

**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**

**Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

**Regular 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:**

Mon - Wed - Fri  
Before 8:00 AM Mass

**Evening Prayer**

Tuesday & Thursday 4:45 PM

**Adoration:**

Wednesday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

**Reconciliation:**

Wednesday & Saturday  
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

**THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER  
DECEMBER 2-DECEMBER 9**

**SATURDAY - December 2**

- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:30 PM - GSYPF Christmas Party

**SUNDAY - December 3**

- 8:00 AM - Mass & Donuts
- 10:00 AM - Mass & Donuts
- 10:00 AM - **No Nursery**
- 10:00 AM - Last Religious Ed
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:00 PM - Last Student Night Dinner

**MONDAY - December 4**

- 8:00 AM - Mass

**TUESDAY - December 5**

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:00 PM - Order Secular Franciscans
- 7:00 PM - Advent Penance and Adoration Service

**WEDNESDAY - December 6**

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 9:00 PM - Blessing of Brains
- 10:00 PM - Late Night Breakfast

**THURSDAY - December 7**

**Pearl Harbor Day**

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass

**FRIDAY - December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:30 PM - Mass

**SATURDAY - December 9**

- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass
- 6:30 PM - Spanish Mass & Potluck



**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, is the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate".

The Immaculate Conception is commonly confused with the Virgin Birth of Jesus. Jesus's birth is covered by the Doctrine of Incarnation, while the Immaculate Conception deals with the conception of Mary, not that of her son. The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, it is a holy day of obligation or patronal feast, and in some countries a national public holiday.

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**SUNDAY** **First Sunday of Advent**  
**Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37**

Sat., 12/2 5:00 PM Hank Cutler†

Sun., 12/3 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union  
 10:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union  
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Mon., 12/4 Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11  
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Tues., 12/5 Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24  
 8:00 AM - Gail Lopes†  
 5:00PM - Ruthmary Browning†

Wed., 12/6 Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37  
 8:00AM - Franciscan Missionary Union  
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Thurs, 12/7 Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21-, 24-27  
 8:00 AM - Elsie Horton†  
 5:00PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Fri., 12/8 **The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38  
 8:00 AM - Mila Greca†  
 5:30 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union

**NEXT SUNDAY** **Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8



**WE LIFT UP  
 IN PRAYER**

Margaret Bell, Jill Bittle, Andrew Paul Blanton, Grace Byrne, Betty DeGuilo, Dorothy Dickert, FX Dickert, Norma d'Azzo, Sr. Barbara Daniels, Elena Dekazos, Karla Dougan, Eileen English, Jill Ennis, Robert Ennis, Jr., Michael Fitzmaurice, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Max Germaine, Phyllis Ginn, Harsh Jain, Charles Hicks, Mary Kurtz, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Sharon Perrine, Andrea Pawalie, Joyce Ragan, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Grant Tyner

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY** our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially:

Anne Fasullo, Sr. Barbara Smith, Marydel Ward

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017:** The elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**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 the church office, 706-543-2293 or [ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:ccuga.sacraments@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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

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

**Religious Education**  
 Pre "K" and "K"  
 Sunday's at 10:00 am  
 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Wednesday's at 6:15 pm  
**Confirmation Classes**  
 Monday's at 6:00 pm

Contact David Briones at 706-543-2293 or [brionesda@gmail.com](mailto:brionesda@gmail.com)

**RCIA**  
 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes are full for this term. You can obtain registration forms for the next session by going to our website at [ccatuga.org](http://ccatuga.org). If you need additional information, please contact Sr. Barbara Daniels, MSC at [ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING FINALS**

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

- \* Reading Day
- \* Blessing of the Brains at 9:00 PM
- \* Late Night Breakfast @ 10:00 PM  
December 6<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup>

**December 6<sup>th</sup> thru December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- \* Center Hall will be open during Finals for studying

**2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent**

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 2 5:00 PM  
 Sunday - Dec. 3 8:00 AM  
 10:00 AM  
 5:00 PM  
 Tuesday - Dec.5 7:00 PM

**Penance Service & Adoration**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday - Dec. 8 8:00 AM  
 5:30 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 9 5:00 PM  
 Sunday - Dec. 10 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent**

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 16 5:00 PM  
 Sunday - Dec. 17 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent**

Saturday Vigil - Dec. 23 5:00 PM  
 Sunday - Dec. 24 8:00 AM & 10:00AM

**Christmas**

Sunday Vigil - Dec. 24 4:00 PM Children's  
 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

**Christmas Day**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday - Dec. 25 10:00 AM

**CATHOLIC CENTER OFFICE**

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**TNT (Thursday Night Theology)**

Join Fr. John on Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Catholic Center upstairs apartment for TNT. We are exploring the book, "You Did It for Me: Care of Your Neighbor as a Spiritual Practice." All students are welcome to join the discussion.

**SEEKING WATERS**

Seeking Water, student-led praise and worship, meets on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel.

**IGNITE**

Freshmen are invited to come join us every Wednesday at 8:00 PM for Ignite. This is a freshman student program designed to help build a deeper Catholic faith and increase our presence on campus. We will provide food, fellowship and great discussions about being a freshman on campus.

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

is on break for the holidays and will resume in the New Year. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or [csinksen@uga.edu](mailto:csinksen@uga.edu).

**FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY**

October 1, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 9,679.80  
 CHILDREN'S \$ 47.00  
 ALMS \$ 162.25

**YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY**

October 15, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 6,272.75  
 CHILDREN'S \$ 1.00  
 ALMS \$ 34.10

**YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY**

October 8, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 6,920.75  
 CHILDREN'S \$ 58.00  
 ALMS \$ 164.00

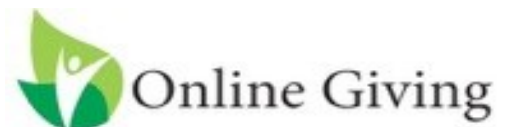
**YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY**

October 22, 2017 OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 6,180.38  
 CHILDREN'S \$ 7.00  
 ALMS \$ 294.25

**ON LINE GIVING**

9/14/17 to 10/23/17 - \$12,477.64



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.

**CC Alms Program Supports Local Charities**  
 During the month of **December**, the Catholic Center Alms program will be donating funds to: *Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens.*

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 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

**Christmas Day**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday - Dec. 25 10:00 AM



The Catholic Center's Nursery will be closed until January 2018.



**CHRISTMAS AT OASIS CATÓLICO**

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 tree in the back of the chapel. **Please return unwrapped gifts to the Catholic Center office no later than Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Be sure to include the gift tag so your gift will be distributed properly.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

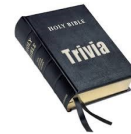
The Catholic Center Bereavement Group Ministry offers comfort and support to individuals who are going through the grieving process. Please join this group of caring and compassionate members for help and support. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Quinn at 706-546-1870 or [mquinn@augusta.edu](mailto:mquinn@augusta.edu) or the Center office.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

If your child or children are interested in singing in the choir at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Theresa Vencill at [tmvencill@gmail.com](mailto:tmvencill@gmail.com). There will be two 45 minute rehearsals: Sunday, 16 December at 11:30pm and Saturday, December 23 at 11:30pm. It is important to attend both rehearsals. We look forward to singing with you!

**DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - ADVENT PENANCE**

Our Advent Penance Service will be held in the chapel on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Adoration will follow the Penance Service.



**THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION**

Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

**LAST WEEKS TRIVIA**

*What is a Catholic Thanksgiving?*  
**Answer:** The Greek word for Thanksgiving is eucharistia. This word is where we get the word Eucharist. We gather as a church family, saints and angels among us, to partake in the feast of an ultimate Thanksgiving.

**HOME BOUND BASKETS**

Norah Risher and Annette Richt are collecting supplies for the Christmas Homebound Baskets. Please donate DAILY SAMPLE -SIZE SUPPLIES like toothpaste, shampoo, mints, Kleenex packets, liquid/gel soap, lotion, etc. Please deliver the supplies to the Catholic Center by Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. If any questions, contact Annette Richt at email [a47richt@bellsouth.net](mailto:a47richt@bellsouth.net) or Norah Risher at [Nerisher@bellsouth.net](mailto:Nerisher@bellsouth.net)

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Thurs  
 10AM - 4PM

Friday  
 10AM - 4PM