



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Daniel O'Sullivan †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Ricky MacDonald †
Sunday 8AM - Gladys Bustamante †	Thursday 5:30PM - Elsie Horton †
10:30AM - Joey Costyn †	Friday 8AM - Catholic Center Members
5PM - Frank Trocino †	12PM - Thomas Robert Quinn & Mary Isabel Quinn
Monday 5:30PM - Frederick Keith Walker	5:30PM - Catholic Center Members
Tuesday 5:30PM - James Kirkland †	

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses at 8AM, 12PM and 5:30PM. Parking for the 8AM and 12PM Masses will only be available in official Catholic Center lots and at the UGA South Deck Parking Lot. Parking at UGA lots is subject to an hourly fee. Parking for the 5:30PM Mass will also be available at the neighboring Campus View Church and Global Engagement Center. Please plan accordingly.

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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 12/2
1PM Felix & Zuniga Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 12/3
8AM Mass
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass, Pre K & K RE
11:30AM Advent Wreathmaking & Lunch
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
7PM RCIA

Monday 12/4
9AM Adoration
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:45PM Youth Group
7PM Confirmation

Tuesday 12/5
Last Day of Classes
9AM Adoration
5:30PM Mass
6PM Collegiate Knights
8PM CSA Ablaze

Wednesday 12/6
UGA Reading Day
9AM Adoration
1PM Creative Hands
5:30PM Mass, Blessing of the Brains, Priest Dinner
7PM Penance Service

Thursday 12/7
9AM Adoration
5:30PM Mass
7PM Finals Dinner

Friday 12/8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
CC Office Closed
8AM Mass
9AM Adoration
12PM Mass
5:30PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Brian

Dear Catholic Center Community,

"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre is a fascinating book that looks at the story of the Last Supper, where Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples. What makes this book special is how it connects this famous Christian event with traditions and stories from the Jewish faith, making us see it in a whole new light.

Pitre starts by explaining that to really understand what Jesus was doing at the Last Supper, we need to know about some Jewish traditions. He talks about the Passover meal, which is a very important dinner that Jewish people have to remember how God saved them long ago. He shows how the Last Supper was like a Passover meal, but also something new and different.

The book also talks about "manna," which is a special food that, according to the Bible, God gave to the Jewish people when they were traveling through the desert. Pitre explains how Jesus giving bread at the Last Supper was similar to God giving manna, but also had a deeper meaning.

Another interesting part of the book is about the bread called the "bread of the Presence" that was kept in Jewish temples. This bread was very sacred and only certain people could eat it. Pitre connects this to how Jesus shared bread at the Last Supper, suggesting it was a very special moment, not just a regular meal.

By connecting these Jewish traditions to the Last Supper, Pitre makes us think about how Jesus wasn't just starting something new, but was also continuing something very old. This idea can make us ask big questions, like how different religions connect, and how traditions change over time but also keep their meaning.

Pitre writes in a way that's easy to follow. He makes these old stories and ideas feel alive and relevant today. Reading this book can give you a new appreciation for the Last Supper and a deeper understanding of how it connects to a long history of faith and tradition.

Thanks,
Fr. Brian

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 6, at 7PM. It will begin with a short service in the Chapel and then several Athens-area priests will hear confessions in the Center.

Announcements

Finals Week Meals Needed

As it gets colder, that means we are coming into finals season for our students. We will have late night dinners starting on December 7 to help the students power through finals week. We are asking for casseroles for the students to be delivered earlier in the week. We will serve four meals, and pans to make casseroles are available in the Center Office. The casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery but should include directions for cooking. Thank you for the support!

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.

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.

GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus

Council 17969 of the Catholic Center is thrilled to announce a major event! The Knights will host 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! Pricing for this event is \$20 for families of all sizes or \$7 for individuals. We thank the Catholic Center for its outstanding support. If interested in joining the Council, please reach out to Kyle Hamm by emailing 17969gk@gakofc.org!

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.



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.

Save the Date for the 5K Human Race

The Annual 5K Human Race will be at Oconee Veterans Park on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Stay tuned for more details!

Religious Education

RE is winding down for this 2023 school year with one remaining Pre-K and Kindergarten class on Sunday, Dec. 3, and one Confirmation class on Dec. 4. We hope to see you at the Advent Wreath Making Event and Lunch on Dec. 3, the First Sunday of Advent. If interested, please contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org for more information.

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 11AM 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@gmail.com.



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
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 19, 2023

\$12,242.61 - Offertory
\$4,058.00 - Donations
\$377.00 - Alms

November 26, 2023

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

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