



# The Catholic Center

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*ALL ARE WELCOME*

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5PM - Deceased members of the Sapera & Wattigny Family †	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30dPM - Frank D'Amato Sr. †
<b>Sunday</b> 8AM - Vince Dooley † 10:30AM - Ramona Herrera † 5PM No Mass	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30PM - Joel Wier Jr. †
<b>Monday</b> 5:30PM - Women's CC Bible Study	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30PM - Bob Jones †
	<b>Friday</b> 11:30AM No Mass

### Office

<b>Hours:</b> Mon-Fri: 10AM-4PM	<b>Fax:</b> 706-543-2541
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	 @CatholicDawgs

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, Dec. 23rd No Mass

**Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, Dec. 24th 4PM, 6PM, 10PM  
\*Christmas Carols start at 9:30PM

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday, Dec. 25th 9AM

Monday, Dec. 26th - Friday, Dec. 30th 9AM

**New Year's Eve**  
Saturday, Dec. 31st 5PM

**New Year's Day**  
Sunday, Jan. 1st 8AM, 10:30AM  
Monday, Jan. 2nd - Friday, Jan. 6th No Mass

### Liturgical Schedule

<b>Mass:</b> Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 8 & 10:30AM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Friday: No Mass	<b>Holy Hours:</b> Tues: 9-10AM
	<b>Confession:</b> Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30PM

### Weekly Calendar

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

**Sunday 12/18**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
11:30AM Donuts with Santa

**Monday 12/19**  
5:30PM Mass

**Tuesday 12/20**  
9AM Holy Hour  
5:30PM Mass

**Wednesday 12/21**  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass

**Thursday 12/22**  
5:30PM Mass

**Friday 12/23**  
Office Closed  
No Mass

**Saturday 12/24**  
Christmas Eve  
4PM Mass  
6PM Mass  
10PM Mass

The Catholic Center office will be closed Friday, 12/23 and reopen on Tuesday, 1/3

### A Message from Sr. Uyen-Chi

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent! In today's Gospel, we hear how the day of Jesus' birth was a day "full of surprises" in which everybody's life took unexpected turns. Mary, a virgin, was going to have a child; Joseph, a righteous person, faced scandal with her pregnancy, but listened to God and took her as his wife; and the divine Word came as an infant incapable of speech. With only one week away, perhaps we might ask ourselves what this Christmas will be for me. Looking at the Holy Family, we see how the very first Christmas ushered in a new way of living, in which life is not planned, but is given, where one does not live anymore for oneself, according to one's own preferences, but for God and with God. Because from that day onward, God is Emmanuel, that is, God-is-with-us, who lives with us and walks with us.

Pope Francis once offered some suggestions to make December 25 a little more Christmas: "It will be Christmas if, like Joseph, we make room for silence; if, like Mary, we tell God, 'Here I am'; if, like Jesus, we are close to those who are alone; if, like the shepherds, we leave our sheepfolds in order to be with Jesus". Let us then use this 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent to deepen our preparation for Christmas. May our own life also take an unexpected turn toward God like Mary and Joseph and like them may we welcome God in the small and vulnerable because God came as one on Christmas day.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!  
United in Christ,  
Sr. Uyen-Chi

### Thank You for Your Giving Tree Donations

Thank you to all of our generous members who brought in gifts for the giving tree this year. Sr. Uyen-Chi's office was filled to the brim with so many toys and goodies for the Oasis community!



### Update Your Contribution Statement

This year you can receive your contribution statement to your email instead of by mail. Please fill out the form linked through the QR code to let us know your preference or to update your address. All statements will be sent out by mail unless specified.



## Announcements

### 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!

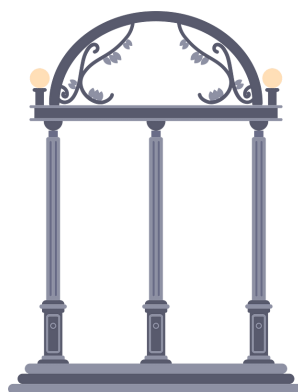


### Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Suzie Henderson Blaydes  
*MS Forestry & Natural Resources*

Jayne Edwards  
*Audio Production*

Linda Olvera  
*MA Financial Planning*



### Be Wary of Fraud

Due to the holiday season, there has been an increase in fraudulent emails asking members to personally contact our priests or to purchase gift cards for them. Fr. Michael and Fr. Brian will **never** ask you for money over email. If you have any doubt, please contact the Catholic Center front office.

### Consider Our Endowment

All 401Ks and retirement plans have beneficiaries. Leaving these plans to children can result in a large percentage going to taxes. Please consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan – even if just a percentage. For information on changing beneficiaries on retirement plans, contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia at [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org) or (404) 497- 9440. Learn more at [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org).

### The Annual Human Race 5K is Back!

Mark your calendars for the 45th Annual Catholic Center 5K on February 18th at Oconee Veterans Park. We are looking for runners, walkers, sponsors and planning committee members. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at [admincsa@ccatuga.org](mailto:admincsa@ccatuga.org).



### Donuts with Santa This Sunday!

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 bite to eat to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent.

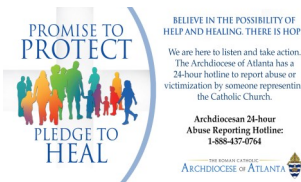
### There are a Few Copies Left: Pick Up Holy Moments in the Chapel

“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](mailto:dre@ccatuga.org) for more information!



## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Debra Brock  
Peter Bryan  
Cindy Bullist  
Grace Byrne  
Mike Clutter  
Rick Cook  
Macie Davis  
Joy Davis  
Josephine Eckles  
Sylvia Floyd

Jeffery Foster  
Alberta Foster  
Denise Goins  
Ricardo Guerra  
Charlene Hall  
Bob Henry  
Debbie Huckaby  
George Huban  
Jeremiah  
Victor Kalla  
James Law

Susan Luthi  
Ron Makula  
Kathy McGill  
Kevin Noble  
Janna Nugent  
Daniel O’Sullivan  
Lou Perno  
Shirley Puskarz  
Larry Richardson  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez

Ashlee Shapland Runyon  
Mo Saiidi  
David Simmons  
Dave Sterberg  
Joan Tillitski  
Alyssa Thomas  
Jake Wilson  
Bryan Vaughn  
The Wallace Family  
Don Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Debra Brock, Robert Harris, Mary McElhannon, Dottie Powell, Margo Schwier, Isaac Tan, and Bob Wallace.

**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.

December 4, 2022		December 11, 2022	
\$14,267.87 - Offertory	\$545.00 - Alms	\$14,537.34 - Offertory	\$237.00 - Alms

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