center Hall. Lunch will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own food contribution.

**Christmas Mass**

Monday, 12/24 4:00PM Vigil Mass  
6:00PM Vigil Mass  
10:00PM Vigil Mass  
Tuesday, 12/25 9:00AM Mass

\*There will be no daily mass  
Dec 26th

**Office Closed**

Monday, December 24th thru  
Tuesday, January 1st

**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday (Spanish) 7:30 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 PM  
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:45PM - 4:30PM

**MASS READINGS &  
INTENTIONS December 15-21**

**Saturday**– Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

8AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

5PM - Jack Horton †

**Sunday** - Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

8AM– Gloria Vacchio †

10AM– Garry Fancher †

**Monday** - Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Tuesday** - Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

5PM - Ricard Picas †

**Wednesday** - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25

8AM - Robert Burden †

**Thursday** - Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

**Friday** - Sg 2:8-14; Zep 3:14-18/Lk 1:39-45

8AM - Members of the Catholic Center

**2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update**

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to be included in your 2018 tax letter. Please consider completing your pledge online.

For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, Father Frank, and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia.

Every gift is important and appreciated.

**TAX STATEMENTS**

In order to be sure end-of-year tax statements reach all of our members, we must ensure your contact information is up-to-date. You may check and update your information in the lobby of the Center Hall.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed on Sunday afternoons throughout the year to visit with Catholic patients at St. Mary's Hospital and offer Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and bring a bit of comfort. Please contact Jessica Chicken at [JChicken@stmarysathens.org](mailto:JChicken@stmarysathens.org)

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday 12/16**

11:00AM - Baptism for Lynch Family

**Wednesday 12/19**

9:30AM- Homebound Baskets

Preparation (Hall)

6:00PM - Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal (Chapel)

**Thursday 12/20**

12:00PM - Advent Reflection & Lunch (Hall)

**Friday 12/21**



**DELIVER CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

We will be preparing Christmas gift baskets for the members of the Catholic

Center Faith Community who receive communion at home. Please donate Christmas/seasonal hand or dish towels, individually wrapped healthy snacks (raisins, crackers, mints) or a small unbreakable Christmas ornament. Place all donations on the stage at the Center Hall by Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

**ACCA FOOD DRIVE**



On behalf of the Silver Angels and Louis, we would like to thank the Catholic Center community for the generous support of ACCA Will's Pet Pantry food drive. We collected 56 bags of dry dog/cat food, 73 cans of pet food and miscellaneous treats, toys, dog collars and leashes, as well bags of bird food. This will aid clients of the Meals on Wheels program who have pets. Thanks!

**ST. FRANCIS INN**

Members of the Catholic Center traveled to Philadelphia to volunteer at the St. Francis Inn preparing and serving meals for the hungry, working in the thrift shop, and visiting with the amazing staff. The St. Francis Inn prepares at least one meal a day, 365 days a year, for those in need. We have reserved the week of April 1-5 to return to the St. Francis Inn. If you are interested in volunteering at the St. Francis Inn or would like more information about the trip, contact Jenni at [stewardship@ccuga.org](mailto:stewardship@ccuga.org).



**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL AND JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR!**

Volunteers are invited to join the choir for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This is a wonderful way to experience and participate in Midnight Mass. We will meet in the Chapel at 8:30PM to practice. Carol singing will begin at 9:30PM, followed by Mass at 10:00PM.

For more info, contact Ellen Ritchey at 706-549-3532.



**THANK YOU FROM THE STUDENTS**

The Catholic Student Association and the Board would like to graciously thank all of the volunteers, cooks, and Louis for creating a peaceful study space during such a stressful week for us. Thank you for allowing us a 24 hour study space and for relieving us from worrying about what we were doing for our next meal.



**NO SUNDAY NIGHT MASS OR DINNER**

There will be no 5PM Sunday night mass or dinner, beginning December 16th through January 6th. Our first 5PM Student mass will be January 13th. We will see you then! On behalf of the entire Catholic Center Staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope your time with loved ones is blessed throughout the holidays!



**Find us on  
Facebook**

**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**

We are transferring to a new Facebook Page to be in compliance with Archdiocesan policies. The old Catholic Center Facebook will no longer be available after the new one goes live. Like us on our new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ccatuga](http://www.facebook.com/ccatuga) to stay up to date on all of our ministries and activities, view photos, and stay engaged with our Catholic Center Community!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Next semester we will be continuing lots of our ministries and adding a few new things as well! Here are some things to look forward to for next semester:

**Ignite**, our Freshmen Ministry will be meeting every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30PM

**Seeking Water**, our praise and worship ministry, will be meeting every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00PM

**Sanctify**, our Catholic Center Retreat, will be on February 15th-17th at Camp Hidden Lake -registration is still open and all are welcome. See the Facebook page or website for instructions to Register.

**GSYPF** bible studies meet every Monday at 7PM. If you are interested in joining please contact [csinksen@ccatuga.org](mailto:csinksen@ccatuga.org)

**Bible Studies** are continuing and we would love for you to join one today. If you are interested in leading one, please contact Angie at [csadirector@ccatuga.org](mailto:csadirector@ccatuga.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND NOTES**

**Children’s Christmas Eve 4:00PM Vigil Mass**

All RE students are invited to participate in the Christmas Vigil Mass. We are looking for angel chorus members, bell ringers, readers, and Nativity pageant characters. The last rehearsal will be Wednesday (12/19) at 6:00PM. Contact Lynn Renna at [dre@ccatuga.org](mailto:dre@ccatuga.org) for more information.

**2019 RE classes will resume on the following dates:**

**Grades 1st-8th**

Wednesday, January 9th at 6:15PM

**Pre-K and Kindergarten**

Sunday, January 13th at 10:00AM

**Confirmation students**

Monday, January 14th at 6:00PM

**Help Is Needed!**

What better way to give of your Time and Talents than serving the young families of our members.



If you are interested in helping start up the nursery during Sunday’s 10:00AM Mass, please contact the RE Office, 706-543-2293.

**ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, FAITH**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Catholic Center congratulates the following students on their graduation from The University of Georgia:

**Emily Gomes, Sara Horvath, James Kershaw, Tilea West, Jonathan Chelena, Connor Matthew O’Neill, Katherine Tropea, Sam Roberson, and Anna Speed**

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Member as you move forward in the path God has set for you, you will always have a place to call home here at the Catholic Center.

**YOU DID IT!**

On behalf of the Catholic Center Staff, we want to congratulate all our students for completing their finals. We know it is always a stressful time, but we are so proud of all of you and hope you enjoy your well deserved winter break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Catholic Center! We can’t wait to see what you will accomplish in 2019!

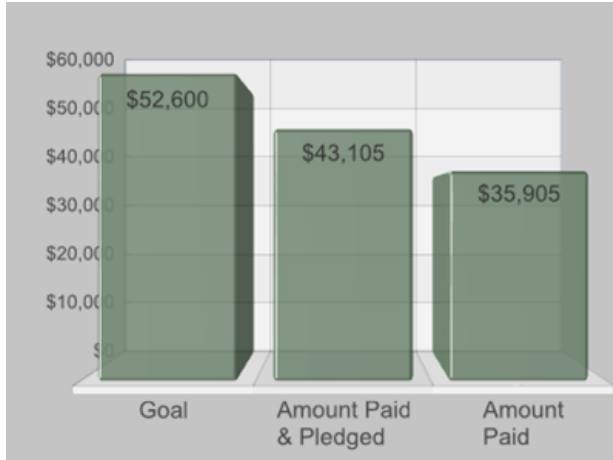






## Archdiocese Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$52,600.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$43,105.00
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
Amount Received:	\$35,904.98
Over/(Under) Goal:	<b>(\$9,495.00)</b>
Percent of Goal Pledged:	81.95%
Percent of Goal:	<b>68.26%</b>
Number of 2017 Donors:	259
Number of 2018 Donors:	<b>192</b>
Average Gift Amount :	\$224.51



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### **Offertory December 9, 2018**

Offertory	\$9,236.76	Alms	\$78.00
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### We Lift Up In Prayer

Diane Ambrose, Rosilyn Andrews, Francis Todd Baker, Jill Bittle, Shirley Bundy, Vickie Burroughs, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey Capizzi, Katie Beth Carey, Brenda Critch, Betty DeGuilo, Norma d'Azzo, Elena Dekazos, Steve Duncan, Jill Ennis, Valerie Fagan, Michele Flaherty, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Denise Gannon, Carol Garbon, Roxanne Gil, Phyllis Ginn, Gregory Glander, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Myra Pawlowski, Lee Prendergast, Denise Quinn, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Marge Smith, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Larry Quattrocchi, Mary Lou Zeitler, Agnes and Dennis Adrian, Sister Barbara Daniels

**With Deepest Sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Theresa Mauragas, Alexander Dolhancyk, LTC Kevin Hermann.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present.

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**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (Godparents welcomed). Classes are held every month.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for preparation.

**RCIA:** A program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

**To schedule all Sacraments, please contact the office.**

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs. 10-4PM  
Friday 10-2PM

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