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Mass Readings

Saturday - Dorothy Peltier †

Sunday - Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16 8AM - Pilar Delaplane † 11AM - Charo Garcia-Pozo † 4PM - Firs Responders & Rescue Workers (int.) 6PM - CC Members †

Monday - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13

5:30PM - St. Joseph (int)

Tuesday - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Lk 8:19-21

5:30PM - Seeking Water (int)

Wednesday - Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

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

Thursday - Eccl 1:2-11/Lk9:7-9 **5:30PM - Jim Cullen** †

Friday - Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

8:00 AM - Frank C. O'Halloran, Jr †

The Catholic Center

Dear Catholic Community of UGA:

September 20, 2020

This week I had the opportunity to do 'Conversations with Fr. Fred' on Zoom. I enjoyed that time, although it's different from being with others in person. One of the questions that has been asked of me is: What is your vision for the Catholic Center for the future?

It's a good question and worthy of much thought. I want you all to think about that too. I picture us continuing to build upon the good things that have been done in the many decades that the Franciscans were leaders in this community. I picture us, not only looking to our past, but visioning for the future. What do we want to look like as a faith community 5 years from now, 10 years from now? What programs do we want to grow? Our facilities are aging. What needs to happen with our present buildings? Recognizing that we're on a great piece of property because of its location, what does that mean in terms of what we build, renovate, etc? What kinds of needs will we have for the future?

I see us answering these questions together as a faith community. I look forward to a different time when, having met many more of you in this community, we will be able to more fluidly move forward together. So, in conclusion, I invite you to begin thinking about the Catholic Center. What have you loved the most as a community? Where do you think we need to grow? How do you picture this community in 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 50 years?

Finally, we're beginning Religious Education for our youth on Zoom. Keep all the young people, families and catechists in your prayers. There's been a great response to RE with sign-ups.

In Christ,

Fr. Fred

STUDENT UPDATES

The beginning of this school year brought a lot of change and uncertainty, but we are so proud of the Catholic Student Association Board for adjusting and thriving! Our Tuesday night Seeking Water ministry has had upwards of 80 students joining us to worship in front of the blessed sacrament. Ignite, our freshman ministry has adjusted to a different set-up, with socially distanced small groups and no dinner, and yet they are still creating an amazing way for freshman to find a home here at the Catholic Center. Arch, which meets on Thursdays, is only in its' second year as a ministry and is producing wonderful content. This week, they brought in Father Michael from Johns Creek to talk about prayer! Additionally, our Men's and Women's Coordinators have been creating fantastic, safe ways to still build community from a distance. From a Bob Ross paint night to a cornhole tournament, they are allowing our students a way to see their friends and make new ones in these uncertain times. We are so thankful or the unending support of the community, particularly with creating the upper room for studying and the student pantry for those who may not have access to sufficient food.

These changes have allowed this space to feel even more like home!

HOMELESS SERVICE PROJECT

The Catholic Student Association has organized a service project to minister to our homeless brothers and sisters in Christ. Through your donations, we will be assembling Care Packages for our students to distribute to the homeless in our community. The Catholic Center will be accepting donations for these care packages until October 4. Items can be dropped off in the center hall. Please contact Liz Quilliams, <u>eaq28100@uga.edu</u>, if you have any questions!

Donations Needed:

Water Bottles, Quart Size Ziplock Bags, Gallon Size Ziplock Bags, Gender Neutral Underwear, Socks, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Masks, Hand Sanitizer, Dry Shampoo Feminine products, Wipes, Band-Aids, Ponchos, Non-perishable food items

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF) BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will meet via Zoom on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm to discuss Chapter 1 in the study guide "Isaiah 40-55: Build a Highway for God." Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

LAUDATO BEE

Buzzing for new members! I would love to get you involved with Laudato Bee, the CC bee club. If you love honey bees, honey, or bees, this is the place for you! Even if you are not comfortable getting in the hives, we still need your help! Honey sampling and snacks at our first meeting! Please fill out this interest form to join the GroupMe and help set the meeting dates!

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Laudato Bee Honey will be sold after each mass this weekend! Please make sure to bring exact change - \$10 for a small bottle & \$15 for a large bottle!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursdays at 10AM via Zoom. Sister Uyen-Chi will be the moderator of the group. All are welcome! Please email Kathy McGill at jmmcgill2@bellsouth.net if you are interested.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have 120 students registered in our RE Program and 18 Catechists. Our First RE Zoom Classroom Meeting is this Sunday for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students at 9:30 AM. Wednesday, September 23, we will Welcome grades 1st through 8th to join the RE Zoom Classroom at 6:00 PM. If you want to know more about our RE Program this year, please contact Lynn Renna, dre@ccatuga.org.

RE Catechists: Tiffany Mukundi Madison Seguin Katie Buechler Rachel Coltrane Brett Grayson Claudia Trejo Kathy Nguyen Joe Costyn Abby Doorley Erin Twomey Ashley Affeldt Julie Vassil Ryan Hartman Alwin Rejimon Julie Barkley Chandler McDevitt William Velasquez Caro Woodard

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important, knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity, reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

MASS PROTOCOL UPDATES

We are testing a change in our Mass Check-in Protocol. Instead of making a reservation, the Masses will be open on a first-come/first seated basis. The mass attendance limit will not change. Attendance, as of now, will be capped at 80 people. Our mass coordinators will have counters to keep track of the attendance. Once we reach our cap, we will send people to the overflow area in the Center. If you have symptoms of Covid-19 or another illness (fever, cough, etc.) or you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or suspects he/she is positive, please do not attend Mass. As always, masks are required in the Chapel and Center Hall. Thank you for your help in keeping our members safe.

MASS CHECK-IN

- The Chapel will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins. Please do not arrive earlier than 30 minutes.
- The Mass Coordinator will greet you and/or your family and sanitize your hands. An usher will seat you. Please note that the usher will seat families, couples, individuals considering social distancing. Do not move to another area. College students will only be allowed to sit with roommates or housemates.
- When 80 people have checked in, we will send the overflow to the Center Hall. Chairs will be set up with social distancing and the television in the hall will live stream the Mass. A maximum of 25 people can be seated in the overflow. An usher will be assigned to the Hall and a Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to the Hall.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for continuing to generously share your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. For any questions, please contact the Center.

September 6, 2020

September 13, 2020 Offertory \$5907.00 Alms \$158.00

Offertory \$10,355.40 Alms \$552.00

GIFTS PROVIDING TAX BENEFITS

With a gift of appreciated stock, you can support your parish now and in the future without impacting you or your family. To make a gift to your parish endowment fund by transferring securities, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at jgreco@cfnga.org or learn more at cfnga.org.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Rosilyn Andrews, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, May Colley, Marty Connell, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, Pilar Delaplane, George Dougherty, Valerie Elliott, Carlos Figueroa, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Amy Hartwell, Bob Henry, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gordan Manning, Mikel Nicolo, Barbara O'Brien, Michael Ohana, Sharon Perrine, Norah Risher, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Ann Schrauth, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Peggy Sudruth, Doug Tigert, Dorothy Wasko and Joan Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Pilar Delaplane.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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