

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass

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

Daily Mass

Wednesday 12/26 no daily mass
Thursday 12/27 5:00PM Mass
Friday 12/28 8:00AM Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:45PM - 4:30PM

Or by appointment

Office Closed

Monday, 12/24 to Tuesday, 1/1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday 12/1 9:00AM

MASS READINGS &
INTENTIONS December 22-28

Saturday— 1 SM 1:24-28, LK 1:46-56
5PM - Maury Maher †

Sunday - MI 5:1-4A, HEB 10:5-10, LK 1:39-45

8AM— Marjoure Knitowski (int.)
10AM— Armando Rois-Mendez †

Monday - 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16,
LK 1:67-79

4PM - Esteban & Dolores Portel †
6PM - Don Desmond †

10PM - Catholic Center Members

Tuesday- IS 9:1-6, TI 2:11-14,,LK 2:1-14
9AM - Barry Hobart †

Wednesday - ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59, MT
10:17-22

Thursday - 1 JN 1:1-4, JN 20:1A, 2-8
5PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Friday - 1 JN 1:5—2:2, MT 2:13-18

8AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

ADVENT REFLECTION

My dear friends, there are certain people in our lives who, when we see them or hear their voice, make our heart skip a beat with delight. They are the ones who can make us laugh when everything seems dark. They are the ones who have strong arms and a soft heart, who wrap us in a smothering bear hug that makes everything seem all right. They are the wise ones who have weathered many a storm and whose assurances that all will be well, can be trusted absolutely. The moment Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, both her own heart and the baby in her womb leaped for joy. Mary undoubtedly felt the same. Elizabeth helped Mary to give birth to Jesus, to trust even more deeply the mysterious ways of God.

We all need someone who will guide us, greet us and show us how valuable we are. I pray all of you will have this gift during the Christmas season and throughout the new year. Let us, give thanks to God today for those wonderful friends and loved ones who inspire us, support us, and ask God for the grace that the sound of your voice will be a source of delight for others.

The 'urging of Christmas' calls us to be forgiving, charitable, loving, and trusting in God's Word. We are meant to be companions to one another. Like Elizabeth and Mary, let us abandon ourselves to the mysterious ways of God and give birth to new life in our world.

Merry Christmas and may the peace of Christ be with you and your loved ones always. - Fr. Frank

IMPORTANT: DAILY MASS TIMES CHANGING

Our Daily Mass Schedule changes will begin

Monday, January 14, 2019.

Monday – Mass 12:15PM

Tuesday – No Daily Mass

Wednesday – Reconciliation 3:30PM

Mass 7:30AM

Thursday – Mass 5:30PM

Friday – Mass 7:30AM



St. Joseph Catholic Church will still have

8:30 AM Mass Offered each morning, Monday through Saturday.

In responding to the needs of the community and the schedule of the University we are going to initiate the following changes for daily mass beginning January 14th, 2019. Also, I will be taking off Tuesdays.

Peace, Fr. Frank.

NOTE FROM OUR CSA DIRECTOR

Dear Catholic Center Community,

I hope all of you are having a fruitful Advent! I can't believe I've completed my first semester as CSA Director here at the Catholic Center. I'm touched by how welcome you have made me feel, which has made my transition easier from moving from the Midwest to the south.

The past four and a half months have been very busy in campus ministry. We started our very first Welcome Week in August to connect both first year and returning students to the Catholic Center. Some of the events included "Taco 'bout Jesus Tuesday" where students learned about our Bible studies. There was "Chapel and Cookies" where students attended Mass and afterwards heard about opportunities for prayer. At the end of the week there was a Freshmen BBQ.

We have a number of weekly events that students participate in as well which will continue next semester. On Sundays there is the Student Mass, with a brand new student led choir. About 300-500 students attend each week, with a dinner afterwards. We served almost 3,000 meals over the course of the semester! There are also six different Bible studies for upperclassmen that meet off campus. Every Tuesday there was Seeking Water, a praise and worship night with a student testimony, which about 30 students attended. On Wednesdays the freshmen group Ignite met, and there were 60 students involved in that ministry.

Fall semester brought on other student ministry initiatives, such as the Men's Lake Weekend, Freshman Retreat, Student Ministry Fair, a bonfire with the Muslim Student Association and an Interfaith Friendsgiving. There were three service projects which included taking care of creation at the UGarden, sorting food at the Food Bank of North East Georgia and serving the homeless at Bigger Vision.

I want to thank all of you for your financial contributions and acts of service towards campus ministry at the Catholic Center this year. Many of you have helped with the Sunday Night Dinners each week. Others assisted with our exam week Late Night Breakfasts, where there were 600 meals served! You brought food to our Welcome Back BBQ, Ministry Fair and Late Night Breakfasts. This year the St. Francis Dinner was a fundraiser for our alternative break trips, and because of your generous donations, 28 students will be going on mission trips in March. I am so appreciative of your generosity and so are the students! Thank you for making a difference in the spiritual journey of the students at UGA.

I will be traveling home to Akron to spend Christmas with my family, and I look forward to seeing you after the New Year!

Peace,
Angie Hall

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

12-24 through 1/1

Office Closed

Saturday 12/29

3:45 Reconciliation



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday January 1st 9:00 AM

St Joseph Catholic Church:

THANK YOU FROM FR. DAN & FR. FRANK

On behalf of Fr. Dan and Fr. Frank, I would like to thank you for the hospitality, openness and honesty in how you presented the vision and the future of the Catholic Center. This was their first visit here and they were amazed at the commitment, the depth and the joy of how you live your faith. As the process continues, I will be as open as possible with any information that is

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.



GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

We will have the first meeting of its winter/spring study on Mon., Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-



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Due to the Atlanta Diocesan social media policy, the Catholic Center will be transitioning to a new Facebook page, The Catholic Center at UGA. Please go "like" our new page to stay up to date on all of our ministries, view



Poinsettia

In loving memory of....

- * Lloyd and Catherine Kimball
- * John Hurley by Michele Hurley Howard
- * Terry Bledsoe by Carolyn and Philip Holmes
- * Margaret Miller by Steve and Cathy Miller
- * Liz Edwards by Gaylen Edwards
- * Robert Martin and Dorothy Stamper
- * Edwina Ginter by Earl and Jackie Ginter
- * Jack and Elsie Horton by Earl and Jackie Ginter
- * Malanoski and GoodBout Families by Ann Malonoski
- * David McElhannon
- * Reverend Mr. Edward Dietzler by Deborah Dietzler
- * Cassian Moshi by Lioba Moshi
- * The Deceased O'Shea and Dunn family members
- * Emerita Rodriguez by Valentine from Rebecca, Eric and Paloma
- * Maurice Maher by Cecilia Maher
- * Maury Maher by Tom and Norah Risher
- * Buddy Merritt by Tara Merrit
- * Laurence Harding by Kevin and Marianne Harding
- * Kay Nohe
- * Mary Ellen and Joel Wier JR by Ann W. Shumpert
- * Janet Ostrander by Ann and Stella Evans
- * Laurence Harding by Kevin and Marianne Harding
- * Mary Jackson by Chip and Margie Lyness
- * Ollie Faye Harrington by James Harrington

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Help Is Needed!

What better way to give of your time and talents than serving the families of our members? If you are interested in helping establish a nursery during Sunday's 10:00AM Mass, please contact the RE Office, 706-543-2293.



STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Sanctify, a 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

Bible Studies are continuing and we would love for you to participate. If you are interested in leading one, please

NO SUNDAY NIGHT MASS OR DINNER

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



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 post-marked 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.

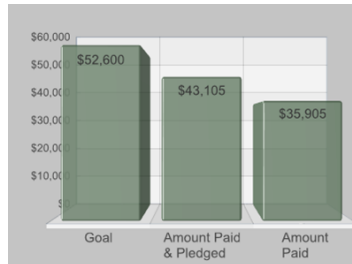
Every gift is important and appreciated.

Goal:	\$52,600.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$43,105.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$9,495.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	81.9%
Amount Received:	\$35,904.98
Percent of Goal Received:	68.26%

Average Gift Amount:
\$224.51

Number of 2018
Donors: **192**

Number of 2017
Donors: 259



Update Your Information!

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

Offertory December 16, 2018

Offertory	\$9,7111	Alms	\$261.00
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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, Rosemarie RussoDavid 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 Gertrude Amrich

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 time.

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SACRAMENTS

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.

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