

The Catholic Center

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/15

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00AM Baptism Prep Class (LI)

11:00AM Morning With Santa (H,K)

Tuesday 12/17

9:30AM Homebound Holiday

Ministry (H)

Wednesday 12/18

6:00PM Children's Mass Rehearsal (CH)

Friday 12/20

11:00 William Ozburn Funeral (CH)

Saturday 12/21

9:00AM Children's Mass Rehearsal (CH)

6:00 PM Cotten Baptism (CH)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Office Closed

Please note that the Center Office will be closed from December 23, 2019 at noon until January 2, 2020.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00PM, 6:00PM and 10:00PM Mass (with Singing of Carols at 9:30PM)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

9:00AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28

5:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 29

8:00AM, 10:00AM Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31

5:30PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1

9:00AM Mass

Daily Mass Update

There will be no daily Mass on December 26 and 27.



Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their Time and Talents to help prepare and clean our Chapel for the Advent season. We are thankful for your commitment to make our Church look beautiful in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus.



Thank you from the Students to those who volunteered to cook, serve or brought a dish for our Late Night Breakfast. We are incredibly thankful for allowing us a 24 hour study space and for relieving us from worrying about what we were doing for our next meal. We cannot say thank you enough!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOLIDAY HOMEBOUND BASKETS ITEMS DUE MONDAY!
We are collecting items to fill gift baskets this holiday season to bring to the homebound. Suggested donations of travel size hand soap, Chapstick, handkerchiefs, small Christmas ornaments, travel size tissue packets, or notecards are requested for our homebound faith community members.

We ask that items be brought to the Catholic Center by Monday, December 16. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

CHAPEL DECORATING ON DECEMBER 22

All are invited to help us decorate the Chapel at noon on Sunday, December 22. We would love your help preparing the Chapel for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas second collection benefits Catholic Charities Atlanta. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 16,000 families and individuals. When families are barely keeping things together, one unexpected challenge can completely disrupt everything. Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

“Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

ADVENT REFLECTION

“The desert and the parched land will exult, the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song.” (Isaiah 35:1-2). Traditionally this Sunday of Advent was called Gaudete - a Latin word that means rejoice! So this week, Rejoice. Cheer up.

But what if you don't feel like it? What if you feel overworked, overwrought, overwhelmed, tired, cramped, besieged and alone? Sometimes the most useless thing to say to a sad person is “Snap out of it.” Yet in some ways that is what the readings today seem to insist. James says today, “Be patient...do not complain about one another...” In Matthew we are hopeful... “the blind will see, the lame walk, lepers are cleaned, the deaf hear and the dead are raised.”

We cannot be nothing other than hopeful or joyful!

But what if it doesn't work? What if Advent does not take? What if things get worse or the pain does not let up? The themes of Advent: joyfulness and hope, can annoy someone who hurts. When you are burdened with the weight of anxieties or overwhelmed with problems, when the darkness of life seems to have trapped you, forced joy or canned glee disgust the best of us.

Yet, it is nothing but our losses, our sadness, our fears, our darkness, our weight of sin that Advent confronts and calls us out of. Somehow it is this feeling of our own melancholy, our own frustration, our own sadness that must be laughed away. It is our sense of exile, our sense of confinement, the emotional baggage that must be burned off by the fire of love.

Today, Gaudete Sunday, is a day for those who struggle, those who are disheartened, those caught in darkness, those overwhelmed by life - the message of God is clear, it is light, do not be discouraged - the love of Christ transforms darkness, it brings us into eternal light. Trust the light of God!

Fr. Frank, OFM



IGIVE CATHOLIC MUSIC FUND



Thank you to all who participated in our iGive Catholic fundraiser last week! Giving Tuesday was a huge success across the country and we are pleased to share that, to date, we have raised over \$5900 in support of our Music Ministry. With these funds we will be able to continue to grow our

music ministry and provide the best liturgy possible throughout the Christmas season and into next year. If you'd like more details on the changes to the music ministry or info on how you can get involved, please contact our Director of Liturgy and Music: James Perkins.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday- Thursday: 5:30 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday-Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9,10-13

5:00 PM - Rita Wegmann †

Sunday - Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt

11:2-11

8:00AM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †

10:00AM - Trudie Amrich †

Monday - Nm 24:2-7, 5-17/Mt 21:23-27

5:30PM - Jack Horton †

Tuesday - Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

5:30PM - Carole Seeley (int.)

Wednesday-Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

5:30PM - Robert Burden †

Thursday- Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

5:30PM - Sr. Dorothy Columber †

Friday - Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

7:30AM - JoAnn Pundsack Kerbs †

*Franciscan Missionary Union

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES! TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE 42ND ANNUAL 5K HUMAN RACE

Mark your calendars for our 5K Human Race on Saturday, February 15 at the Catholic Center.

Help your heart and run the race!

If you would like to be on the 5K Human Race committee and help plan this wonderful community event, join us for our first meeting on Friday, December 20 at 10:00AM. For more information or to volunteer, contact

Sr. Uyen-Chi Dang at adminsa@cctuga.org.



GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will begin its winter/spring study on Monday February 3 at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Center. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

ATHENS CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

Please join us on December 19 at 7:00PM at Creature Comforts. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure!

CBC meets on the third Thursday of the month, encouraging those in the young(ish) professional and graduate student stage of life to meet over a drink and form authentic friendships. For more information, email organizer Michelle Willis (michelle.willis@uga.edu).

CATHOLIC MAMAS GROUP

The Catholic Mamas' group is on break for the holidays and will resume back on January 7. All moms are invited! Merry Christmas!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR 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. If your mailing address has changed or you just want to doublecheck your info, please contact the office at secretary@cctuga.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY 10AM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR NURSERY, PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

First class of 2020 - 1/12/2020

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First class of 2020 - 1/8/2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS

First class of 2020 - 1/13/2019

Christmas Eve Mass Rehearsal Dates:

Wednesday: 12/18, 6:00-7:30PM

Saturday :12/21, 9:00-11:00AM.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

The December 24, Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 PM. Our Catholic Center students will be presenting the Christmas story and music.



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CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you from the CSA Board to all of the students involved in CSA Ministries & the community members for supporting us! We are so thankful for all that you bring to the Catholic Center! We hope your finals week went smoothly and your Christmas is wonderful.

We can't wait to see you in January!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Welcome Back Semi-Formal will be Friday, January 10 at 8 PM!

Our Spring Retreat, Behold, will be January 31 - February 2 at Camp Hidden Lake. All are invited!

Sign up: bit.ly/beholdretreat

Team Application: bit.ly/beholdteam



DECEMBER 15, 2019

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

What is a Mortal Sin?

While all sin is an affront against God, ourselves, and others, not all sin has the same effect. For this reason, the Catholic Church distinguishes between grave sins, called "mortal," and lesser sins, called "venial." There is often a lot of confusion as to the difference between the two.

In order for something to be a mortal sin, three criteria must be met: 1) the object of the sin must be a grave matter, 2) there must be full knowledge of the sin, and 3) the sinner must give deliberate consent. If any of the criteria are missing, it is a venial sin, at most.

What this means, quite clearly, is that nothing is inherently a mortal sin: not murder, not masturbation, not lying. These things are definitely against the goodness of God, but if they occur accidentally, in a state of impairment, without considering the possible effects, or without complete control of one's actions (i.e. addiction), they cannot be considered mortal in nature.

Archbishop's Appeal Reminder

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia.

Every gift is important and appreciated!



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for generously sharing your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. Questions or concerns, please contact the Center.

November 24, 2019

Offertory \$11,715.73 Alms \$196.45

December 1, 2019

Offertory \$13,024.73 Alms \$394.42

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$51,900.00 % Goal Received: 94.36%

Amount Received: \$48,972.45

Total Pledged \$58,037.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Carrie Finnerty Bolinger, Bill Burden, Brian Carr, Grace Byrne, Noleen Casey, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Phyllis Ginn, Pat Goggin, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gary Kilgos, Frances Koepnich, Richard Lynch, Denise Mayfryer, Kate McCall, Ann McSay, Tommy Morgan, Jim Mueller, Barbara O'Brien, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Robert A. Salerno, Carole Seeley, Marge Smith, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker, Sr. Sheila Teague, Joan Weiss, and Artur Muszynski.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially William Ozburn

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December:

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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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.

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PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests



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