



# The Catholic Center

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*ALL ARE WELCOME*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5PM - Jack Horton †	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30PM - Martin Cassera
<b>Sunday</b> 8AM - Ramona Herrera † 10:30AM - Joel Wier Jr. †	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30PM - Frank D'Amato Sr. †
<b>Monday</b> 5:30PM - Ramona & Eva Herrera †	<b>Friday</b> 8AM - Gene & Debbie McHugh 50th Anniversary
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30PM - Bonnie Petras †	

## Christmas Schedule

Happy third Sunday of Advent! As a reminder, you are expected to attend Mass for both the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. Please plan accordingly. See the schedule below:

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Saturday, December 23: 5PM  
Sunday, December 24: 8AM & 10:30AM

**Christmas**  
Sunday, December 24: 4PM, 6PM & 8PM  
Monday, December 25: 9AM

## Office

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## Liturgical Schedule

<b>Mass:</b> Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM Mon- Thurs: 5:30PM Friday: 8AM	<b>Adoration:</b> Resumes after UGA Winter Break <b>Confession:</b> Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM
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## Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 12/16**  
2:30PM Borst Wedding  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass  
7PM Filipino Mass & Reception

**Sunday 12/17**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass

**Monday 12/18**  
10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass

**Tuesday 12/19**  
2PM Grief Group  
5:30PM Mass

**Wednesday 12/20**  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass

**Thursday 12/21**  
5:30PM Mass

**Friday 12/22**  
Center Office Closed  
8AM Mass

**Saturday 12/23**  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass  
6PM Korean Mass & Potluck

**Sunday 12/24**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
4PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
6PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
8PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

**Monday 12/25**  
Center Office Closed  
9AM Christmas Day Mass

## A Message from Suzie Blaydes

**Dear Catholic Center Community,**

Advent greetings and happy Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice! At this point of the Advent season, Christmas is only a short week away, and is full of joyful anticipation. You may have noticed the priest donned rose vestments today- the only day of the liturgical year he wears this color except for Laetare Sunday in Lent. Rose is a melding of the liturgical colors of white and purple that is emblematic of our Christian joy. Purple represents penance and preparation, while white symbolizes purity, joy, light and glory.

Liturgical seasons of preparation such as Advent as Lent remind us that we are always preparing to meet Christ, here in the Eucharist and hopefully for all eternity. Next month, those who desire to enter the Catholic Church through baptism, confirmation, and/or Holy Eucharist, will take the next step in their preparation for reception of the sacraments in the Rite of Acceptance (for unbaptized candidates) and the Rite of Welcome (for baptized candidates both Catholic and non-Catholic). As a Catholic community, let us lovingly embrace in prayer and support all of those who will make this next step of discernment next month on January 14 with the community at the 10:30 am mass.

In this last week before Christmas, let us give thanks that God has sent His son as one of us to save us, and may we not forget that he will come again on a day we cannot predict. In the meantime, let us be always watchful for that day, and joyful as we wait.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

Thessalonians 5:16-18

In Christ,  
Suzie

## Knights of Columbus

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council 17969 would like to thank everyone who attended the Advent Wreath Making Meal and Breakfast with Santa to kick off the advent season. The community's support has been tremendous, and the Knights will continue to serve everyone next year during the Lenten season! The council is calling Catholic men of all ages to attend a free recruitment luncheon Sunday, Jan. 14, at 12PM to learn more about how they can serve the Catholic Center and Athens communities as Knights!

## 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.

### January Blood Drive

In collaboration with the American Red Cross, we will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, January 22, from 2:30PM to 7PM. To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### We are Hiring a Kitchen Manager

We are seeking a part-time kitchen manager. This position includes organizing volunteers and assisting with coordination 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](http://www.ccatuga.org/job-postings).

### 2nd Collection For Catholic Charities

This The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 69-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of the clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence. Thank you for your support.

### 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.

### Gratitude for Giving Tree Donations

We want to express our gratitude for your continued support of the families at Oasis Catolico. We will be able to provide the Oasis community with hundreds of items during this Advent Season. These include stuffed animals, blankets, clothes, gift cards and more. Thank you!



### Grief Group Meets Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2:00PM. 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.

### Register 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](http://ccatuga.org/fundraisers). Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at [admincsa@csaatuga.org](mailto:admincsa@csaatuga.org) with any questions.

### Congrats Grads!

Congrats to our three Fall semester graduates: Claire Maiona (Human Development & Family Science), Cecilia Nilsson (Biology) and Marianne Trumpy (Biology and Psychology).

### 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](mailto:dre@ccatuga.org). Thanks for supporting 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!

### Center Office Closed

The Center Office will be closed from Friday, December 22, through Monday, January 1. There will also be no Mass on December 22, or January 1.

## We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo  
Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Sally Allen  
Melani Atmodjo  
Megan Barton  
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  
Marcia Lemmon

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  
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 Barbara Bankston, 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.

### December 3, 2023

\$12,917.63 - Offertory  
\$11,004.00 - Donations  
\$455.00 - Alms

### December 10, 2023

\$12,884.83 - Offertory  
\$13,915.00 - Donations  
\$202.00 - Alms

## Clergy & Staff

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