



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Norah Risher †
Sunday
8AM - Liz Edwards †
10:30AM - James Bleakley †
5PM - Patrick Mulligan †
Monday
5:30PM - Don & Jackie Fava †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Jeffrey Smith Porter
Wednesday
5:30PM - Danny Clements †
Thursday
5:30PM - Thank You
Friday
No Mass

New Foster & Adoption Ministry

The new Foster & Adoption Ministry (FAM) seeks to raise awareness and provide support for local foster and adoptive families. Whether it's providing an occasional meal, running errands, or saying dedicated prayers, everyone can do something. The first meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, at 2PM in the Center Hall. Please contact Amanda Wilson to learn more and to get involved at amandaandkevin@msn.com or 706-338-5753. God calls us to care for the vulnerable, "to look after orphans and widows in their distress." (James 1:27)

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
Fri: 8AM
Adoration: Mon - Thurs: 9AM-10PM
Fri: 8:30AM-9:30AM
Confession: Wednesday: 4-5PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 1/13
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
Sunday 1/14
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass. RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcome
12PM KoC Spaghetti Lunch
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
5PM Mass
Monday 1/15
MLK Jr. Day
Center Office Closed
11AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Aquinas 101
Tuesday 1/16
12PM CC Staff Meeting
4PM Grief Group
5:30PM Mass
6PM Collegiate Knights, Wellspring Band Rehearsal
8PM CSA Seeking Water
Wednesday 1/17
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM 1st - 8th Grade RE
8PM CSA Ignite
Thursday 1/18
5:30PM Mass
7PM RCIA
Friday 1/19
No Mass
CSA Ablaze Social
Saturday 1/20
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Jesus asked them, "For what do you look?"
they said to Him, "Rabbi, where do You stay?"
and He said to them, "Come and see." -John 1

You can just imagine: His Eyes pierce yours, "What is the deepest desire of your heart?" He asks you. And you ask Him, "What is the deepest desire of Yours?" And the answer from your mouth and His is the same: "Come and see."

This might be one of my favorite passages from my favorite Gospel. This is the life of every human in a few verses. Whether the search winds me up in good places or bad, there's still a search in my heart. There's something that always stays in my heart: call it a longing, a desire. And there's something that always stays in His. If only there was something to break through to reveal what is this desire that abides. "Come and see."

John's Gospel uses this word, 'stay', about 60 times, which is about half of all the uses in the entire New Testament. It appears in one of the climactic scenes of his Gospel: in chapter 19, John writes that after Jesus' crucifixion and death, it is not permissible that on the cross His Body "stay." So, they remove it, but not after checking to see if He was really dead. Here, we see what stays in Jesus' heart: "But one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out." -Jn 19 This is not any different than Thomas, one chapter later, who places his hand in Jesus' side, touching Jesus' Heart.

What does Thomas find? What did that centurion find? What did John and Andrew find when they stayed with Him that day? Whether it's the recalcitrant doubt of Thomas, whether it's the piercing rejection of the centurion, or the beginning blossom of the discipleship of John and Andrew - all of them find the same thing: themselves belonging to Him, they find a relationship, they find that *they* always stay in His heart.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Second Collection for Hispanic Ministries

This weekend's second collection is for all the Hispanic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The help we provide to our Hispanic brothers and sisters is accompanied by pastoral services such as religious education, evangelization programs, the Sacraments, and the Eucharist in their language and culture for their spiritual support and integration into parish life. All contributions go directly to serve the Hispanic community of the archdiocese.

Announcements

Blood Drive on January 22

The Catholic Center is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 22, at 2:30PM. The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Please consider donating blood to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. You can sign up with the following link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

Center Office Closed on January 15

The Center Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

46th Annual Human Race 5K

Registration is open for the 46th Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race on February 17 at Oconee Veterans Park. Runners and walkers can sign up online at runsignup.com/humanrace5k or by picking up a registration form in the back of the chapel. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org to learn more.

Sunday Night Dinner is Returning

Spring semester Sunday Night Dinner will resume on Sunday, January 21. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal from 3 to 5PM, you can sign up at ccatuga.org/volunteer. Desserts donated are always appreciated and can be dropped off for Sunday Night Dinner. Thank you so much for helping our students have a taste of home.

Virtus Training on January 27

A Virtus class is being offered at the Catholic Center on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9AM - 12PM. Contact Lynn Renna for more info at dre@ccatuga.org.

Women's Evening of Reflection

St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting a series of Women's evening of reflections from 6 - 7:30 PM on the following dates: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18 and May 16. These evenings will consist of light dinner, a talk from a priest and optional adoration afterwards.

Grief Group Meets Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet next on Tuesday, January 16 at **4:00PM**. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory, acute, or long-standing grief), or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Brian

Join Fr. Brian on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy from May 13 - 22. You will have the opportunity to deepen your spiritual lives and visit significant spiritual sites in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Orvieto and Ostia Antica. Please contact 724-679-7450 or Belinda@APilgrimsJourney.com for more information. Registration can be found at www.bit.ly/MCNAVISH.

KoC Recruitment Lunch

The Georgia Martyrs knights of Columbus Council 17969 will be hosting a FREE recruitment lunch this Sunday, January 14 at 12PM in the Center Hall. All men who are interested in learning about or joining the Knights are encouraged to attend. If you're interested and unable to attend, please email Kyle Hamm at 17969gk@gakofc.org for more info!

Laudato Si' Spring Orientation

Please join us for the Laudato Si' Spring Orientation on at the Catholic Center on Jan. 30 at 6:30PM. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in environmental concerns and learning more about caring for God's creation. Pizza dinner will be provided, and all are welcome to attend.

RE is Back in 2024!

We have missed all 147 students and our wonderful Catechists and helpers. It has been fun welcoming the students back to class and seeing their smiling faces. A new RE family, the Reites, has arrived from Florida, and we welcome them and their two children to the Catholic Center Community. RE registration is open for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 3rd through 8th grade. Please consider sending your child to learn about their faith. Contact Lynn Renna a dre@ccatuga.org for more information.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo
Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Melani Atmodjo
Megan Barton
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Shirley Burk
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry

Lora Bernstein Cooley
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Milagros Gallardo
Patty Goodwin
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Terri Strickland Guy
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Sarah Kurtz

Patti Law
Marcia Lemmon
Michelle Linton
Ginny Lynch
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Emeritea Morales
Al Mulhair
Janna Nugent
Lou Perno
Lou Richt

Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth
Deborah Scott
Tom Shuster
David Simmons
Eileen Sinda
Lauren Stewart
Gretchen Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
Dorothy Wasko
Amanda Wershing
Robin Yackley

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Jewell Jarrell, Eric Seals and George Valido.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so 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 31, 2023

\$9,395.73 - Offertory
\$29,516.44 - Donations
\$399.20 - Alms

January 7, 2024

\$18,483.26 - Offertory
\$243.00 - Donations
\$477.25 - Alms

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