

**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

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**THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER
DECEMBER 23- DECEMBER 30**

SATURDAY - December 23

- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass

SUNDAY - December 24

- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 10:00 AM - Mass
- 10:00 AM - **No Nursery**
- 4:00 PM - Children's Mass
- 6:00 PM - Mass
- 10:00 PM - Mass

MONDAY - December 25

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 AM - Mass

TUESDAY - December 26

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass

WEDNESDAY - December 27

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation/Adoration
- 5:00 PM - Mass

THURSDAY - December 28

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8:00 AM - Mass
- 5:00 PM - Mass

FRIDAY - December 29

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8:00 AM - Mass

SATURDAY - December 30

- 4:00 PM - Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM - Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 1, 2018 - OFFICE CLOSED**
- **January 4**
7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
- **January 23, 2018**
12:00 PM - Red Cross Blood
- **February 14, 2018**
Ash Wednesday



Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed most commonly on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West, lasts twelve days and culminates on the Twelfth Night. Christmas is such a beautiful time of year. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcomed into our homes with loving arms as we anticipate the birth of Christ. He is the reason for the season, and we need to be sure to celebrate his birth appropriately. Unfortunately, many of us Christians are only concerned with the material side of Christmas. We get caught up in the hustle and bustle of sales and deadlines and so forget why this month is so important.

SUNDAY **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38
 Sat., 12/23 5:00 PM Franciscan Missionary Union
 Sun., 12/24 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 10:00 AM - Portel Rebellon Gelant†
 4:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 6:00 PM - Don Desmond†
 10:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Mon., 12/25 Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14
 8:00 AM - Dorothy Dickert†
 Tues., 12/26 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
 8:00 AM - Helen Coughlin†
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Wed., 12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Mt 2:13-18
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Thurs, 12/28 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 5:00 PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Fri., 12/29 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
 8:00 AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

NEXT SUNDAY **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 / Col 3:12-21 or
 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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, at 706-543-2293 or ccuga.sacraments@gmail.com



**WE LIFT UP
 IN PRAYER**

Margaret Bell, Jill Bittle, Andrew Paul Blanton, Lurdes Barreto, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey, Capizzi, Betty DeGuilo, 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, Michael Torpy, Grant Tyner

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially: Barbara Ayer, Dorothy Dickert, Adam Martin, Fr. Aubrey McNeil, Nat Seney, osf, Barbara Smith, osf,

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.

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 4th thru college to serve our faith community while becoming more involved in the Mass. Please contact 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

UP COMING DATES

January 4th
UGA Classes Resume
January 7th at 5:00 PM
Student Mass & Dinner After
January 9th
RCIA Resumes
January 10th
RE Resumes

LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST STUDIES

Over the course of 5 days, we served 444 students, some came from outside the Catholic Center community. The first night we had a record of 175 students. Some of these students were from Hillel Jewish Community and the Muslim Student Community. The late night breakfast during finals has become the biggest week-long event at the Catholic Center. Our openness and willingness to serve our students, has become widely recognized around the UGA campus.

2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule

4th Week of Advent

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 offices will be closed for Christmas and New Year's from Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

SEEKING WATERS

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

IGNITE

Freshmen are invited to 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

GSYPF will have the first meeting of its winter/spring study on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center. New-comers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS INFORMATION

YOUR RETURN FOR GOD'S GENEROSITY

December 17, 2017
OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH	\$ 6,552.33
CHILDREN'S	\$ 65.00
ALMS	\$ 288.00

ON LINE GIVING

December 17, 2017
\$3,687.44

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.**

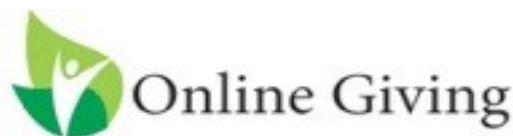
Due to an oversight during our transition, we neglected to report the October 29, 2017 offering.

GOD'S GENEROSITY

October 29, 2017

OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH	\$ 7,217.16
CHILDREN'S	\$ 3.00
ALMS	\$ 197.00



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.



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PLEASE NOTE

January 1st is **NOT**
A Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be no 5:00 pm vigil mass
December 31st.

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COUPLE'S BIBLE STUDY

The Couple's Bible Study is starting a new study series on Revelations starting January 9th at 6:30 pm in the Center. If you would like to join our group, please contact Janelle Paustian at [706-207-0155](tel:706-207-0155) or email janellep@me.com. We would love to have you join our group.

KEYS

We are currently taking inventory of all keys to the chapel and/or the center. If you currently have a key to either building, please call the Center Office asap (706-543-2293) to let us know what key or keys you currently have. **Thank you.**



Father John, Father Bill and the Catholic Center Staff, wish everyone and their family a **Very Merry Christmas!**

NURSERY

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



THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION

What was a great thron of the heavenly host

singing?

LAST WEEKS TRIVIA Who was the King who interviewed the wise men? **Answer: Herod**

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
10AM - 4PM

Friday
10AM - 4PM