



# The Catholic Center

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## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5PM - Vince Dooley †	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30dPM - Vince & Cherie Frankson (25th Anniv.)
<b>Sunday</b> 8AM - Frank D'Amato III †	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30PM - Shannon A.
10:30AM - Randy Lorusso †	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30PM - Joel Alesi
5PM - Josefina de la Cruz †	<b>Friday</b> 11:30AM - Jack Horton †
<b>Monday</b> 5:30PM - Ingrid Rojas	

### Oasis Giving Tree Due Monday

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a gift from the giving tree! You all are so generous! These gifts will go to support the children and families at Oasis. As a reminder, please return all gifts unwrapped to the office by Monday, December 12th. Thank you again for your loving support of the families at Oasis.



### Liturgical Schedule

<b>Mass:</b> Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 8 & 10:30AM, 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Friday: 8AM	<b>Holy Hours:</b> Mon & Thurs: 9-5PM Tues & Weds: 9-10AM Friday 8:30-10AM <b>Confession:</b> Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30PM
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### Office

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### Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 12/10**  
11AM Funeral  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

**Sunday 12/11**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
5PM Mass  
6PM Sunday Night Dinner

**Monday 12/12**  
9AM Holy Hour  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Late Night Finals Dinner

**Tuesday 12/13**  
9AM Holy Hour  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Late Night Finals Dinner

**Wednesday 12/14**  
9AM Holy Hour  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Late Night Finals Dinner

**Thursday 12/15**  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Women's Dinner

**Friday 12/16**  
UGA Commencement  
11:30AM Baccalaureate Mass  
12PM UGA Graduation  
Lunch

**Saturday 12/17**  
11AM Funeral  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass  
7PM Filipino Mass & Reception

### A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,  
Over the course of Advent, the prophet Isaiah gives us many incredulous and wonderful images:  
*They shall beat their swords into pruning hooks...  
The wolf shall be the guest of the lamb...  
There shall be no harm or ruin on all My holy mountain...  
The desert and the parched land will exult...  
they will bloom with abundant flowers...*

But I'm asked, in today's Gospel, why it is I'm here:  
*What did you go out to the desert to see?... Why are you here at Church today?  
A reed swayed by the wind?... To see something weak?  
Someone dressed in fine clothing?... To see something powerful?*

No. My heart longs to see something more; it asks:  
*Jesus, are You the One who is to come, or should we look for another?  
Are You the One for whom we've been waiting, or should we begin to wait for someone else?*

As difficult as this longing is, it - in and of itself - proposes a joy: no one else has proposed so audacious a claim.

And there begins to an invitation to expand my imagination:  
The resentment in my own heart could turn into a fruitful yield ...  
The things irreconcilable in my life can be guests to each other ...  
There might be a place of fulfillment for me ...  
The realities once abandoned could be full of life again ...

I'm here not because my images of the world or my imagination have been bold or wonderful, but because there is a One who isn't looking for another: I'm here because there is One who has anticipated me.

Blessings,  
Fr. Michael

### Thank You Justin and Welcome Jayne!

Justin Dery has been the wonderful brain behind our liturgical and music ministry these past nine months, serving as our music director. As he and his family move to Rhode Island to be close to family, we wish him well as he starts his new job at Christ the King Catholic Church at the University of Rhode Island. Justin has been an absolute joy to have on staff, so while we are sad to see him go, we are excited for what the future holds. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they begin this new chapter of their lives. On another note, we are extremely excited to welcome Jayne Edwards as she takes over the position of music director! Those of you who attended the 10:30AM mass last weekend and the 8AM mass on the Immaculate Conception have already heard her amazing talent. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this new job.

## Announcements

### Late Night Finals Week Dinner is Back

Finals season is here! We will have late-night dinners starting Dec. 7th at 8PM for students to power through finals week. We are asking for casseroles to serve to students to be delivered earlier in the week. We will serve 4 meals and pans to make casseroles are available in the parish office. Casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery. Thank you for the support!

### Are You Graduating in December?

The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family. We will have a Baccalaureate Mass at 11:30AM followed by lunch on Fri, Dec. 16th for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please fill out the google form before Dec. 11th.



### 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 in the back of the Chapel or in the front office and return payment to the offertory basket or the office by Monday, December 19th. A suggested donation is \$20. Thank you!



### Thank You for Donating to #iGIVECATHOLIC

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the #iGiveCatholic campaign to raise money for the purchase of a new security system with Safe Dwelling Security LLC. Thanks to our generous community we were able completely offset the cost of this new system that was installed last week.

### Save the Date for the Annual Human Race 5K!

Mark your calendars for the 45th Annual Catholic Center 5K on February 18th at Oconee Veterans Park. Look out for more info on sign ups.

### Women's Dinner

Celebrate the Christmas season with the women of the Catholic Center on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 6PM (due to final exams). Join us for some yummy culinary creations and beverage concoctions. Be sure to RSVP by Monday, Dec. 12th by 5PM. The cost is \$15 a person, but please contact jnoe@uga.edu if cost is an issue.

### Donuts with Santa

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 18th after the 10:30AM Mass in the Center Hall for donuts and a visit with Santa. All are welcome to have a picture taken with Santa and enjoy a bit to eat as we begin the 4th Sunday of Advent.

### 2nd Collection for the Retirement Fund

This week's 2nd Collection is for the retirement fund for the religious. Thank you for supporting those who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

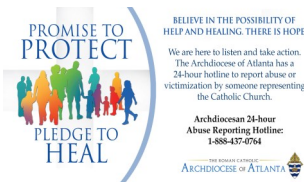
### Pick Up Your Copy of Holy Moments

"Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever." Catholic Center members and students are welcome to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's newest book Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life thanks to a very generous donor. We are planning on having a time in January to gather and discuss this book and share our Holy Moments. More information will follow. After you finish the book, be sure to pass it along to others. Thank you to our donor for this beautiful gift. We are excited to bring our community together to share these Holy Moments.



### Religious Education

Religious Education classes are done for the year! We can't wait to see everyone back in the new year! The Catholic Center has religious education classes for ages pre-kindergarten through Confirmation. Contact the Director of Religious Education, Lynn Renna dre@ccatuga.org for more information!



## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Jeffery Foster	Kathy McGill	David Simmons
Katie Britton	Alberta Foster	Kevin Noble	Dave Sterberg
Debra Brock	Denise Goins	Janna Nugent	Alyssa Thomas
Peter Bryan	Ricardo Guerra	Daniel O'Sullivan	Jake Wilson
Cindy Bullist	Charlene Hall	Lou Perno	Bryan Vaughn
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Shirley Puskarz	The Wallace Family
Rick Cook	Jeremiah	Larry Richardson	Don Young
Macie Davis	Victor Kalla	Lou Richt	
Joy Davis	James Law	Sophia Rodriguez	
Josephine Eckles	Susan Luthi	Ashlee Shapland Runyon	
Sylvia Floyd	Ron Makula	Mo Saidi	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Debra Brock, Shannon Campbell, Anthony Cushenberry, Isaac Tan, Bob Wallace, and Frank D'Amato III.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our offertory throughout the year. Your support of the Catholic Center and our ministries is heartwarming. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent.

November 27, 2022		December 4, 2022	
\$7,184.00 - Offertory	\$692.25 - Alms	\$14,267.87 - Offertory	\$545.00 - Alms

### Clergy & Staff

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