



JANUARY 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Catholic Center

Right to Life

Cardinal O'Malley, who chaired the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said: 'For us, life is at the center of our social teachings. Life is precious. It is a mystery. It must be nurtured, protected; the transmission of life is sacred. And our defense of human life is a great service to society. When the state begins to decide who is worthy of living and who isn't, all human rights are put in jeopardy, but the voice of the church is very clear. Life is precious in the womb, but we are called to value life as precious when someone has Alzheimer's, when someone has AIDS, when someone is poor, when someone is being abused, when someone is without a home, when someone has mental illness. Their humanity is not diminished – and they have a claim on our love and on our services. So the church's position is a very consistent one.'

"Right to life" or "pro-life" ... are typically only understood to be about abortion. However, the Catholic Church more precisely teaches that these expressions actually convey an all-encompassing morality and universal truth that boldly affirms that every human being has a right to a full human life – from the moment of conception to natural death. Pro-Life addresses many issues from the quality of human life, families, government laws, reproductive technology, the death penalty, war, violence, bioethics, gun control, euthanasia, and much more. We are called to embrace the totality of life.

My friends, the light that the world is so desperately looking for is within us, for as members of Christ's body, the Church, we are Christ in the world. Christ works in and through each of us, and Christ continues to invite each of us to come after him. The more we are aware of this, the more light we bring into this world, for all of us are made in the image and likeness of God. A God of mercy, love, compassion and forgiveness. That image must never be shattered. That likeness is sacred. We are to respect, honor and believe that each person is created equal in the eyes of God.

Peace, Father Frank

Our support and prayers are with our students who are representing the Catholic Center at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thank you to a member of our community for the generous financial contribution in allowing to students to participate.

*Cecilia Nilsson, Holly Roscoe,
Liz Quilliams, Jake Collum, James Tierra,
Kevin Ronczkowski, Luke Lashley, Molly Edwards,
Pippo Boyle and Tatiana Nguyen.*



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/26

10:00AM RE PreK/K(H)
1:00AM Donut Ministry (H)
7:00PM Sunday Night Dinner (H)

Monday 1/27

2:30PM Red Cross Blood Drive (H)
3:30PM Campus Kitchen (K)
6:00PM Lector Training (CH)
7:00PM Confirmation (H)
8:00PM CSA Meeting (TV)

Tuesday, 1/28

9:30AM Catholic Mama's Group (TV)
3:30PM Campus Kitchen (K)
7:00 PM Retreat Planning Meeting (L)
7:00PM RCIA (TV)
8:00PM Seeking Water (C)

Wednesday, 1/29

6:00PM Religious Education 1-8th Grade (H)
8:00PM Ignite (H)

Thursday, 1/30

7:00AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)
10:00AM Women's Bible Study (TV)
6:00 PM EM Training (C)
7:00PM Arch Ministry (H)

Friday 1/31

CSA RETREAT
8:00AM Breakfast Club

Saturday 1/1

CSA RETREAT
9:00AM Backpack Ministry (K)

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

The theme of this years Appeal is "You are the Light of the World." One way we can show our love is to generously respond to the Bishop's request for a pledge to the 2020 Appeal. While much of the Church's ministry takes place in our parishes, we also come together as an archdiocesan Church to carry out critical services and ministries that have an impact beyond any one parish. Your support helps bring works of mercy to life in your parish as a part of our effort to deepen faith throughout the archdiocese. Please be generous in your response. For more information, or to donate online, go to archatl.com/appeal.

BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 27, 2020 - URGENT NEED

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at the Catholic Center on **Monday, January 27 from 2:30PM to 7:00PM**. Every unit of blood can save 3 lives. Last drive we received 33 pints of blood, help us top that!

42ND ANNUAL HUMAN RACE 5K

Our 42nd Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race is now open for registration! The race will take place on **Saturday, February 15** at 8:30AM. Pre-registration / early bird pricing is now available. You can sign up individually, as a team, or sponsor someone else to run as your "phantom runner." You can sign up with the QR code link. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers for the planning committee and for race day! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi Dang at admincsa@ccatuga.org or call the office!



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we will be joined by Deacon Bill Hampton speaking on behalf of Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services, an organization of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a pro-life organization dedicated to preserving the sacredness and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Every aspect of our work helps life flourish. We are resolute in our commitment to the Church and its teachings.

Guided by the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching; governed by a USCCB-appointed board of bishops, religious, and lay people; CRS works in over 100 countries to assist people of all backgrounds, working side by side with others so they can lift themselves out of poverty, assisting during emergencies and enabling people to build the resiliency they need to stand on their own.

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year! Join us at Open House to learn more about the only Catholic high school in Northeast Georgia!

February 9, 2020 - 1:00-4:00PM

590 Lavender Road, Athens, GA 30606

We hope to see you there! Contact April Higgins with inquiries at 706-433-0223 ext. 1003 or higgins@mdchs.org. *All are welcome to attend!*

If you complete your application AND attend our Spring Open House on February 9, you will qualify for a waived application fee (\$150 value). Bring this bulletin with you to Open House and you will receive an additional 10% off the Catholic affiliated rate.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 5:30PM
Friday 7:30AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Saturday: 3:45PM - 4:30PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday-Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
5:00PM - Enid W. Collins †

Sunday -Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23

8:00AM - Lymon Rains †

10:00AM - Edward Ulicny †

6:00PM - Catholic Center Members (int.)

Monday -2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

5:30PM - Blood Donors (int.)

Tuesday -2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

5:30PM - RCIA Candidates (int.)

Wednesday -2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

5:30PM - RE Students & Catechists (int.)

Thursday -2Sm7:18-19,24-29/Mk 4:21-25

5:30PM - Arch Ministry (int.)

Friday -2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

7:30AM - FMU*

*Franciscan Missionary Union

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Anyone wishing to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister is invited to attend one or more of the training sessions below. This is a wonderful opportunity to join this ministry.

Lector Training

Monday, January 27 - 6:00PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Minister Training

Thursday, January 30 - 6:00PM in the Chapel

CATHOLIC MAMAS GROUP

The Catholic Mama's group meets every Tuesday from 9:30AM to 11:00AM in the TV room at the Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for moms to connect. All moms and children are invited for fellowship and play.

ST. JOSEPH VALENTINES GALA

Join the Saint Joseph community on Friday, February 14 at 6PM for a Valentine's dinner and dancing in support of St. Joseph Catholic Church's Capital Campaign.

HIRE-A-STUDENT

To raise money for the Alternative Spring Break Mission Trips, we are bringing back our Hire a Student program. Please email Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org if you are interested!

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.

ATHENS CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

Athens Catholic Beer Club 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. The next event is February 20 at 7PM at **Akademia Brewing Company**. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure on the table - that's us! For more information, email organizer Michelle Willis (michelle.willis@uga.edu)

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS (Catholics aged 18 and older)

Registration for Adult Confirmation is now open. Registration forms can be found on the website. After you submit the registration form, Sr. Barbara will contact you for an interview. The first Adult Confirmation meeting will be February 20 at 6:30. Contact Sr. Barbara at sacraments@ccatuga.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, February 19, during RE Class time for 2nd Grade and Basic Faith, Year 2. Thank you to all of the parents and Catechists for your support and dedication in helping to prepare the candidates for this Sacrament. Saturday, April 25, at 9:00-11:45PM, First Holy Communion Retreat and Rehearsal will take place in the Center Hall and Chapel. The First Communion Mass will be Sunday, May 3.

RE FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

Parents and Students can help our college students stay fortified throughout their weekend retreat at Camp Hidden Lake, by bringing in donations of individual packaged snacks, baked goods, water, soda, and fruit. A large container will be waiting for your generous donations on the stage in the Center Hall.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, AND NURSERY UPDATE

This Sunday, during the 10:00AM Mass, Pre-K and Kindergarten RE Classes, as well as the Nursery, will be in session. The Nursery is located in the Center Hall window area. Children ages 3 months to 3 years of age are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Lynn Renna, dre@ccatuga.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS RETURNS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

The first Confirmation Class of the new year will be on Monday, January 27, 7:00-8:45PM. Please remember to bring your books. The Confirmation Retreat for Year 2 will be January 31-February 2. The Retreat for Year 1 will be February 28-March 1.

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR BEHOLD RETREAT

Our Spring Retreat, **Behold**, will be January 31 -February 2 at Camp Hidden Lake. We would love to have you all there! Registration is \$50 and is open to non-UGA students!

Sign up: bit.ly/beholdretreat

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIPS

We are excited to announce that our Jamaica, El Salvador, and Pine Ridge trips are full. To learn more about our Appalachia, Virginia trip please visit <https://www.asphome.org/college-break-trips/>. Registration will close on Jan. 30th, so sign up on the website or at the front desk!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TAKE THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN?

Have you ever been surprised by something and shouted "Oh my God!" Maybe something made you angry and so you shouted something a bit harsher. For many, this would be a violation of God's commandment not to take the Lord's name in vain. Strictly speaking, this isn't the case.

What's important to remember in this question is that "God" or "Lord" are not names. They are titles and identities. What we find in the book of Exodus is that God has a proper name, written as four consonants: YHWH (with vowels added, "Yahweh.") To take the Lord's name in vain is to use this name frivolously, invoking it for blessings and curses, swearing upon it in the case of oaths. God's name is sacred and should not be used lightly.

Does this mean that saying "Oh my God" (or other expletives) is completely fine? Probably not. Our language matters, and even though we are directly violating God's commandment, we should care about how we invoke God and refer to him in our daily lives. If we do not seriously intend to call upon God, then it is probably a good idea not to call upon him casually.



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 29, 2019

Offertory \$9,090.95 Alms \$322.00

January 5, 2019

Offertory \$13,877 Alms \$932.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Edward Adrian, Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Bill Burden, Brian Carr, Grace Byrne, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Mildred George, Pat Goggin, Amy Hartwell, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Artur Muszynski, Barbara O'Brien, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Marge Smith, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker and Joan Weiss

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Lymon Rains and Benjamin Stephens.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests for inclusion on the list to secretary@ccatuga.org.

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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