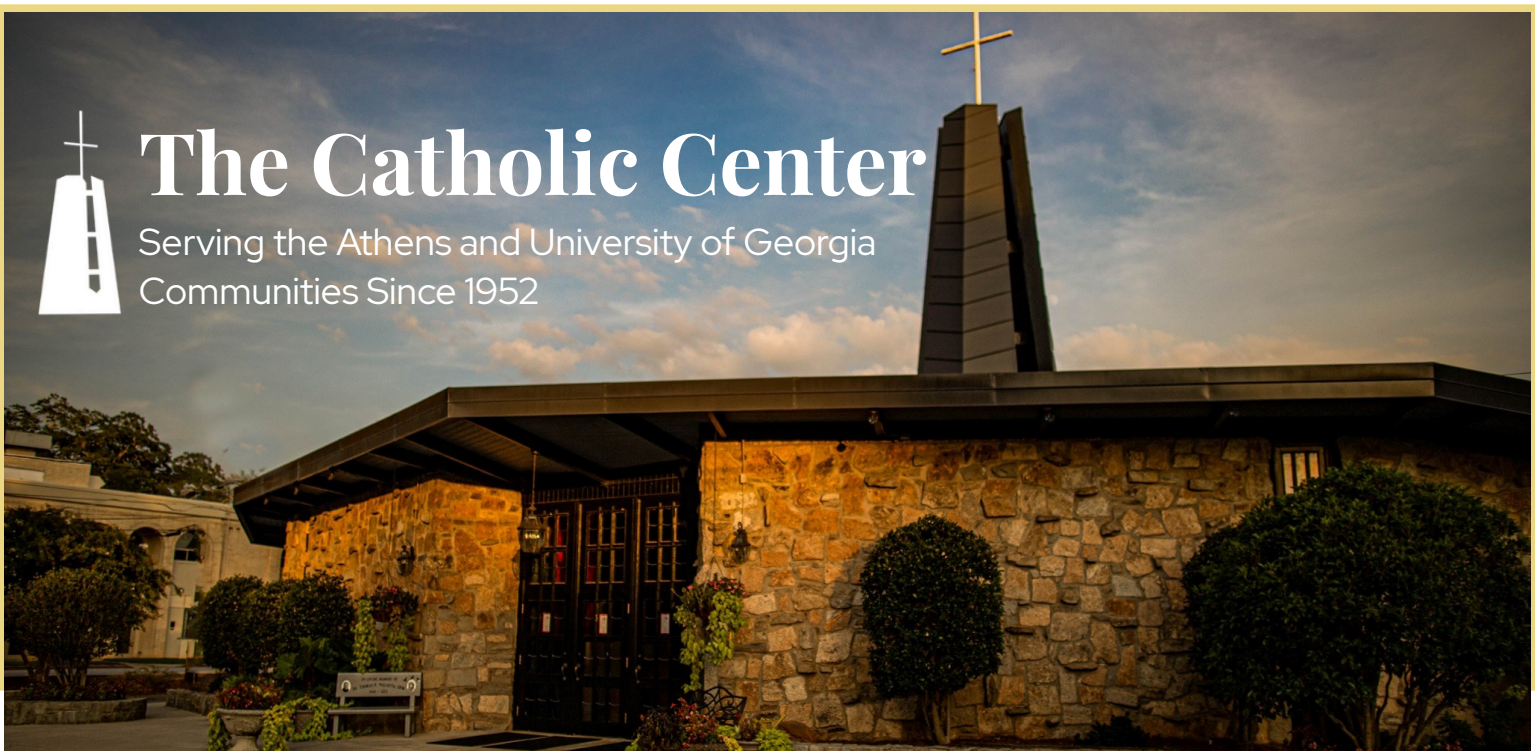




The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Vince Dooley †
- Sunday**
8AM - Monica & Bernd Hermeyer
10:30AM - James Bleakley †
5PM - Huguetta Bourgerly †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Elaine Gaudin †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Phil Jackson †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Marlene Blair †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Bernadine Verdon †
- Friday**
8AM - Earl Verdon †

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Welcome Back Students

This past week around 60 of our students traveled to the FOCUS Seek Retreat in St. Louis along with our missionaries and priests. They joined over 17,000 college students for this conference, growing in faith, fellowship, and community! We can't wait to see their faces on campus this week!



Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
Fr: 8AM

Holy Hours:
Tues: will resume after break

Confession:
Wednesday: 4-5PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calen-

- Saturday 1/7**
11AM Funeral for Mike Clutter
5PM Mass
- Sunday 1/8**
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Meeting
5PM Mass
- Monday 1/9**
UGA First Day of Classes
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM National Championship Watch Party
- Tuesday 1/10**
12PM Silver Angels
5:30PM Mass
- Wednesday 1/11**
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite
- Thursday 1/12**
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6PM Women's Dinner
7PM RCIA
- Friday 1/13**
8AM Mass
- Saturday 1/14**
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

A Message from Sr. Catherine

Dear Friends,

Have you gotten used to writing 2023 yet? I've gotten it right about half the time this week! Praying with you as we step forth into this new year.

I recently saw the movie, *The Star*. It's not high cinema, but is a rather charming animated take on the birth of Jesus from the perspective of a starry-eyed miniature donkey who ends up finding his way to the Holy Family. I have a soft spot for donkeys, so I was sold. Bo, the donkey, has big plans of joining the royal caravan where he dreams he will feel important and find fulfillment. His encounter with a pregnant Mary sets off a series of events that change his trajectory and lead him to an encounter with the new born Christ.

This week's first reading speaks some beautiful words of hope and promise into the restlessness and search for fulfillment and light that our hearts know so well:

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
... you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...*

Isaiah voices God's promise that our longing will be met with abundance and goodness and that we will be transformed, made radiant, by the light that pours forth from the giver. What an image! We are assured that in heaven, this fulfillment is complete, eternal. Even now, we are gifted with glimpses of God's glory and are warmed, guided and urged on by the presence of Christ among us: in the sacraments, in the community, in the Word, and in those who suffer in our midst.

Bo, like many of us, is initially drawn by earthly radiance, hoping that the glamor of the royal caravan will lend his life meaning and excitement. As he learns, sometimes bumbling, to follow the star, he finds that his heart is expanded and strengthened in loving service to his friends. He is astounded to behold the radiance of the Christ child and realizes that it is there, in the stable, bathed in the light of this unlikely King, that his own life's meaning is revealed. His heart is filled to the point it is overflowing. He is indeed part of the royal caravan, the real one, and a whole new sort of journey opens before him.

Simple as it was, the story held a very real reminder and invitation to entrust my own seeking to the Lord, and to do my part to discern and respond with a generous spirit to the "stars" that arise. With the wise men, the shepherds, and with one another as community, may we continue to find our way to the stable and, there, receive our lives from our gentle Redeemer.

Blessings to you!
Sr. Catherine

Announcements

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Catholic Center will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, January 23rd from 2:30PM-7PM in the center hall. January is National Blood Donor Month, the perfect time to make a lifesaving donation. Individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: UGACC or call Sister Uyen-Chi or Jenni at 706-543-2293.

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.

Sr. Catherine Vow Renewal

Our own Sr. Catherine Kirwin-Avila will be renewing her vows this Sunday, January 8 at the 5PM Student Mass. This will also be livestreamed. Please keep Sr. Catherine in your prayers.

From Sr. Catherine: "In our congregation (the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus), we take temporary 3 year vows throughout our formation process, which culminates in the celebration of perpetual vows. We make our first profession of vows in the novitiate and then renew them twice prior to preparing for final vows. In the meantime, we are studying, working in the mission, living in community and discerning and confirming the call to live life as a Handmaid. This will be my second renewal of vows. Because Eucharist is central to our charism and vocation, we profess vows in the context of the Mass, just after the consecration."

Sunday Night Dinner is Returning

Sunday Night Dinner will start on Sunday, January 22nd. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal from 3 to 5 pm, you can sign up from the link on the Catholic Centers' home webpage at the bottom. Desserts donated are always appreciated and can be dropped off for Sunday Night Dinner.



January Silver Angels to Meet 1/10/23

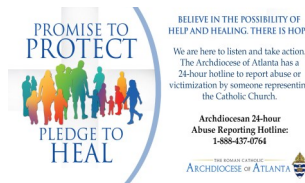
We will be having our next gathering on Tuesday, January 10th at noon. The guest speaker is Vivian Smith who will be talking about Balance & Stability. This is a great subject that we all can benefit to hear! Lunch is provided. All those 60 or older are welcome to join us for lunch, fellowship and a speaker. We hope you can join us and bring a friend.

Women's Dinner This Thursday 1/12

Calling all Catholic Center women ages 21+! The Social Graces invite you to their January dinner this Thursday, 1/12 at 6PM. Please RSVP by Mon., 1/9 at 5PM. If you didn't receive the email invitation, please contact the front office. The cost to attend is \$15 per person.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will resume on January 18! 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!



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Mary's Hospital invites you to consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister for our Catholic patients on Sundays. This is a beautiful ministry that extends healing and hope to our patients. If interested in volunteering with us or learning more about the opportunity, please contact Jessica Chicken, Manager of Spiritual Care, at jchicken@stmarysathens.org. Thank you!



We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Jeffery Foster	Susan Luthi	Ashlee Shapland Runyon
Sally Allen	Alberta Foster	Ron Makula	Mo Saiidi
Peter Bryan	Denise Goins	Kathy McGill	David Simmons
Cindy Bullist	Charlene Hall	Kevin Noble	Dave Sterberg
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Janna Nugent	Joan Tillitski
Joanne Cabrera	Debbie Huckaby	Daniel O'Sullivan	Alyssa Thomas
Rick Cook	George Huban	Lou Perno	Jake Wilson
Macie Davis	Jeremiah	Shirley Puskarz	Bryan Vaughn
Joy Davis	Victor Kalla	Larry Richardson	The Wallace Family
Josephine Eckles	James Law	Lou Richt	Don Young
Sylvia Floyd	Tom Lauth	Sophia Rodriguez	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Mike Clutter, Cecilia Cassera, Alice Gray Houston, Ricardo Guerra and Richard Pfundstein

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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 25, 2022

\$13,280.50 - Offertory
\$26,566.05 - Donations
\$343.00 - Alms

January 1, 2023

\$17,284.40 - Offertory
\$3978.00 - Donations
\$563.10 - Alms

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