



AUGUST 22, 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# The Catholic Center

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Hello! I write to you as a recent arrival, excited to meet many more of you in the days and weeks ahead. Thank you to so many of you who have already given me such a warm welcome! By way of introduction, I am a Handmaid of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (like Sr. Uyen-Chi!) and am coming from the Philadelphia area, where I worked in Campus Ministry at St. Joseph's University. Coming to Athens is a special experience for me because it was here that I first met our sisters and felt the early inklings of a call to be a Handmaid. I'm grateful to now be missioned here and for the opportunity to form part of this community!

This week, the Gospel speaks to us of the challenge and invitation that often accompanies our call as disciples and friends of Jesus Christ. We see Jesus' followers balk at what seems to them like impossibly strange teaching. In the verses just before our Sunday reading, Jesus tells them, "my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." Perhaps we can imagine hearing this for the first time, unaided by the now familiar, if still mysterious, teaching on the Eucharist. *What is this man saying?!?* might be our reaction.

Jesus is unshaken by their doubt. He accompanies them in their questions and invites them to open themselves to a deeper reading of his words. Acknowledging that faith is a gift, he invites them to step beyond their own limited framework and into an understanding that is illuminated by God's grace. Faced with this challenge, some of his followers walk away, clinging too tightly to what they "know to be so" to welcome the newness that Jesus offers.

I can sympathize with the vertigo and discomfort that comes with being asked to see something new, something that demands a reordering and a reimagining of things that I thought were settled. I am always stirred to faith, however, by Peter's earnest response when Jesus asks his closest friends if they too want to leave: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Despite not being able to fully grasp Jesus' message right away, Peter holds fast to the relationship that has become the center of his life. He has "tasted and seen the goodness of the Lord" and that allows him to respond with humble and scrappy faith. He stays because he has experienced God's love through Jesus and trusts that to be true. We too can ask for the gift of faith and do our part to open ourselves up to receive the grace as it is poured out for us. As we continue to journey in this challenging time and step into the novelty and newness of this new academic year, may our living bear witness to the goodness and love of the Lord so that we might help one another along on the journey of faith.

Peace and blessings to you!

*Sr. Catherine*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 5PM

Monday - Thursday: 5:30PM

Friday: 8AM

### Confession

Wednesday: 4-5PM

Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

### Weekly Adoration

Will resume when the semester begins.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Update on the Catholic Center Covid-19 Protocols (8/19/21)

Dear Catholic Community at UGA:

As we continue to deal with the The Archdiocese of Atlanta has stated, in the most recent Communique, that parishes and centers are to follow county and local policies regarding the wearing of masks. At this time, in Athens/Clark County, masks are required in both public and private indoor spaces. Beginning Saturday, August 21, 2021, masks will be required for the Saturday, 5PM Vigil Mass and Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:30AM Masses regardless of vaccination status. Please note that for the Sunday, 5:00PM Student Mass, our policy will be aligned with UGA's mask policy which states that masks will be strongly encouraged. Thank you for walking with us through this challenging time. We will continue to monitor updates with both the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Athens/Clarke County.

### HELP FEED OUR CC STUDENTS AT THE WELCOME BACK BBQ

The CSA is planning a Welcome Back BBQ for Friday, August 27 in the CC parking lot. We are seeking homemade sides dishes for this annual event. Please check out the Sign-up Genius below or contact Jenni at the CC office to sign up to bring a dish. Please bring your delicious salad, dessert, beans or chips to the Center by 4:00PM Friday.



### SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers who like to cook and prepare food for our students at Sunday Night Dinner. No experience is necessary! The team will work from 3pm until 5:30pm. Please sign-up on our website or call the office 706-543-2293.



We are also looking for some baked goodies for desserts! Please drop them off during the week in the office.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

The history of the Knights of Columbus begins with its founding in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT. The order was designed to foster members' pride in both their Catholic and American heritages and to establish standards of behavior for Catholic gentlemen; it emphasizes being chivalrous, a loving husband, a good Catholic, and a solidarity with one's fellow man. Knights were seen as fathers and parishioners first. It advocates for Catholic causes and provides a range of philanthropic and support services to Catholic institutions worldwide. Interested in joining us: [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

2:30PM – 7:00PM on MONDAY – August 23rd

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Catholic Center on Monday, August 23rd, from 2:30PM to 7:00PM. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. There is an urgent need for donors during these uncertain times, and you can make a difference. Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate. Sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code: UGACC or call Sister Uyen-Chi or Jenni at 706-543-2293.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10AM

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 2nd, at 10AM with two options, in-person with masks or via Zoom. Sister Uyen-Chi will be the moderator of the group. We will use A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother from Ascension Press. All are welcome! Please email Kathy McGill at [kdm1941@gmail.com](mailto:kdm1941@gmail.com) if you are interested.



### RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

This year we are raffling off signed footballs from Coaches Vince Dooley and Kirby Smart and signed basketballs from Coaches Tom Crean and Joni Taylor. Raffle tickets will be available for anyone to purchase after weekend mass on Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 8AM & 10:30AM. Proceeds from the raffle and the tournament will support the Catholic Center's activities and ministries. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check only). If you need to pay by card please visit the office during the week. Need not be present at the tournament to win!



### 19TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CENTER DOOLEY CLASSIC

Join us on Friday, September 10 at the UGA Golf Course for a day of golfing, prizes, delicious food and more. This year we are raffling off signed footballs from Coaches Vince Dooley and Kirby Smart and signed basketballs from Coaches Tom Crean and Joni Taylor. Raffle tickets will be available for anyone to purchase after weekend Masses for 3 weeks starting August 21st. Proceeds from the tournament will support the Catholic Center's activities and ministries. To register to golf or to become a sponsor, go to the Catholic Center website at [ccatuga.org](http://ccatuga.org) or pick up a brochure in the front office or the back of the Chapel. Contact Jenni at [stewardship@ccatuga.org](mailto:stewardship@ccatuga.org) to volunteer for more information. See you on the course!



### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP FAIR

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our Stewardship Fair after the Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8AM and Sunday 10:30AM outside of the Chapel in the parking lot. All of our ministries will be represented. Learn more about opportunities to share your Time, Treasure and Talent. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

## FAITH FORMATION

### RCIA

Do you feel called to become Catholic? Looking for a way to explore and ask some questions related to joining the Church? RCIA may be for you (or them)! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process during which seekers gradually experience a shared spiritual journey as they discern their call to become Catholic. Over the course of the year, we will learn about, discuss and pray with various aspects of the Catholic faith: its doctrines, history, sacraments, prayers, practices and rituals.

UGA Undergraduate students: Sundays @ 3:30pm, beginning Sept 12

All others: Thursdays @ 7pm, beginning Sept 9th

Please contact Sr. Catherine at [sacraments@ccatuga.org](mailto:sacraments@ccatuga.org) to find out more or go to the website.


### RCIA SPONSORS

Is your Catholic faith a source of sustenance, joy and meaning for you? Do you desire to share it with others? Consider becoming an RCIA sponsor! We live out our faith in community and you don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers in order to support and accompany others who are journeying deeper into theirs. Please contact Sr. Catherine at [sacraments@ccatuga.org](mailto:sacraments@ccatuga.org) by Sept 1 if you are interested.

### 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPEN

We now have 131 registered students for RE. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! The 2021-2022 RE Registrations are found on the website: [www.ccatuga.org](http://www.ccatuga.org)

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

 Promise to protect, pledge to heal - you are family - we are here to listen and take action. To report abuse by a member of the clergy, volunteer, or church personnel of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, please contact the office of child and youth protection at 404-920-7550.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Last week: Which saint saw a flaming, winged figure in the sky when receiving the stigmata? **St. Francis of Assisi**

This week: Who was the first pope to broadcast on radio?

\*The answer for this week will be in next weeks bulletin, so read to find out!

## CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### all are welcome

welcome week at the catholic center august 23rd to 27th

#### 23 diversity and inclusion

cultural potluck at 7pm

#### 26 upperclassmen game night

family feud catholic trivia at 7pm

#### 24 seeking water

praise and worship at 8pm

#### 27 catholic center carnival

dunk tank, face paint, and games at 7:30pm

#### 25 freshman ignite

luau experience at 7pm

## 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.

### August 8, 2021

\$11,943.00 - Offertory \$391.00 - Alms

### August 15, 2021

\$9,530.91 - Offertory \$194.10 - Alms

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Charlotte Alesi, Joel Alesi, Robert Ballard, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Shannon Campbell, Brian Carr, Carlos Cassera, Chip Chandler, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Peter Dang, Lindsey Davis, Elena Dekazos, Morgan Doorley, Tom Eaton, Ella Ewing, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Judy Hayes, Bob Henry, Ann Johnson, Mary Kurtz, Pats Laniak, Jill Liberatore, Chizuru Lupsha, Cecile Maher, Angela Mancinelli, Jim Miller, Joyce Milner, Susan Moore, Barbara O'Brien, Heather Owens, Sharon Perrine, Richard Pfundstein, Lee Prendergast, Larry Ptaczek, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Lisa Siciliano, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Chandler Thompson, Doug Tigert, Juan Tristan, Raquel Tristan, Yolanda Tristan, Frank Trocino, Dorothy Wasko, and John Weiss.

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially MaryAnn Deom and Paulina Gruninger-Broder.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for August:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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