

The Catholic Center



Merry Christmas

Dear Catholic Community at UGA:

Father Brian and I are coming closer to our 6th month anniversary here at the Catholic Center. It's amazing how fast time goes. We continue to feel grateful for the opportunity to serve you and are very much looking forward to the New Year of 2021. A great hope is that in 2021 we'll be able to see more of your faces and especially be able to celebrate Mass with you in person. Thank you for your generosity to this Catholic Center amidst the pandemic.

For Christmas, you'll be hearing from us in the mail. I hope you like what you receive. One of the greatest joys has been to be with the staff here at the Center. They're a VERY dedicated group of people. As so many of you know, they go above and beyond the call of duty more often than not. For our staff, their work here is more than a job. Father Brian and I thank them for that kind of commitment and dedication.

Blessings to you and your families.
Peace in Christ this Advent and Christmas Season.

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CC at UGA



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Mass Readings

Saturday - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

5:00 - CC Members

Sunday - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 **8AM -** Joseph A Walton †

11AM - Peter Tung Dang †

Monday - Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39 -45

5:30 - Helen & Edward McNavish †

Tuesday - 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

5:30PM - Donald & Kathy Gruda †

Wednesday - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66

5:30 PM - Margie O'Halloren

Thursday - Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

4:00PM- Camilla Mims †

6:00PM– Don Desmond †

10:00PM – Esteban & Dolores Portel †

Friday - Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

8:00 - Don Desmond † 10:00 - Gloria Ronczkowski †

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 Vigil Mass 5:30 PM January 1 Mass 10:00 AM

No Daily Mass December 26.

Student Masses (4PM, 6PM) Masses will restart Sunday, January 17.



In Memory of . . .

Trudie Amrich
Victor & Helen Ashley
Sugianto Atmodjo
Bill & Claire Barkley
Gene Bonina
Billie & Ron Borland
Bob & Margaret Coppinger
Craig Elliot
Pat & Irene Emerson
Michele Flaherty
Paul & Jeanne Flemming
Charles Garbin
George Gardes
Edwina Ginter
Jack & Elsie Horton

Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins
Alice & Hugh Jamieson
Sylvia Kimball
Richard & Mary Kirchner
Maury Maher
Deceased Members of the
Malanoski, Goodbout and
Pester Families
Mildred Marra
Doris McAllister
James McNamara
Bob & Marie Miller
Camilla Mim
Val & Anita Montoya
Frank Morris

Janet Ostrander
Pilar Pages Delaplane
Deidre Petley-Gower
Lymon Rains
Louie J.Richt Jr.
Marg Saar
Margaret Smith
Ed Smith
Eddie Smith
Suzette Talarico
John & JoAnn Toutkoushian
John Toutkoushian Jr.
Julian Vallejo
Annie Ruth Watwood

In Honor of . . .

Jacob & Lauren Arnest
Catholic Center Members
Margaret & Bob Coppinger

Suzanne & Daniel Dooley
Barbara & Vince Dooley
Richard Ostrander

Marge Smith
Ellen Visser
Ryan Visser

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This past Monday we had our confirmation candidates join us for 5:30 mass and Advent Trivia! The masked mingling event ended outside the Chapel where hot chocolate and donuts were served. Thank you all for coming and making this event fun and safe!

Merry Christmas to all of the RE Families and children. Enjoy the holiday time together, in being safe, counting all of your blessings, and keeping Jesus in your hearts. See you in January 2021!

CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION

This Christmas our second collection is for Catholic Charities. The Catholic Charities mission is to labor in the streets inviting and serving those who have been left out to know the tremendous and abundant love of God through Jesus Christ. They commit themselves to break down walls of division that keep sisters and brothers separated from one another, excluded, or rendered disposable by our society. With joy, they resolve to build bridges of hope, mercy and justice toward the creation of a culture of communal care responsive to the cries of those who are poor.



CLEANING THE CHURCH

On Wednesday, December 23 we will be cleaning the church to prepare for Christmas. If you can spare an hour or two to help us make the Chapel even more beautiful, we would appreciate it. Tasks would involve vacuuming the Chapel, straightening out the pews and dusting. Contact the Catholic Center office if you would like to volunteer.



HOLY FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Catholic Counseling Tracy Cullom, LAPC, with Holy Family Counseling Center, provides counseling for individuals, couples and families from a Catholic perspective at The Catholic Center at UGA. For information and appointments, please call 678-993-8494 or visit their website at holyfamilycounselingcenter.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus Corner at the Catholic Center UGA.

During this Advent Season we would like to remember the meaning of the candles on the Advent Wreath and Core Principles of the Knights. Four in each case: On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Fourth Principle: Patriotism.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both. Whether it is in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

43RD 5K HUMAN RACE TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The race must go on but it may look a little different. We are looking at options to run the race and keep everyone safe. If you would like to volunteer for our 5K Human Race Committee, we welcome you. Help us plan a fun and safe race and continue this awesome tradition. Contact Sr. Uyen-chi and admincsa@ccatuga.org if you would like volunteer for the planning committee or would like more information. Runners, be sure to mark this on your calendar!

OUR DAILY BREAD

The Catholic Center cooks a hot lunch for Our Daily Bread on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The director at ODB said that the Catholic Center cooks more than any other group and everyone loves the food (no surprise there). Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare these meals. Our Sign-up for 2021 is on our website.

We are always looking for volunteers (no cooking expertise needed).

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We have had many people switch to Online Giving during 2020. Thank you so very much for your generosity throughout this challenging year. We are pleased to let you know that we are now able to take American Express with Online Giving. Our Online Giving can be found on the Catholic Center website at www.ccatuga.org. Please contact the Catholic Center office if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

December 6, 2020

December 13, 2020

Offertory \$12,967.13 Alms \$284.00

Offertory \$20,619.40 Alms \$266.75

TAX STATEMENTS

Thank you to all of our donors this year! As we prepare to send out our end of year tax statements, please ensure you notify the Catholic Center office of any address changes!

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Diane Ambrose, Huguette Bourgery, Mim & Nick Bourke, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, Mary Colley, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, MaryAnn Deom, Bob Dube, Tom Eaton, Alice Gallagher, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, the Glisson family, Amy Hartwell, Bob Henry, Carl Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gordan Manning, Jim Miller, Jim Mueller, Mikel Nicolo, Barbara O'Brien, Sharon Perrine, Norah Risher, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Ann Schrauth, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Doug Tigert, and Joan Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Kathirae Severson, Edward Fitzgerald and Gloria Ronczkowksi.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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