

The Catholic Center

LENTEN REFLECTION

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. We long to have no worries, no hungers, no fears, no insecurities. "You can't depend on God to care for you - take care of yourself", the devil tempts. You don't need anyone else - you don't even need God...and don't we hear that today? But Jesus refuses. Every word of God is his food - his very life - he is dependent on God.

We struggle with the demon of ego and honor. We so deeply want to look good, to seem more intelligent or composed or virtuous than we are, to make a public show of ourselves, Jesus responds, "Yes, I am close to honor and to God. But I choose to let God's love, not my pride or ego, be my life."

We struggle with the demon of power. It begins by setting ourselves above others and it often ends with oppressing others. The temptation, "you can be the great one who rules everything." Jesus responds, "The Lord, your God is number one - he alone shall you worship - he alone shall you serve."

The sin in the garden was to reject who they were. As humans we are wonderfully made but dependent on the creator - on God. God does not need us but we need God. Three temptations and three humble answers. Jesus knew how to hear his Father over the babble of possessions, honor and pride and would not desert the great love of his life - his Father.

And that is why we have Lent, a time to look closely at life and to recommit to the belief that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

- Father Frank

THIS WEEK IN LENT

Lenten Collection: Camp Kesem at UGA

Camp Kesem at UGA is a student-run, non-profit that provides a free summer camp and support to children affected by their parents' cancer. For the collection this week they are requesting **paper towels, pool towels, zip ties, paper lunch sacks, headlamps, washable paint, or anything else you think might be good for a summer camper.** There are slips of paper in the back of the chapel that outline the materials they are looking for. They will gladly accept gift cards (Target, Amazon, Home Depot, Sam's, Walmart) or monetary donations as well! For more information, please contact Nikki Edwards at nje57154@uga.edu or call the center office.

24- Hour Adoration

From 7:00AM on Thursday to 7:00AM Mass on Friday we will have Adoration in the Chapel. Stop in and spend time in prayer.

Potluck Lunch and Reflection

Join us on Thursdays during Lent from 12PM in the Center Hall for a light lunch and a brief reflection.

March 5 - Milton Lopes on Matthew 25

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

Every Friday During Lent (except March 13th) the Catholic Center will be hosting: Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM in the Chapel followed by a Soup Dinner at 6:30PM in the Center Hall.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 3/1

10:00AM RE PreK/Kindergarten (H)
11:00AM Baptism Prep Class (Li)
7:00PM Sunday Night Dinner (H)
8:30PM FIAT 90 (TV)

Monday, 3/2

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

Tuesday, 3/3

9:30AM Catholic Mama's Group (TV)
3:30PM Campus Kitchen (K)
6:00PM OFS (L)
7:00 PM RCIA (TV)

Wednesday, 3/4

6:00PM RE 1st-8th (H)
8:00PM Ignite (H)

Thursday, 3/5

7:00AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)
10:00AM Women's Bible Study (L)
12:00PM Potluck Lunch & Reflection (H/K)
6:30PM Adult Confirmation (L)
7:00PM Arch Ministry (H)

Friday 3/6

8:00AM Breakfast Club (H)
5:00PM Reese Convalidation (CH)
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (H)

Saturday 3/7 & Sunday 3/8

Lenten Collection: Camp Kesem

UGA Spring Break Begins

NO Sunday 6PM Mass!

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 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 for meals and discussion.

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.

SILVER ANGELS POTLUCK

Silver Angels potluck meeting will be in the hall on Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30AM. After lunch we will carpool to the Extra Special People facility in Watkinsville. ESP is a non-profit that creates opportunities for people with disabilities and their families to engage, connect, and thrive. ESP runs weekend and after-school programs, family support programs, and events in addition to 8 weeks of summer camp. ESP serves 450 families, 30 counties and 2000 individuals. Some of our members have volunteered for their Big Jump fundraiser at the Monroe airport. We hope you will bring a dish to share for lunch and join us for a trip to this facility which is handicap-friendly.

EASTER FLOWERS

To make our church beautiful during this holiday season, we will be decorating with Easter Flowers. If you would like to participate by making a donation in honor of or in memory of someone, please pick up a form and return it with payment in the offertory basket or to the office by Monday, April 6. The suggested donation for the flowers is \$20.

FLU SEASON UPDATE

To protect the vulnerable members of our Catholic Center community we will be receiving Communion under one species until further notice. Remember to wash your hands frequently.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Fr. Casey and our students distributing Ashes at the Tate Center on Ash Wednesday.

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 - Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
5:00PM - Deceased members of the Sopera and Wattigny Families

Sunday- Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7/Rom5:12-19
8:00AM - Jeanne Rolfes †
10:00AM - Catholic Center Members
6:00PM - ASB Missionaries (int.)

Monday - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
5:30PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Tuesday - Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
5:30PM - RCIA Candidates (int)

Wednesday- Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
5:30PM - RE Families & Catechists (int)

Thursday - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Mt 7:7-12

5:30PM - Men's Spirituality Group

Friday - Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
7:30AM - CC Breakfast Club (int)

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

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.

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.

LENT WITH THE FRIARS

The HNP Office of Development FriarWorks is introducing our NEW interactive online Lenten calendar - Lent With The Friars!

This online Lenten calendar offers daily features that are sent directly to your inbox and provides simple reflective prayers, videos, and meditations for each day of Lent.

They are then followed by a reflection that brings someone or some ministry to our minds, hearts, and prayers.

Sign up for daily emails during Lent at www.lentwiththefriars.org/subscribe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE WEDNESDAY CLASSES

RE Wednesday Classes will meet March 4 from 6:00 to 7:15PM. We will be in the Chapel by 7:00 to do the Stations of the Cross. Our 7th and 8th Graders will be presenting the Stations this Wednesday. Parents, please join us in the Chapel for the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during RE at 7:00PM. We will dismiss from the Chapel at 7:15PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR MARCH

Our Monday evening Confirmation Class will meet March from 7:00-8:45 PM.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Nursery will meet on March 1 at 10:00AM. Children ages 3 months to 3 years of age are welcomed to attend.

LENTEN COLLECTION: CAMP KESEM

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SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Save the date: June 1-5 for our annual summer bible camp. This summer we will focus on Celebrating the Lives of the Saints and The Bible. Each day, we will explore the life of a saint and dive deeper into how well we know our bible. We hope to have you join us!

For more information contact Lynn Renna at 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.

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!



ICE SKATING

A large group of our students went ice skating at the Classic Center last Friday. A huge thank you to the Catholic Center for the ticket donation and to all those who came out and skated with us!

MARCH 1, 2020

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

How Long is Lent?

Chances are, you were probably taught that Lent is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, lasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Which sounds right. Until you check the calendar and see that there are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

One way that we can understand this is that, because Sundays are never days of fasting but days of rejoicing in the resurrection, if you skip the 6 Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday... there are technically 40 days.

Then again, even if Sundays aren't a day of fasting, they are certainly a part of Lent, as we do not sing the Alleluia or Gloria, and our readings are focused on the season. Liturgists point out that, liturgically speaking, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are not technically Lent, nor are the days between Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent (the Missal simply says "Thursday after Ash Wednesday," not "such-n-such a day in Lent.") Take out those days and include Sunday... and you have 40 days.

Of course, we have official documents for this sort of thing, and so according to The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, "Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive." Meaning, according to the Church... Lent is 43 days long.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 9, 2020

Offertory \$8,154.93 Alms \$208.00

February 16, 2020

Offertory \$13,660.06 Alms \$709.75

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, Meth McElhannon, 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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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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