



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Elaine Gaudin †
- Sunday**
8AM - Dottie Powell †
10:30AM - Richard Lundy †
5PM - Isaac Tan †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Huguette Bourgerly †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Elanor Ennis †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Mr. & Mrs. Keller †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Elaine Gaudin †
- Friday**
8AM - Mary Ann Chernowski

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Sign up for the Blood Drive

Next Week 1/23

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.



Liturgical Schedule

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

Holy Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9-10AM
Fri: 8:30-10AM
Confession:
Wednesday: 4-5PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 1/14**
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
- Sunday 1/15**
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
3:30PM RCIA
5PM Mass
- Monday 1/16**
MLK Day
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
- Tuesday 1/17**
5:30PM Mass
6PM Collegiate Knights Meeting
8PM CSA Ablaze
- Wednesday 1/18**
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Ed
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite
- Thursday 1/19**
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM RCIA
- Friday 1/20**
8AM Mass
- Saturday 1/21**
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

A Message from Sr. Uyen-Chi

Dear Catholic Center Community,

I hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were wonderful. We sisters had a very memorable Christmas, which I have been calling "Four Dark Nights". Basically, we lost electricity for four days, and it happened to be during those historical cold days. As we were getting ready for Christmas Eve Mass the lights went out in the whole house. We checked the circuit box but could not find anything wrong. When we checked our neighbors, they all seemed to have lights. We called our electric company, and within one hour they were at our door. They explained that the circuit switch on the electrical post outside the house went bad. Because it was Christmas, electricians were not available until Tuesday, that is, at least three days later.

On Christmas Eve, we attended mass as planned. I must admit I was a little distracted, but there was a calm and peaceful feeling as I sat in the chapel to celebrate the fact that "God became one of us and dwelt among us". As much as I was worried about what to do next, there was a peaceful echo of "Emmanuel...God is with us". After mass, we sisters decided to sleep in the classrooms of Oasis, where we still had electricity. The next day, December 25, with only a few hours of sleep we went forward with our Christmas Mass celebration and distribution of all the gifts that the Catholic Center had kindly donated through the Giving Tree. During the celebration, people from the trailer park heard that the sisters slept at Oasis and had lost electricity. There was an outpouring of love from the Oasis and Catholic Center communities. It was beautiful to receive so much help, from generators to food to shelter. We did weather the cold with one generator and a propane heater. In the stillness and darkness, we had candles and flashlights that cast a glowing warmth around the manager scene. In the midst of darkness, I can't help but hear the refrain "Christ is our light". For cooking we learned to use a camping propane stove. We joked that we were forced to go on a camping trip in the middle of winter. In a special way, we felt in solidarity with all those who are homeless during the cold and those who go without electricity in Ukraine because of the war.

Even when reduced to the bare minimum, I still found that we were blessed in many ways. We have a propane heater that sits in the middle of the house. A few days before the cold front, the heater became "fickle" and kept turning itself off. But during the four days of darkness, it worked perfectly. Then, on the fourth day when we had electricity back, it shut itself off again. I can't explain it other than "divine intervention". The family that loaned us their generator was so gracious. Our offer of payment was kindly refused. My heart was so moved when they said that it was their pleasure to help us for all that the sisters have done for their family since they moved to Pinewood. We received many offers of shelter from our Catholic Center members. We have a beautiful community that genuinely cares for one another and people in general.

The sisters experienced four dark days because of electrical outage, but, I know, in recent weeks, many members of the Catholic Center have experienced "dark days" due to the loss of loved ones. I cannot even imagine the difficulty and pain. This kind of darkness sometimes can shake us to our core: we feel abandoned, we have questions, we have doubts, and many more. In faith, we are reminded why we celebrate Christmas, that is, God became one of us in Jesus, lived an ordinary life, experienced the joy and sorrow, and suffered pain and death, so that we never feel alone in our life's journeys, especially our moments of darkness. For those who are struggling these days, we are accompanying you and praying that you feel Jesus walking with you and holding you close. Please know that this community cares about you and hopes to be able to assist you in anyway.

Sr. Uyen-chi

Announcements

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.



2nd Collection for Hispanic Ministries

This weekend's second collection is for all the Hispanic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. This collection will help fund pastoral services such as religious education and evangelization programs, the Sacraments, and the Eucharist. Thank you for your generosity!

Silver Angels Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to hear Vivian Smith from the St. Mary's Wellness Center speak about balance & stability. We had a wonderful turn out! Mark your calendars for our next gathering on February 14th, Valentines Day! We hope you can join us and bring a friend.

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.



Coach for St. Joe's Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School in Athens is in need of a middle school tennis coach and a middle school boys soccer coach. Both do not require coaching experience in the sport, but do require playing experience. Both sports run February-March with practices and games taking place after school. If you are interested and want more information, please contact Chris Moore at chris.moore@sjsathens.org. All coaches must be Virtus certified or gain certification prior to the beginning of the season.

The Annual Human Race 5K is Back!

Mark your calendars for the 45th Annual Catholic Center 5K on February 18th at Oconee Veterans Park. This year's race is part of the Black Bag race series again! Runners and walkers can sign up online at runsignup.com/humanrace5k or by picking up a registration form in the back of the chapel. If you don't want to run, but still want to support the race you also have the option pay the registration for a student by selecting "phantom runner". Pre-registration will close January 30th to guarantee your shirt. We are always looking for sponsors and volunteers to make this event happen, so contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org to learn more.



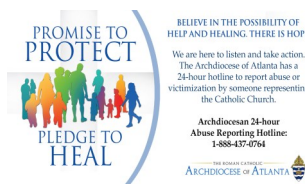
Eucharistic Ministers Needed

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!



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!



We Lift Up in Prayer

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

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Mike Clutter, Cecilia Cassera, Maurice Granger, 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.

January 1, 2022	January 8, 2023
\$17,284.40 - Offertory	\$12,669.91 - Offertory
\$3978.00 - Donations	\$5,054.72 - Donations
\$563.10 - Alms	\$81.00 - Alms

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