

# The Catholic Center

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 5:30 PM  
Tuesday: Christmas Eve  
Wednesday: Christmas Day  
Thursday & Friday: No Mass

## 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**-Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45  
**5:00 PM** - Matthew Hubert †

**Sunday** -Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt1:18-24  
**8:00AM** - Catholic Center Members (int)  
**10:00AM** - Gary Dixon †

**Monday** - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
**5:30PM** - Franciscan Missionary Union

**Tuesday** - Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25  
**4:00 PM** John & JoAnn Toutkoushian †  
**6:00 PM** Don Desmond †  
**10:00 PM** Esteban & Dolores Portel †

**Wednesday**-Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**9:00 AM** - Cecil & Mary Critch †

**Thursday**-Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

**Friday** - 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

*Christmas blessings to you and those you love from Fr. Casey, the staff, Louis and myself ....PEACE! JOY! LOVE!*

We are a blessed community of welcome and so we are especially pleased to welcome anyone over the holidays who may be visiting as a guest or anyone who is new to our parish. Welcome! It's good to have you with us, especially during this Holy Season.

During Christmas, we stand together as God's people in awe of the God who became one of us! The word "incarnation" means "to be made flesh," or "to become enfleshed." Here, in the birth of the Christ child, the sacred is not some abstract theological theory --- the love of God has become real to us in Christ's birth, the Lord God has become one of us in order to show us how we might become more like him.

The good news is that He who said I am the Light of the World, said you are the light of the world. His life is not only admirable it is repeatable. The magic of Christmas will not be an illusion, if we are willing to take up our responsibility to follow Christ and live as He lived. As we look at our world, indeed we see sin and suffering, division and even hatred. With the Lord's help each of us has the ability to begin to change that through our words and actions, communicating hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness and joy where we experience sadness.

Together, let us rejoice in the birth of our Savior! The Messiah, our Lord Jesus, has come into our world with the promise of new life and love in God. The challenge before us this Christmas is to make that love "incarnate" in our own lives and in the lives of others, especially those who are most in need through, as St. Francis says, "through a holy activity."

May Christ come to you this Christmas with the gift of love, the blessing of hope and the promise of peace! May you and those you love have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Fr. Frank

*Happy 4th week of Advent!*



## Christmas Schedule

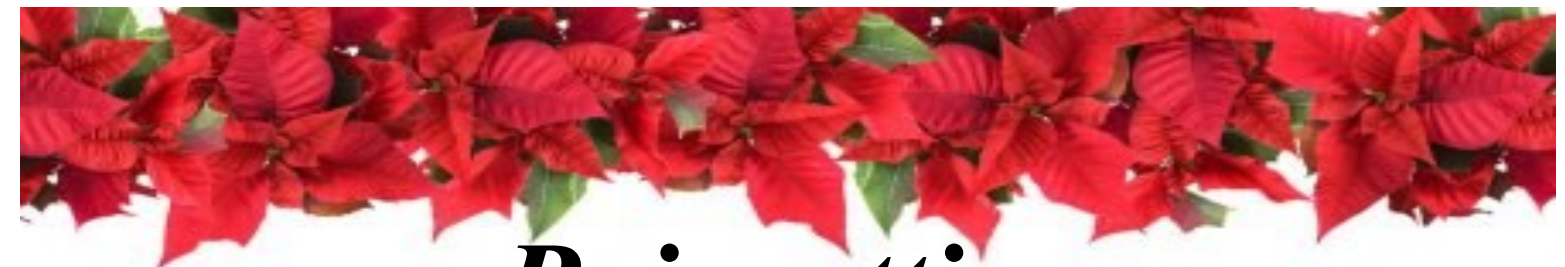
### Christmas Eve

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

**There will be no daily mass December 26 or 27.**



# Poinsettias

## In Memory of . . .

Bob Agnew

Victor & Helen Ashley

Mervin & Majorie Ballard

Quinn Bankston

Grace Bellnap

Bick & Shirley Bickerton

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Blake

L'Jeanne Booth

Albert C. Booth

Carter women & Grandad

Don Cashin

Roy & Francis Cheramie

Urtz Cheramie & Ellie Guidroz

Michat Chmielewski Sr.

Dorothy Condon

Patricia Conway

Pat & Alma Daley

Mr. & Mrs. John D'antoni

The Dardens of Sharon

Michael & Margaret DeGovann

Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler

John E. & Mary Rose Doyle

Susie Drazan

Margaretta & Bill Dunn

Liz Edwards

Anthony & Mary English

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Fernald

Beverly Fitzgerald

Michele Flaherty

Paul & Jeanne Flemming

Dustin Garber

Charles Garbin

Earl & Edwina Ginter

Jack Gould

V.M. Gutmann

Lawrence Harding

Jack & Elsie Horton

George & Helen Huban

Jim Hunt

John Hurley

Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins

James & Mary Janney

Lawrence Kacmar

Christ Kalafut

Nan Kelly

Mary Kerr

Lloyd & Catherine Kimball

Richard & Mary Kirchner

Joseph Knitowski

Edwin Knitowski

Patricia Leahy

Thomas E. Lyons

Maury Maher

Chet Malanoski

Mildred Marra

Martin Family

Theresa Mauragas

Joseph Mauragas

Peter G. Mauragas

Doris McAllister

Louie "Buddy" Merritt

Camilla Mims

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Mitchell

Kang Moia

Val & Anita Montoya

Marjorie & Chris O'Shea

Lucy Oliver

Fred. W. Ossick

Emilio & Manuela Paguio

Pedro & Glyceria Palang

Dr. Jack & Jean Palmer

Paulette Paz

Mark Pentecost

Dierdre Anne Petley-Gower

Mary F. and Donald V. Ragogna

Mary Reed

Dick & Mary Jane Rothrauff

Wayne & Arvilla Rothrauff

Joseph Hart Russo

Bill Russo

Dale Schwerdt

Jessica Sigle

Sinda Family

Ed Smith

Eddie Smith

Margaret Smith

Dan & Cele Sobieralski

Talmadge Sprat

Sammy Thompson

John & JoAnn Toutkoushian

Janina Turczyńska

Fr. Tom Vigliotta, OFM

Annie Ruth Watwood

Harold "Whitey" White

Mary Ellen & Joel A. Wier, Jr.

David & Marie Yetter



## In Honor of . . .

All Members of the  
Catholic Center

Claire & Bill Barkley

Kathy Bellnap

Barreto Arrayo Family

John R. & Theresa Doyle

Herbst Family

Fr. David Hyman, OFM

Mueller Family

Shannon O'Brien

Thelma Tuley

Kerri J Villane

Helen Watson

**Thank you to all who donated to help make our Chapel beautiful this Christmas season!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Our 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.

### A COATS FOR KIDS THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all for helping make our Coats for Kids drive a success again this year. We collected \$4920. All of the funds were used directly to purchase new coats for kids. Our recipients were Oasis of Santa Raphael, Oconee Area Churches acting together, St. Vincent DePaul Jackson County, and Interfaith Hospitality Network. For many kids this coat is not only protection from outside elements it is also used for a bed. Thank you all again! It is a pleasure to witness the kind and giving the Athens Catholic community May God bless you all this holiday season.

### 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 Monday, December 16 at 2:00PM.



For more information or to volunteer, contact Sr. Uyen-Chi Dang at [admincsa@ccatuga.org](mailto:admincsa@ccatuga.org) or Jenni at 706-543-2293.

### GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

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



Congratulation to Ezra Lowell Cotten on his Baptism this weekend!

## DECEMBER 22, 2019

### CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

In the season of Christmas, Christians celebrate the Incarnation, the fact that God became a part of creation to be like us. And while Christians (and Scripture) do not question the fact of Jesus' divinity, there is often a question raised by non-Christians: if Jesus is really God, why didn't he ever say "I'm God," and why did he rebuke those who called him God?

Despite the absence of a clear "I am God" statement, we mustn't think that Jesus denied his divinity or was unaware of it. The clearest evidence of this is in the Gospel of John where Jesus presents himself as in perfect union with the Father, claims to have come from the Father and will return to him, and refers to himself as the proper place of worship. If this is not evidence enough, Jesus uses the phrase I AM in reference to himself 13 times, the very words that God used when Moses asked for his name. In saying things like "I AM the bread of life," and "I AM the way, the truth, and the life," and in seven cases simply saying "I AM" in reference to his identity, the point is very clear: Jesus is using coded language to say, "I am God, worship me."

### Archbishop's Appeal Reminder Due by 12/31/19

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. Payments must be postmarked by 12/31/19 to be included in your 2019 taxes. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia. Every gift is important and appreciated!

## FOURTH 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.

**December 1, 2019**

Offertory \$13,024.73 Alms \$394.42

**December 8, 2019**

Offertory \$10,097.00 Alms \$108.15

### 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, Kate McCall, Ann McSay, Tommy Morgan, Jim Mueller, Barbara O'Brien, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Carole Seeley, Marge Smith, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker, Sr. Sheila Tague, Joan Weiss, and Artur Muszynski.

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Mary Davis, William Long, William Ozburn and Maurice Woosnam**

### 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.

## 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

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES AND OUR AWESOME CATECHISTS!!

## 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 you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 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](http://bit.ly/beholdretreat)

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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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