



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday
5PM - Mike Clutter † | Tuesday
5:30PM - Hubert Sparks † |
| Sunday
8AM - Jim Berrigan † | Wednesday
5:30PM - Joel & Charlotte Alesi |
| 10:30AM - Ernie Battinelli † | Thursday
5:30PM - Edith Ellsworth † |
| 5PM - Vince Dooley † | Friday
8AM - Amanda Frankson |
| Monday
5:30PM - For the Souls of the Dearly Departed † | |

Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 1

Bring your beloved pets to the Catholic Center parking lot on Sunday, October 1, at 12:30PM to get your animals blessed. Please ensure your pets are leashed and/or contained.



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Liturgical Schedule

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| Mass:
Saturday: 5PM (except on football home games)
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
Fri: 8AM | Holy Hour:
Mon-Thurs: 9-10AM
Friday: 8:30AM-10AM
Confession:
Wednesday: 4-5PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM (except on football home games) |
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Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 9/30**
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
CSA New Student Retreat
- Sunday 10/1**
8AM Mass
9AM KoC Donuts
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM KoC Donuts
12PM Collegiate KoC Exemplification & Reception
12:30PM Blessing of the Animals
1:30PM Apologetics Class
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
- Monday 10/2**
9AM Adoration
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM EM & Lector Training
6:45PM Youth Group
7PM Confirmation
- Tuesday 10/3**
9AM Adoration
5:30PM Mass
8PM CSA Seeking Water
- Wednesday 10/4**
9AM Adoration
1PM Creative Hands
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM 1st-8th Grade RE
8PM CSA Ignite
- Thursday 10/5**
9AM Adoration
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:30PM RCIA
- Friday 10/6**
8AM Mass
8:30AM Adoration
- Saturday 10/7**
No Mass

A Message from Suzie Blaydes

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Initiate comes from the Latin word initium which means "beginning." As human beings created in the image and likeness of God, our life began in our mother's womb, but even before that God initiated our existence. Our physical birth, not by our own will or choice, brought us into the world. There is so much to ponder simply because we exist and are alive.

Our journey of faith is marked by many beginnings through the sacraments of initiation that forever change who we are. Through baptism, our spiritual rebirth as a child of God gives us a new identity, leaving an indelible mark on our soul. Baptism grafts us into the family of God, cleanses us from original and natural sin, and we become part of the common priesthood. Confirmation is a strengthening with the Holy Spirit that allows us to proclaim Jesus Christ as prophets and kings in the public sphere of our lives and increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every opportunity to participate in the mass and approach our Eucharistic Lord is a moment where we begin anew as we unite ourselves to Christ and say yes to his mission.

In RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the unbaptized (known as catechumens) and baptized (known as candidates) people seeking to enter the Church will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, and for the catechumens, they receive all three. Talk about a new beginning in Christ!

This week, as we near the end of the liturgical year and the advent season is a few short months away, let us reflect on the beginnings of our lives and where they have brought us today. I encourage our whole parish to unite in prayer for those who began their RCIA journey a few weeks ago, that they continue to discern and grow in knowledge and love of God.

In Christ,
Suzie

Religious Ed 2023-2024

Last Sunday was Catechetical Sunday, and Fr Michael recognized the following Catechists for their service to RE: Vicky Allen, Anna Noelle Svoboda, Nichole Piccolo, Gemma Aniezue, Taylor Lynch, Cristi Donahue, Jaclyn Peters, Judyt Arismendi, Lizzy Smith, Patricia Gilvary, Talisa Joby, Clara Sautre, Joe Costyn, Katelyn Layfield, Olivia Balzer, Caroline Nowatkowki, Brett Grayson, Brittany Morales, Ogugua Nwise, Aris Dominguez, Carrie Ruberte, Hayden Forche, Dabirichi Chukwuezi, Megan Warren, Mailynh Jensen, Alexander Warren, Jeff Donahue, Julie Barkley, Peter Kalla, Cecilia Nilsson, William Velasquez, Victor Kalla, Pierre Oulevey, Rafe Rynne, Melinda Patterson and Catechist Helpers: Riley David, Alice Adams, Emma Donahue. Thanks for sharing your faith commitment through word, experience, prayer and liturgy.

Announcements

Creative Hands Meets Wednesday

All are welcome to join the Creative Hands Crafting Group on Wednesday, October 4, at 1PM in the Center Hall. Bring your own project or start a new one! All are welcome!

Silver Angels Meets October 10

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 12PM. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for an afternoon of lunch, fellowship and a special program. The Silver Angels meet on the second Tuesday every month.

Dawgs Donate Tithes Program

We are excited to announce the launch of Dawgs Donate, our new tithes initiative. Dawgs Donate is a program designed to offer alumni, students and others an opportunity to give back to the Catholic Center with tithes of \$10 a month. We appreciate any support you can offer in addition to your already invaluable involvement with the Catholic Center community. If you aren't currently in a position to give, please keep the CC community in your prayers. Scan the QR codes on the pews to sign up!

Christian Apologetics Course

We are offering two courses in Christian Apologetics. Each course will include 4 sessions starting on Sept. 24th from 1:30 – 2:30PM on Sundays and will be taught by Tom Spencer, the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith. Contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 for more information.

Heritage is Hiring

Heritage is hiring a part-time, seasonal Hospitality Assistant. The Hospitality Assistant works as part of the Heritage hospitality team to provide radical hospitality to our retreat & program guests. This includes welcoming guests, guiding guests through Heritage's prayer spaces, assisting with set-up & tear-down of rooms and responding promptly & courteously to guest inquiries. The Hospitality Assistant reports to the Retreat Coordinator. If interested, please contact info@heritagega.org.

Home Football Game on October 7

There is a home football game on Saturday, Oct. 7. The parking lot will be closed on Friday at 6PM and reopen on Sunday for 8AM Mass. Additionally, there will be no mass or confession that day.

Volunteer for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are seeking volunteers to help cook Sunday dinners! Any help is greatly appreciated by our students who come for dinner and fellowship after mass. Thank you for your support of this ministry! The signup can be found under the announcements section on the front page of ccatuga.org.

CSA Diaper Drive

The CSA Service Ministry is holding a diaper drive, and you can help out local mothers in need! During the month of October, please bring diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) and baby wipes to the drop box in the Center Hall. All donations will go towards the Athens Pregnancy Center, providing much needed life affirming support. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chase Pitser at 770-722-4766 or cpitser@gmail.com.

Ireland Pilgrimage Next Month

The Ireland pilgrimage with Fr. Brian is next month (Oct. 28-Nov. 6). There are still a few spots left! If interested, please contact Lynn Renna at 706-338-3434. You don't want to miss out!

Annual Artist & Craft Fair on Nov. 18

Calling all artists and crafters! Our annual Artist and Craft Fair is on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9AM-2PM. It is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students to rent a table. Registration forms can be found and filled out at the Center Office. Please contact 706-543-2293 or stewardship@ccatuga.org for more information.

The Way for Women Retreat

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the AoA. It is on March 24 –26 at Sautee Mountain Retreat in Clarkesville, GA. Contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or ssubbs@archatl.com for more information.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo
Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Melani Atmodjo
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Mia Corte
Sylvia Floyd

Patty Goodwin
Bob Gross
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Terri Strickland Guy
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Patti Law
Michelle Linton
Ginny Lynch
Gina Maherka

Carol Mazurek
Emeritea Morales
Katherine Noe
Janna Nugent
Margaretta O'Shea
Amor Mendoza Perez
Lou Perno
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth
Deborah Scott
Tom Shuster

David Simmons
Terri Strickland
Alyssa Thomas
Brenda Thomas
Edwin Valido
Bryan Vaughn
Joanne Waldron
Dorothy Wasko
Amanda Wershing

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Jim Berrigan, Joy Hadden, Jim Law and Virginia Macagnoni.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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.

September 17, 2023

\$12,803.75 - Offertory

\$5,343.00 - Donations

\$280.25 - Alms

September 24, 2023

\$9,586.09 - Offertory

\$1,263.00 - Donations

\$120.90 - Alms

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