



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

**** See Christmas Mass Schedule
on calendar at right**

Holiday Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon-Wed-Fri ~ 8:00AM
Tues-Thur ~ 5:00PM

****The regular weekday Mass will
resume on Monday, January 9th.**

Morning Prayer:
Mon-Wed-Fri before 8:00AM Mass
Evening Prayer:
Tues-Thur before 5:00PM Mass
Adoration:
Wednesday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Reconciliation:

THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY

- 12:00PM - Homebound Basket Deadline

TUESDAY

- 5:30PM - Order of Secular Franciscans

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY - Center Office closed 11:30am - 1:00pm

FRIDAY

SATURDAY - Christmas Eve

- 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and 10:00PM - Mass
 - No Reconciliation
 - Volunteer Choir practice at 8:30PM
 - Singing of Carols at 9:30PM

SUNDAY - Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 10:00AM - Mass
 - Volunteer Choir practice at 8:30AM
 - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00AM
 - **Nursery will be closed**

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

- December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 - Mass at 8:00AM
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
 - 4:00PM Reconciliation
 - 5:00PM Vigil Mass
- **January 1 - New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**
 - Mass at 8:00AM and 10:00AM
 - **Nursery will be closed**
- January 7 - 5:00PM Vigil Mass
- January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord
 - 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 5:00PM Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Catholic Center offers Religious Education and sacramental preparation for children. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 18th and Sunday, January 22nd.

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

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

What saint is said to have begun the tradition of the Christmas tree?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA

The Benedictines preserved the Bible during the Dark Ages by writing out copies by hand.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"When you pray, you only have to ask for two things: You should ask for the light to see the will of God, and you have to ask for the courage to be able to do the will of God."

Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24
Saturday, 12/17	5:00PM - Sopera & Wattigny Family
Sunday, 12/18	8:00AM - Robert Burden (+) 10:00AM - Charlie Seger (+)
Monday, 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Tuesday, 12/20	Is 7:10-14 - Lk 1:26-38 5:00PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
Wednesday, 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45 8:00AM - Grace Walton (+)
Thursday, 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28 - Lk 1:46-56 5:00PM - Charles Seney (+)
Friday, 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

NEXT SUNDAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Vigil: Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62: 11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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, Eileen English, 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, Bob Powalio, 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.

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.



4:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If your child or children are interested in singing in the choir at the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Anne Marie Vencill at amvencill@gmail.com. There will be two 45 minute rehearsals: Sunday, December 18th at 11:00AM and Friday, December 23rd at 3:00PM. It is important to attend both rehearsals.

10:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE ADULT CHOIR

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

10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY ADULT CHOIR

Volunteers are invited to join the choir for the 10:00AM Mass on Christmas morning. Practice will be held this Wednesday at 6:30PM in the Center Building and on Christmas morning at 8:30AM before the 10:00AM mass. Please feel free to contact Mary Leglar at mleglar@uga.edu or 706-340-2672.

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!



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 Monday, January 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.

Congratulations to all of our UGA students for making it through another (or your first!) finals season and especially to all of our graduates!

We wish everyone a safe Winter Break and a very Merry Christmas!

Student activities are suspended for the Winter Break holidays and will resume on January 9th.

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS

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 for all of our volunteers on January 15, 2017 at 1:00PM. RSVP to Nora Joslyn at ccuga.nora@gmail.com by January 9, 2017.

"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. All of the communities, parishes and schools entrusted to their pastoral care and all of the organizations close to them are asked to join in the initiative.



THANK YOU FROM "BEST FOOT FORWARD"



THANK YOU SO MUCH to the entire UGA Catholic Center community for your support and generosity! For the past month or so, Best Foot Forward has sponsored a shoe/sock donation drive at the Catholic Center for refugee families in the Athens and Atlanta areas. In total, we collected over 185 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of socks!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The UGA Catholic Center will be hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 23rd from 3:00PM - 7:30PM. To sign up, please call 706-543-2293 or go online to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **UGACC**. Walk-ins are welcome!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The Catholic Center office will be closed the week after Christmas and will reopen on Monday, January 2nd at 10:00AM.

OUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

December 11, 2016 OFFERTORY IN CHURCH	\$10,787.49
ONLINE	\$ 3,655.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 4.00

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (as of December 12, 2016)

PAID	\$40,475.50
GOAL	\$50,000.00
TO GO	\$ 9,524.50
ALMS	\$ 361.00

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

Time is running out to close the gap and meet our 2016 goal! If you have not already participated in the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important initiative. The Catholic Center is currently not on target 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 be sure to complete your payments by December 31, 2016.

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Due to a manufacturer's backlog, we have not received our 2017 Contribution Envelopes. We are hoping to have them in by January 1, 2017. Keep checking the bulletin for updates.



SOCIAL GRACES DONATE TO IHN

A huge thank you to the Social Graces Women's Group at the Catholic Center. In 2016 the Women's Group donated approximately \$6,000 worth of household goods and gift cards to Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens. Special thanks to Sue Brassard for coordinating this wonderful mission.

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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.