



# THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## CATHOLIC CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is a Eucharistic Community that seeks to live the gospel of Jesus Christ in the tradition of our Roman Catholic faith and the spirit of St. Francis. As Christian disciples we are charged to answer Christ's call for compassion by becoming instruments of peace, charity and justice. We seek to stand in solidarity with the poor, the stranger, the alienated and to collaborate with those who serve them in local and global communities. We endeavor to respect a universe created by God in Love.

## MASS TIMES & SACRAMENTS

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Vigil Mass  
 Sunday ~ 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM &  
 5:00 PM Student Mass

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday ~ 8:00 AM  
 Tuesday ~ 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 Wednesday ~ 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 Thursday ~ 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 Friday ~ 8:00 AM

### Morning Prayer:

Monday through Friday before the 8:00 AM Mass

### Evening Prayer:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the 5:00 PM Mass

### Adoration:

Tuesday 8:00 PM  
 Wednesday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

### Reconciliation:

Wednesday & Saturday  
 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
 or by appointment

## THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 9

### SATURDAY

- 5:00PM - Mass
- 6:00PM - Youth Night

### SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00AM - Donuts
- 10:00AM - Nursery Open during Mass
- 10:00AM - Religious Education
- 11:00AM - Donuts
- 6:00PM - Sunday Night Dinner

### MONDAY

- 12:00PM - Advent Reflection w/ Fr. Francis DiSpigno
- 6:00PM - Confirmation Class
- 7:00PM - Advent Reflection w/ Fr. Francis DiSpigno

### TUESDAY - READING DAY

- 9:00 - Blessing of the Brains
- 10:00PM - Late Night Breakfast for students

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:00PM - Late Night Breakfast for students

### THURSDAY - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- 5:30PM - Mass
- 10:00PM - Late Night Breakfast for students

### FRIDAY

- 4:00PM - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

### SATURDAY

- 10:00AM - Our Daily Bread
- 5:00PM - Mass
- 6:15PM - Spanish Mass and Potluck

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

The zeal to stamp out popery in the 1500s and 1600s turned many religious customs into negative superstitions. The common superstition of walking under a ladder being bad luck was one of them; however, this act had religious significance. What was that significance?

### ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA

St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, is known as one of the greatest thinkers of his day. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931 by Pope Pius XI and is the patron saint of scientists and philosophers.

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The Advent & Christmas schedule is available now.

### FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

- December 7-13 - UGA Final Exams
- December 16 - UGA Fall Graduation
- December 17 - Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and 10:00PM
  - Singing of Carols at 9:30PM

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

St. Teresa of Kolkata

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
Saturday, 12/3	5:00PM - Eugene Jacquin (+)
Sunday, 12/4	8:00AM - Catholic Center Community 10:00AM - Charlie Seger (+) 5:00PM - Chet Malanoski (+)
Monday, 12/5	Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Tuesday, 12/6	Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union 5:00PM - David McElhannon
Wednesday, 12/7	Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30 8:00AM - Elsie Horton (+) 5:00PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Thursday, 12/8	<b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union <b>5:30PM</b> - Franciscan Missionary Union
Friday, 12/9	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

### NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

## PRAYER LIST

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**WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER** all of our faith family members who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually. This week we remember: Samantha Adams, Nicole Adamson, Teresa Angle, Bill Ball, David Bauman, Grace Byrne, Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF, Karen Lynn Carty, Lee Cochran, Ray Cochran, Clare Collica, Lynn Cruickshank, Elena DeKazos, Frank DiPalma, George Dougherty, Jerry Foley, Anna Maria Gamble, Kurt Gelfand, Ben Greenspan, Tosha Herron, Gerald Isom, Harsh Jain, Margaret Jordan, Jack Kehoe, Mary Kurtz, Jim Law, Meredith Lind, Gail Lopes, Deacon Scott Medine, David Miller, Camilla Mims, Tina Montgomery, Mollie Osborne, Bill Ozburn, Marlin Panther, Brenda Patrick, Myra Pawlowski, Mark Pentecost, Janet Pieper, Leslie Rose, Kelly Roten, Baby Luke Rouse, David Salum, Marie Sunseri, Kathy Kelley Syron, & Margaret West

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY** our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially:  
Anton Aurrecoechea, Rose Ann Presley, & Megan Twist

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2016

**Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class and Godparents are welcome. Classes are held every month. Please contact the office to enroll.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for wedding scheduling and required marriage preparation. Contact the office for an appointment.

**RCIA:** RCIA is a program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with a possible interest in joining the Church.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Arrangements can be made by contacting the office.

For more information, please contact Sr. Barbara Daniels, msc ~ Sacramental Coordinator 706-543-2293 or [ccuga.srbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:ccuga.srbarbara@gmail.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office to make arrangements if you or a family member is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

Being an Altar Server is a great way for students in grades 4 to 12 to serve our faith community while becoming more involved in the Mass. College students are also invited to serve. Please contact coordinator Sharon Gamble at [sgamble3.athens@gmail.com](mailto:sgamble3.athens@gmail.com) or 706-248-4823 for information.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Advent & Christmas schedules are available in the office and in the chapel or online at <https://ccatuga.org>.

**CORRECTION:** There was an error in the original version of the flyer. There will NOT be a 5PM Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Catholic Center offers Religious Education and sacramental preparation for children. Our first semester schedule is coming to a close with the holidays approaching. The last Sunday session will meet on December 4th.

- Wednesday Night Classes (1st through 7th grades) at 6:15PM in the Chapel.
- Sunday Morning Classes (Pre K through K) at 10:00AM in the Hall.
- Confirmation Classes (8th - 9th and 10th grades) 2nd Mondays at 6:00PM.

The next Confirmation class will be on Monday, December 5th at 6:30.

The regular schedule for the spring semester will resume on Wednesday, January 18th and Sunday, January 22nd.

Register online at [ccatuga.org](https://ccatuga.org)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING FINALS?

- Tuesday, December 6th  
9:00pm Blessing of the Brains  
10:00pm Late Night Breakfast
- December 7, 8, 11, and 12  
10:00pm Late Night Breakfast

The Catholic Center is open 24 hours during exams from December 6 to December 13 for students to come and study or grab a snack and just relax!



### SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

Our last Sunday Night Dinner for the semester will be on December 4th.

### ATLANTA AWAKENING 8

If you are looking for something to spark your faith life and find your calling in this world, come discover it at Atlanta Awakening 8! Awakening is a weekend-long Catholic retreat for young adults put on by young adults throughout the country. The retreat is designed to awaken your faith, bring you fellowship, and to strengthen your relationship with God. ATLA8 is on January 27-29, 2017 at LifeTeen Covecrest. If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please check out our website at <https://atlawakening.wordpress.com/>



Several students from the Freshman Ignite program ice skating before Finals Week.

## FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION

### OUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

November 27 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH	\$5,143.43
ONLINE	\$1,416.20
CHILDREN'S	\$9.85

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
(as of November 29, 2016)

PAID	\$39,434.75
GOAL	\$50,000.00
TO GO	\$10,565.25

ALMS	\$90.50
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### IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70 ½ or older and are required to take a minimum distribution from an IRA, a charitable rollover is available for you to donate to your church. You do not have to report the monies as taxable income. Contact Nora Joslyn in the Church office for further information.

### ALMS PROGRAM

As the winter months and holidays approach, more and more people are in need of assistance. We thank you all for your generous support of our Alms programs that enables us to help those in need with rent, utilities, and groceries. We do appreciate your continued support. The Alms jar is located in the vestibule of the chapel.



For your convenience, online giving is available for regular tithes and offerings or one-time donations. AVAILABLE ON SMARTPHONE AND ANDROID MOBILE DEVICES. Visit our web site at [ccatuga.org](http://ccatuga.org) to learn more and sign up.



**“CHILDREN PRAYING FOR PEACE” INITIATIVE**

For our brothers and sisters suffering in Syria, The Order of the Friars Minor is encouraging all of us to take part in the “Children Praying for Peace” initiative starting this Advent 2016. They would like all of the communities, parishes and schools entrusted to their pastoral care and to all of the organizations close to them to join in the initiative; and please spread the word to other ecclesiastical and religious communities in the areas in which the Friars Minor live and operate. The Lord hears the cry of the “little ones” and that their prayer will become an opportunity for reflection and conversation for those who are “big”.



**CHRISTMAS AT OASIS CATÓLICO ~ GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree at the Catholic Center benefits Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela, a Catholic ministry located in the Pinewood Estates North mobile home park in Athens. TAGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHAPEL. Please return unwrapped gifts to the Catholic Center office no later than 4:00PM, Friday, December 9th. Be sure to include the gift tag so your gift will be distributed properly.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

On this Holy Day of Obligation, there will be mass on Thursday, December 8th at **8:00AM** and **5:30PM**.

**GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY**

is on break for the holidays and will have the first meeting of its winter/spring study on Mon., Jan. 23 at 7:00PM at the Center. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or [csinksen@uga.edu](mailto:csinksen@uga.edu).



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

If your child or children are interested in singing in the choir at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Anne Marie Vencill at [amvencill@gmail.com](mailto:amvencill@gmail.com). **There will be two 45 minute rehearsals: Sunday, 18 December at 11:30pm and Friday, 23 December at 3pm.** It is important to attend both rehearsals.

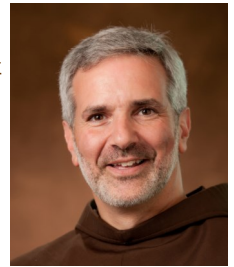
**HOMEBOUND BASKETS**

Linda Dube is collecting goodies for the homebound. Please bring individually wrapped snacks to the Center by Monday, December 19th at 12:00PM. Homemade baked goods, pretzels, peanuts, chips, etc. all would be ideal!



**ADVENT REFLECTION**

Fr. Francis Di Spigno will be offering a Reflection for Advent at the Center on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM until 1:00PM and 7:00PM until 8:00PM titled "Hurry Up and Wait: Advent Waiting in Christmas Madness."



**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

During this holiday season, we at The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens want you to know how much we appreciate your congregation's ministry! Currently, we are full with three families and so far this year we have served and supported thirteen families (twenty-nine children). The personal stories of these families and their experiences with IHNA are very moving. One mother told us that she was “terrified” about entering the program, but that the whole experience has been outstanding. Another mother said she couldn't believe how “welcoming these strangers” were to her family! IHNA is delighted to support congregations to fulfill their vision to partner together to make a difference for homeless families. Let's keep that vision strong!

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
10AM until 4PM Mon-Thurs  
10AM until 3PM Friday

**ALMS OFFICE HOURS**  
4PM until 6PM Tuesday  
9AM until 11AM Friday  
For financial assistance, please contact Victor in the office.