

**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

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 or 706-248-4823 for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Register online at ccatuga.org

Religious Education
 Pre "K" and "K"
 Sunday's at 10:00 am
 1st thru 7th 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

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. If you need additional information, please contact Sr. Barbara Daniels, MSC at ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING FINALS

Wednesday, December 6th

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

December 6th thru December 13th

- * Center Hall will be open during Finals for studying

2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule
1st 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

2nd Week of Advent

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

3rd Week of Advent

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

4th 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

The Catholic Center's office will be closed for Christmas on Fri., Dec. 22nd, Mon., Dec. 25th and Tue., Dec. 26th. We will be closed for New Year's on Jan. 1, 2018

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.

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

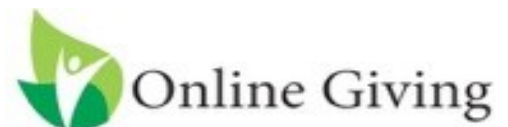
YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

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 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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Christmas

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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 17th.** 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 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. 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 5TH - ADVENT PENANCE

Our Advent Penance Service will be held in the chapel on December 5th 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 18th at 11:00 am. If any questions, contact Annette Richt at email a47richt@bellsouth.net or Norah Risher at Nerisher@bellsouth.net

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 10AM - 4PM

Friday
 10AM - 4PM