



# 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 10 - DECEMBER 16

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 10:00PM - Late Night Breakfast for students

#### MONDAY - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 10:00PM - Late Night Breakfast for students

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

- 5:30PM - Order of Secular Franciscans

#### THURSDAY

- 10:00AM - Women's Bible Study

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

- 9:00AM - Knights of Columbus' Breakfast w/Santa
- 6:15PM - Korean Mass and Dinner

Please see Holiday Mass Schedule details on Page 4

#### FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

- December 16 - UGA Fall Graduation
- **December 16 - Holiday Mass Schedule begins**
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and 10:00PM
  - Singing of Carols at 9:30PM
- December 25 (Holy Day of Obligation)
  - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00AM
- December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
  - Mass at 8:00AM
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
  - 5:00PM Vigil Mass
- January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)
  - New Year's Day Mass at 8:00AM and 10:00AM
- January 7 - 5:00PM Vigil Mass
- January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord
  - 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 5:00PM Mass

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Which religious order preserved the Bible during the Dark Ages by writing out copies by hand?

#### ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA

Ladders were seen as a symbol of Our Lord's passion and walking underneath them invoked divine protection.

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### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Anyone who seeks truth seeks God, whether or not he realizes it."

Edith Stein

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
Saturday, 12/10	5:00PM - John Rives (+)
Sunday, 12/11	8:00AM - Wilma Kinney (+) 10:00AM - Daniel J. Riley (+) 5:00PM - Catholic Center Community
Monday, 12/12	<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Tuesday, 12/13	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union 5:00PM - Ricard Picas (+)
Wednesday, 12/14	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Lk 7:18b-23 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union 5:00PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Thursday, 12/15	Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30 8:00AM - Fr. Bill Lanphear (+) 5:00PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Friday, 12/16	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36 8:00AM - Jack Horton (+)

### NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

## PRAYER LIST

**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, Harper McCrary, 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:  
Rose Ann Presley

### 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 and college students to serve our faith community while becoming more involved in the Mass. 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>.

## 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 regular schedule for the spring semester will resume on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 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.

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

David Briones, Director of Religious Education  
Email: [brionesda@gmail.com](mailto:brionesda@gmail.com)



Thank you to the Reifsteck family (also known as the "Cookie Family") for making Christmas cookie decorations with our Sunday Religious Education classes. The kids always enjoy this fun time with Joyce, Fred and their son Fred decorating cookies!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING FINALS?

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!

⇒ Late Night Breakfast will continue at 10:00PM on Sunday, December 11th and Monday, December 12th.



**ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO** is the Patron Saint of Test Takers. He was born in 1603 and after spending his childhood and adolescence "wandering aimlessly, with his mouth gaping open," he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. His journey to ordination was long and arduous, but when it came time for his exams, his examiner happened to ask him to explain the only thing he knew well. He passed and was ordained a deacon and later a priest. Pope Clement XIII canonized him in 1767.

### 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 and is designed to awaken your faith, bring you fellowship, and to strengthen your relationship with God. ATLAS is on January 27-29, 2017 at LifeTeen Covecrest. If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please check out their website at <https://atlawakening.wordpress.com/>

## FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION

### OUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

December 4, 2016 OFFERTORY	
IN CHURCH	\$11,272.63
ONLINE	\$2,192.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 2.00

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (as of December 6, 2016)

PAID	\$40,078.50
GOAL	\$50,000.00
TO GO	\$ 9,921.50
ALMS	\$ 68.13

### 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.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

There are only 3 more weeks! If you are not already participating in the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important initiative. The Catholic Center is currently not on pace to meet our goal for the year and any shortfall will have to be paid out of our operating expenses budget. If you have already made a pledge, please complete your payments by December 31, 2016



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.

**ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Volunteers are invited to join the choir for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Meet in the chapel at 8:30 PM to practice. Carol singing will begin at 9:30, followed by Mass at 10:00. This is a wonderful way to experience and participate in Midnight Mass! For more info, contact Ellen Ritchey at 706-549-3532 or [eritchey@uga.edu](mailto:eritchey@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.

**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 7:00 p.m. 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 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”.

**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!



**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!

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

In appreciation of all the volunteer work and the sharing of your time with us, the staff at the Catholic Center would like to prepare and serve lunch to all of our volunteers on January 15, 2017 at 1:00PM. Please RSVP to Nora Joslyn at [ccuga.nora@gmail.com](mailto:ccuga.nora@gmail.com) by January 9, 2017.

**Holiday Weekday Mass Schedule**

(December 19th through January 6th)

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Morning prayer at 7:40AM followed by Mass at 8:00AM

Tuesday and Thursday: Evening prayer at 4:40PM followed by Mass at 5:00PM

The regular weekday Mass will resume on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. During the holidays the above holiday weekday Mass schedule will be in effect, unless otherwise noted for special services.

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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.