

The Catholic Center

Ash Wednesday - February 26

Mass
7:30AM, 5:30PM

Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
6:30AM, 12:10 PM, 7:00PM

Ashes at Tate

We will have volunteers passing out ashes at the Tate Student Center starting at noon.

Additionally, there will be someone in the chapel all day to distribute ashes.



A Reflection on Black History Month

During this month when we celebrate Black History we continue to support the ideal of who we are as Church and country where diversity is the norm and a respect for each other and a love for each other as brothers and sisters in faith are our guiding principles. This week we are called to “love your neighbor as yourself.” We are called to love and accept each other as equal and all have dignity based on being created in the image of God.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus proposes a radical way of life based on a logic of love that challenges each and every one of us to ongoing conversion in our way of thinking, feeling and behaving. A discerning heart requires knowledge of the faith and of what the Church really teaches together with reflection, dialogue and, most importantly, a personal encounter with Christ in prayer. Our response, the choices we make about our life, our work and friends, how we raise our children, live out our commitments in marriage, what we do with our money, what political causes we support, all of this and so much more must be the fruit of a culturally discerning heart. -- in light of our relationship with God and one another.

This is about faith engaging the world with all its pluralism and choices in order to create a rich, diverse civilization of love that more faithfully expresses our catholicity, and witnesses to the truth of what we believe and to the communion in diversity that is the one Body of Christ (Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ Executive Director, USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church).

Our Second Collection next weekend will benefit the Black and Indian Missions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
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 - 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
5:00PM - Catholic Center Members

Sunday- Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

8:00AM - Jackie Rains (int)
10:00AM - Joseph Daniels †
6:00PM - RCIA Candidates (int)

Monday - Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
5:30PM - Franciscan Missionary Union (int.)

Tuesday - Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
5:30PM - Seeking Water (int.)

Wednesday- Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
5:30PM -Ignite Freshmen Program

Thursday - Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
5:30PM - Catholic Mama's Group

Friday - Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
7:30AM - Franciscan Missionary Union (int.)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 2/23

10:00AM RE PreK/Kindergarten (H)
11:00AM Donut Ministry (H)
6:00 PM RCIA Rite of Sending (CH)
7:00PM Sunday Night Dinner (H)

Monday, 2/24

3:30PM Campus Kitchen (K)
7:00PM GSYPF Meeting (TV)
7:00PM Confirmation (H)

Tuesday, 2/25

9:30AM Catholic Mama's Group (TV)
3:30PM Campus Kitchen (K)
7:00 PM RCIA (TV)
8:00PM Seeking Water (CH)

Wednesday, 2/26

Ash Wednesday

8:00PM Ignite (H)

Thursday, 2/27

7:00AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)
10:00AM Women's Bible Study (L)
6:30PM Adult Confirmation (L)
7:00PM Arch Ministry (H)

Friday 2/28

8:00AM Breakfast Club

Saturday 2/29

9:00AM Virtus Training
9:00AM Backpack Ministry (K)
2:00PM RCIA Rite of Election (OS)

Sunday 3/1

First Sunday of Lent

Lenten Collection for Backpack Ministry



CATHOLIC CENTER LENTEN MISSION



The Catholic Center will be hosting a Lenten Mission on Friday, March 20 and Saturday March 21. All are invited to take part in this special weekend to join together on our spiritual journey of Lent. The two-day series will feature guest speaker and worship leader Dana Catherine, a day of reflection, as well as community time in meals and prayer.

LENTEN COLLECTION: BACKPACK PROJECT

The Backpack Project of Athens is a student run non-profit dedicated to easing the burden of homeless and embracing all members of our community. With over 100 student volunteers, the Backpack Project engages in various volunteer activities with partner organizations, hosts community building and awareness-driven events, and does bi-weekly distributions of hygiene items, clothing items, and meals to multiple encampment communities in Athens.

We are collecting canned goods/non-perishables, blankets, tarps, old pots/pans or tools (hammers, saws, etc.). Fundraising is also always helpful, but generally anything that would be helpful to someone experiencing homelessness would be greatly appreciated and well distributed.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The music ministry at the Catholic Center is hosting open auditions for our 10AM Choir on February 24 and 25. Signup sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary over the next two weeks. If you have any questions or scheduling issues, please contact our Director of Liturgy and Music, James Perkins at music@ccatuga.org or (404) 519-5288.



HUMAN RACE 5K BY THE NUMBERS

251 Runners ranging from 1-84

50+ Volunteers

28 Sponsors

31 Phantom Runner Sponsors

400 pancakes flipped by the Hartner family

28 dozen eggs scrambled

35 lbs. of bacon

41 students volunteering in Jamaica, El Salvador, Pine Ridge, SD, and Appalachia

Overall winners:

Female-Abigail Snyder 20:43

Male- Noah Hulett 20:05.1

Female Masters - Melissa Hopkinson 25:48

Male Masters - Derek Barr 22:56.2



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

FORTUNATE & FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Fortunate and Faithful Families, an archdiocesan-approved ministry for parents with LGBTQ children, invites you to their 2020 Retreat: A New Heart. The retreat will focus on sharing the love of Christ for all. Visit <http://bit.ly/NewHeart2020> for event details and to register.

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.

ASB CHAPERONE NEEDED

We are looking for one chaperone over 25 for our Alternative Spring Break trip to Appalachia in Virginia from March 8 to March 14. For more information, please call the front office at 706-543-2293.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

On Sunday, March 1 at 8AM, St. Joseph Catholic Church will be celebrating a Knights of Columbus Mass. Knights from our Deacon William P. Lakin Council 6514 will serve in all ministries of the Mass. The Knight's Mass is a celebration of faith that honors the Knights of Columbus founder Fr. Michael J McGivney, the men of the Knights of Columbus, and the women's auxiliary, the Columbiettes. These men and women provide service to our Faith, Church, Family, and Community. All members of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to attend this Mass. Please join us as we give thanks to God for our many blessings.

VIRTUS TRAINING

We will host a Virtus training class at the Catholic Center on February 29 from 9AM to 12PM. There is no cost to attend. Please email dre@ccatuga.org to RSVP.

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF) BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will meet on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:00PM at the Catholic Center to discuss Chapter 2 in the study guide "Mark: Getting to Know Jesus." Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

JOIN US TO SERVE AT ST. FRANCIS INN

Join Catholic Center members travelling to Philadelphia to spend the week of April 25-May 1 volunteering at the St. Francis Inn. Volunteers will stay at the St. Francis Inn and help prepare meals for those in need in the Kensington area as well as join the Inn staff and volunteers for daily Mass and evening prayers. Contact the Center Office for more information or to sign up.

CRS RICE BOWLS

The Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls will be in the Chapel and the Center office. Through CRS Rice Bowls, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

Do Catholics still fast before communion?

For many years, the Catholic Church had a very strict fast prior to receiving communion, requiring communicants to abstain from food, water, and even medicine from midnight the night before mass. Not much is talked about this anymore. Is there still a rule? The rules for fasting were updated three times in the 20th century, with the final one coming in 1964 from St. Pope Paul VI. The current rules, as stated in canon 919 of canon law, are as follows:

- §1. A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine.
- §3. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

So, yes, there is still a rule for fasting. We would not stop at a fast food restaurant on the way to an expensive banquet, and so we do not fill our physical bodies with food prior to going to the heavenly banquet of the Eucharist. It reminds us that we do not live on bread alone, but require spiritual nourishment from heaven.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

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

February 2, 2020

Offertory \$14,718.63 Alms \$414.39

February 9, 2020

Offertory \$8,154.93 Alms \$208.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Edward Adrian, Bern Allard, Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Bill Burden, Brian Carr, Grace Byrne, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, Pilar Delaplaine, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Mildred George, Noleen Casey, Pat Goggin, Pilar Delaplaine, Amy Hartwell, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Artur Muszynski, Barbara O'Brien, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, 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 Joe Daniels, Robert A. Salerno and Christina Scott

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 19..

Colin F., Annabella B., Harrison B., Cooper D., Everett E., Sam F., Brice G., Will G., McClellan G., Kylie K., Courtney M., Tommy N., Jacob O., Stella P., William P., Charlotte P., Lettie P., John Ashley R., Nadine S., Rebekah V., Cameron W., Charlie W., Judah W., Reagan J., Mary Margaret W.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY

Our Monday evening Confirmation Class will meet February 24 from 7:00-8:45 PM. Please keep ten of our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they go on retreat to Cove Crest this upcoming weekend. Camille, Claire, Kennedy, Abigail, Owen, Simon, Michael, Maggie, Sam, Charlie.

RE WEDNESDAY CLASSES

No class on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Nursery will meet on February 23 from 10:00-11:00AM. 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.

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

IGNITE

Join us on Wednesday Nights at 8:00PM for our Freshman Ministry Ignite. Each week we have dinner, a talk and small groups!

SEEKING WATER

Every other Tuesday at 8:00PM, join us for our Praise and Worship Ministry. The next seeking water will be this Tuesday, February 25!

ARCH

Join us each Thursday Night at 7:00PM for an array of events ranging from Game Nights to Dinner and Discussions! We would love to have you!

CSA BOARD

Interested in joining the 2020-21 board? Be on the lookout for more information regarding applications!

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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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