



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1962



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Eileen Sopera †	Tuesday 5:30PM-Communion Serv. Hugette Bourgery
Sunday 8AM - Clifton West Delk †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Joel Alesi
10:30AM - Ingrid Rojas	Thursday 5:30PM - Elsie Hartan †
5PM - Lawrence Ptaschek †	Friday 8AM - Harold Eugene
Monday 5:30PM-Communion Serv. Cherie & Vince Frankson	Whittington †

Save the Date...The Annual 5K Human Race is Back!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 19 for the 44th Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race. We are looking for runners, walkers, sponsors and planning committee members. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 5PM Monday-Thursday: 5:30PM Friday: 8AM	Confession: Wednesday 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30 Weekly Adoration: Monday from 6PM through Tuesday 5:30PM
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Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/11
9AM - Morning of Reflection for Mass Volunteers
3:30PM - Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 12/12
Third Sunday in Advent
6PM - Sunday Night Dinner

Monday 12/13
5:30PM Communion Service
8PM - Finals Late Night Dinner

Tuesday 12/14
9:30AM - Our Daily Bread
5:30PM Communion Service
8PM - Finals Late Night Dinner

Wednesday 12/15
4PM - Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 12/16
10AM - Women's Bible Study
5:30PM - Baccalaureate Mass
6:30PM - December Graduate Dinner

Friday 12/17
UGA Commencement
8AM Mass
7PM - Filipino Night Mass & Reception

Saturday 12/18
3:30PM - Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM - Korean Mass & Potluck

A Message From Fr. Brian

Dear Catholic Center Community,
In the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist tells the community that Jesus is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The phrase "on fire" is a phrase that is often used in sports to express how well an athlete is performing. They "can't be stopped," they are doing so well, they are "on a roll." To be "on fire" infers that everyone needs to tune in for themselves to check out just how awesome the particular athlete is doing. The same expression can be applied to the Saints. The Saints are men and women who have gone before us who were "on fire." They lived this life in an exemplary way, pioneering new territory and living out the faith beautifully. These Saints lived a life in close proximity to Christ, loving God and neighbor. They dedicate their lives to growing in love and extending this love to those around them, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Many of you are "on fire." As you grow in your faith, you return to the altar for strength and nourishment. The Lord lights you on fire with his living flame of love. Perhaps you have seen how God transforms things and redeems things. Perhaps you can point to moments in your life where you were given strength when you absolutely needed it, or a profound peace when you were restless. Maybe you have encountered joy amidst turbulent times, or excitement and curiosity when life seemed to get dull and boring. You are living out your faith in your own context and it is full of hope, joy, peace, strength, love. Many of you have been lit "on fire" by Jesus. I can testify to this. Many of our students are "on fire" as well. I have the privilege of walking closely with them, observing and stoking the flame of faith within them. Many of them return to the altar seeking life in the craziness of college. They come during the day and sit near the tabernacle to receive the Lord's warmth when their day seems cold. Some spend many hours here in our community because those who gather here bring out the best in them, loving them as their brother or sister. So many of our students are "on fire" because they are a part of this Catholic Center community.

Jesus lights us all on fire. He fans the flame of faith by means of the sacraments and fellow brothers and sisters in the faith. We become ignited with true life when we say "yes" like Mary did. May this advent season be a time when we allow God to come into our lives in a fresh way and live his fire through us.

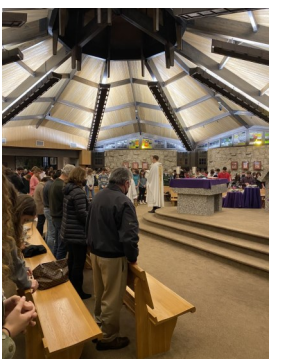
Blessings,
Fr. Brian

2nd Collection Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend's second collection supports the Church's Retirement Fund for Religious to help religious communities care for older members now and in the future. These funds support health-care and retirement needs of their aging members. For more information visit retiredreligious.org

Blessing of the Brains

Wednesday, we held our annual blessing of the brains for our college students before finals began. After Mass they ate a home cooked meal at the first of four late night dinners. Please keep them in your prayers as they wind down the semester.



Announcements

Finals Week

Pray for our students as they take their final exams December 9-15 and make their way home to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Late Night Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Finals Week began Wednesdays, 12/8 with our annual Blessing of the Brains and first of four "Not so Late Night" Breakfasts. Volunteers are needed to prepare a yummy breakfast casserole to help our students study for finals. We are asking for volunteers to deliver a breakfast casserole to the Center on Mon 12/13. We have disposable trays in the CC office for our volunteers to fill with their delicious recipes.

Late Night Breakfast Schedule: 12/13, 12/14

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the office at stewardship@ccatuga.org

Interested in Spiritual Direction?

If you are interested in spiritual direction with Liz Vasconcelos Hammock, please use the QR code to contact her or find out more.



Our Daily Bread Needs Volunteers

Sign up to prepare a hot meal for the homeless and deliver it to Our Daily Bread at the First Baptist Church. We are in need of a few more volunteers right after Christmas: <https://bit.ly/VoIDaily>

Knights of Columbus Corner

Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Knights: Do you know that this year we are celebrating 490 years of the apparition of the Virgin of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego at the Cerro del Tepeyac in Mexico City? This is the place where the Basilica or Our Lady of Guadalupe was later built and where the original cloak with Her image is enshrined. *"Truly, I am honored to be your compassionate mother... there (at the church) truly will I listen to your cry and sadness in order to remedy and cure all their various troubles, miseries and pains."* - Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego. See you next week.

Signup for Our Mission Trips

The Alternative Spring Break mission trips this year are going to Appalachia, St. Francis, Pineridge, and El Salvador. Use the QR code to sign up by January 8!



Introducing the Elijah Cup

Beginning this Advent season, the Catholic Center is introducing the Elijah Cup following weekend Masses. The Elijah Cup is an effort to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Members will bring the Elijah Cup home to pray over as a family. Use the link on the website or the QR code to sign up.



Are You Graduating This December?

The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you. We are planning to have a Baccalaureate Mass at 5:30PM followed by dinner on Thursday, December 16, for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please fill out the form here <https://bit.ly/2021DecGrad> or scan the QR code.



Poinsettia Donations

To make our church beautiful during this holiday season, we will be decorating with poinsettias. If you would like to participate by donating a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone, please complete the form located at the entrance to the chapel and return with payment in the offertory basket or to the office by Friday, December 17th. A suggested donation is \$20. Thank you!

Religious Education

Confirmation

Confirmation Year 2 Candidates: please continue to do your research on selecting your Saint along with their Feast Day. It is due on your first day of class in 2022. Year 1 and Year 2: Don't forget to submit a copy of your Service Hour Log by 12/30. We look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year!

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi, Dianne Ambrose, Robert Ballard, Hugette Bourgery, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Shannon Campbell, Grace Cleary, Danny Clements, Norma d'Azzo, Peter Dang, Elena Dekazos, Tom Eaton, Ella Ewing, Amy Froschauer, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Judy Hayes, Ann Johnson, Pats Laniak, Jill Liberatore, Susan Luthi, Hudson Masters, Angela Mancinelli, Jim Miller, Joyce Milner, Susan Moore, Barbara O'Brien, Heather Owens, Lou Perno, Sharon Perrine, Richard Pfundstein, Lee Prendergast, Lou Richt, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Lisa Siciliano, Jimmy Simons, Dianne Stamper, Dave Sternberg, Chandler Thompson, Doug Tigert, Juan Tristan, Raquel Tristan, Yolanda Tristan, Frank Trocino & John Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially James Carow, Thomas Fitzgerald Severson, and Adele Walczak.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

November 28, 2021

\$8,234.91 - Offertory \$111.00 - Alms

December 5, 2021

\$15,225.87 - Offertory \$548.68 - Alms

Archbishop's Appeal Update: Fr. Fred, Fr. Brian and the Catholic Center staff thank you for your generous participation in the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are very grateful for your generosity. Every gift is important and appreciated. Remember, once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. Our parish goal is \$58,900. Please visit the Appeal website at archatl.com/appeal for more info or to donate online. Envelopes can be picked up in the back of the Chapel or in the Center office.

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