



The Catholic Center

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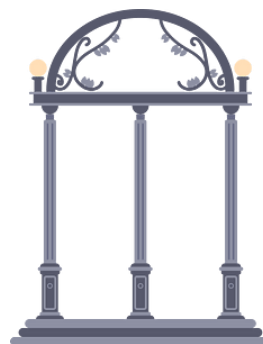
Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - John Petry †
Sunday
8AM - Vince Dooley †
10:30AM - Jim Law †
5PM - Liza Burke †
Monday
5:30PM - Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler †
Tuesday
5:30PM - Ingrid Rojas

Wednesday
5:30PM - Mary Ethel McElhannan †; Vince & Cherie Frankson 26th Anniversary
Thursday
5:30PM - Frank Peter Trocino †
Friday
8AM - Joel Alesi

Congrats to Our December Graduates

We are so proud of our graduates. Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued involvement in our community. We can't wait to see all you accomplish. We want to continue this relationship with our alumni beyond your time at UGA and provide opportunities to remain connected with and give back to the Catholic Center. Please visit www.ccatuga.org/alumni to stay connected with us. God bless!



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Liturgical Schedule

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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/9

11AM Funeral & Reception for Sandra Huberty
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 12/10

8AM Mass
9AM Breakfast with Santa
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM Breakfast with Santa
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

Monday 12/11

5:30PM Mass
7PM Finals Dinner

Tuesday 12/12

5:30PM Mass
7PM Finals Dinner

Wednesday 12/13

4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 12/14

10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6PM Women's Dinner

Friday 12/15

8:30AM Adoration
12PM Baccalaureate Mass
12PM Graduation Lunch
5PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 12/16

2:30PM Borst Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

*Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain shall be made low. -Isaiah 40*

Ups and downs - these might be the only consistency in life: that some moments there are highs and some moments lows, and tepidity in between each. This consistency, the familiarity of the oscillation no matter the goal of life. So, especially a person who wants to live the Christian life well, the oscillation on the journey of life can be nauseating.

And we're given promises:

her guilt is expiated ... every valley shall be filled in ... every mountain shall be made low ... the Lord Himself will give benefits ... new heavens and a new earth.

The promises of God give rise to the heart, and our own skepticism and resistance makes it lie back down. Ups and downs. Yet, all of this is contextualized: *The Lord does not delay His promise - as some regard it a "delay."*

The model of Mary's Immaculate Conception, celebrated Dec 8 provides for us a way to hold this tension of ups and downs, valleys and mountains - well. At the very first moment of life, Mary is preserved from Original Sin - a unique and exceptional privilege only she enjoys. Yet, this is only the first moment of her life, and the singular event of the Immaculate Conception is in and of itself a promise: God says to her that she won't just be saved in one moment, she'll be saved in all moments - immaculately sustained.

Here, I'm invited to allow God's promise - no matter the high nor the low - to be the consistency in my life: this promise that will level the highway to His Heart. The promise, like Mary, He's made at the beginning of life, sustaining it through, and bringing it to fulfillment.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Support a Lifetime of Service- Sunday's 2nd Collection

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need-usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

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 the Center Office. Please return the payment to the offertory basket or the office by Monday, December 18. The suggested donation amount is \$20. We will recognize all donations in the bulletin.

Woman's Dinner on Thursday

The Social Graces, the Catholic Center women's dinner group, meets this Thursday at 6PM. Please RSVP by Monday at 4PM by calling the Center Office at 706-543-2293.

Thanks for Donating to iGiveCatholic

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the #iGiveCatholic campaign to raise money for our counseling scholarships. Your generosity will help support our students and community members get the mental health assistance they need.

End of Year Giving

As the year ends, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued generosity. Your contributions have been vital to our progress and success. We kindly invite you to consider an end-of-year gift to the Catholic Center. Your gift makes a significant impact and paves the way for a promising future.

Save the Date for the 5K Human Race

The Annual 5K Human Race will be at Oconee Veterans Park on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Please register at ccatuga.org/fundraisers. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@csaatuga.org with any questions.

Breakfast with Santa!

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 10, after the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit and a visit from Santa are on the menu!

Oasis Giving Tree

During this Advent season, we are supporting Oasis Catolico with our Giving Tree. Each tag has an item that will go to the children and families at Oasis. Please return all gifts unwrapped to the office by Sunday, Dec. 17. Thank you for your loving support of the families at Oasis.



No Silver Angels this Month

The Silver Angels will not meet this December. Thank you for your participation this year, and we look forward to seeing you next on Jan. 9, at 12PM.

We are Hiring a Kitchen Manager

We are seeking a part-time kitchen manager. This position includes organizing volunteers and assisting with coordination in the timing of events, including stocking the kitchen, cooking, serving, cleaning and more. A full list of responsibilities and qualifications can be found at www.ccatuga.org/job-postings.

Religious Education

A big thank you to all the Confirmation Candidates who helped with the Advent Wreath Event. It was great seeing all the families making their Advent Wreaths. The Knights did a great job on the delicious chili and hotdogs! Confirmation Candidates will need to submit their service hour log at the end of December to dre@ccatuga.org. Thanks you for supporting to the RE Ministry. Blessings to your family and keep Christ in your heart and mind all year, not just during the holidays. See you all in 2024!

Are You Graduating This December?

The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family. We will have a Baccalaureate Mass at 12PM followed by lunch on Friday, Dec. 15, for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or emailing Sister Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org. Please note the time change.



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
Lucille Carberry
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Sylvia Floyd

Pam Forker
Patty Goodwin
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Terri Strickland Guy
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Sarah Kurtz
Patti Law
Michelle Linton
Ginny Lynch

Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Emeritea Morales
Al Mulhair
Janna Nugent
Amor Mendoza Perez
Lou Perno
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth
Eric Seals

Deborah Scott
Tom Shuster
David Simmons
Eileen Sinda
Lauren Stewart
Alyssa Thomas
Brenda Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
Dorothy Wasko
Amanda Wershing

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Sandra Huberty, Margaretta O'Shea and Joanne Waldron.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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.

November 26, 2023

\$7,873.00 - Offertory
\$1,423.00 - Donations
\$275.29 - Alms

December 3, 2023

\$17,917.63 - Offertory
\$11,004.00 - Donations
\$455.00 - Alms

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