



The Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

The Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the Church’s oldest celebrations. It was publicly observed as early as the fourth century. June 24 was eventually chosen as the date for the solemnity because Scripture tells us that John was conceived six months before Jesus (see Luke 1:36)

Centuries before the time of Christ, some pagan cultures annually celebrated the summer solstice, which occurs in late June. They recognized that after the solstice, the days began getting shorter. For a variety of reasons, they traditionally acknowledged the change of seasons by lighting bonfires that were kept burning all night.

The events in the life of Christ did not offer an obvious connection to this midsummer festival, so early Church leaders turned to the life of John the Baptist. As the birth of Christ was celebrated at the winter solstice in late December, so John the Baptist’s birth would be celebrated at the summer solstice. It was and is a perfect fit: The nativity of John portends the nativity of Jesus. “I must decrease and He must increase.” (Sunday Visitor)

We should ask ourselves...”Where does my life point towards?” We are involved in such an individualistic society where everything points to our own center...ME. We are so obsessed and involved in what “I can get” from the world or others, that we forget we are the messengers of the Word. We speak and act in the name of the One who gives life and truth to our lives, our families, our church, and our community. The One who comes is the One who loves, supports, encourages, embraces all and welcomes all. In our present age, are we like John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Lord by our words and actions? As we examine our lives, may we become more aware of God’s presence and, like Zechariah, may our mouths be opened to proclaim the truth of God’s providence with courage. May we stand with the voiceless, the poor, the vulnerable, those on the peripheries, and may we have the grace of encounter enlivening our hearts and our consciences as we journey on our own road of discovery of truth and freedom.

SUMMER MASS TIMES & SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule
 Tuesday 5:00 PM
 Wednesday 8:00 AM
 Thursday 5:00 PM
 Friday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer
 Wednesday & Friday 7:45 AM

Confessions
 Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
 or by appointment

<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE: THIS WEEK’S DAILY MASS SCHEDULE There will be no daily Masses on June 26, 27, and 28. Fr. Frank will be attending a Province meeting in New York.</p>	<p>OFFICE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR JULY 2-JULY 6 The Center office will be open on Monday, July 2 only and CLOSED the rest of the week. If you have items for the July 8 bulletin, please email them to the office by Sunday, July 1.</p>	<p>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2-JULY 6 Monday 7/2 - No Mass Tuesday 7/3 - No Mass Wednesday 7/4 - 9:00AM Mass Thursday 7/5 - 5:00PM Mass Friday 7/6 - 8:00AM Mass</p>
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MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sat., 6/23 5 PM - Dottie Moore (int.)
 Sun., 6/24 Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66, 80
 8 AM - Gloria Vacchio †
 10 AM - Craig Elliott †
 Mon., 6/25 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Mt 7:1-5
 Tues., 6/26 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wed., 6/27 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20
 Thurs., 6/28 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29
 Fri., 6/29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
 Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
 8 AM - Cliff Shugart (int.)

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2018:
 That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

PRAYER LIST

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER
 Margaret Bell, Jill Bittle, Andrew Paul Blanton, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey Capizzi, Brenda Critch, Betty DeGuilo, Norma d’Azzo, Elena Dekazos, Karla Dougan, Steve Duncan, Jill Ennis, Robert Ennis, Jr., Michele Flaherty, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Denise Gannon, Carol Garbon, Phyllis Ginn, Gregory Glander, Ben Greenspan, Laurie Jackus, Katherine King, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Barbara O’Brien, Bill Ozburn, Karen O’Boyle Pagoda, Myra Pawloski, Lee Prendergast, Linda Purks, Denise Quinn, Sharon Perrine, Joyce Ragan, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Michael Torpy, Grant Tyner, Mary Lou Zeitler

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HANDING OUT AMERICAN FLAGS**

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing American Flags after the Masses this weekend. The flags are free however a donation jar will be available. 100% of all donations will go to the Purple Heart Foundation which supports all Veterans and their families.

**COLLECTING BACKPACKS FOR OASIS
CATOLICO FOR BACK TO SCHOOL**

The Catholic Center will be collecting new backpacks for students at Oasis Catolico ranging in age from kindergarten to 8th grade. Let's help them start the school year on an awesome note with a new backpack. If you would like to donate a new backpack, please drop it off at the Catholic Center office.

**GRADUATE STUDENT / YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF)
BIBLE STUDY STARTS THIS WEEK**

The GSYPF Bible Study will next meet on Monday, June 25 at 7:00PM at the Catholic Center to discuss Chapter 1 in the study guide "Philippians: A Letter to Friends." Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

**LAKOTA RIDE OF RECONCILIATION 2018
THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to everyone who baked and bought delicious treats or donated to the Bake Sale. We raised almost \$400 which will support our students participating in the ride. Your generosity (and baking talents) are appreciated.



**CATHOLIC CENTER POTLUCK ON
MONDAY, JUNE 25 AT 6:00PM**

Everyone is invited to attend our monthly Potluck Dinner on Monday, June 25 at 6:00PM in the Catholic Center Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy delicious food and fellowship.



2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR PARKING

The Catholic Center will once again offer weekday parking permits for a limited number of spaces to members who are UGA students or faculty/staff. Permits will be granted on a first come first served basis to qualified applicants. All students must have completed a Catholic Student Association (CSA) registration form in order to be eligible for a parking permit. Information and program rules are posted on our website at ccatuga.org. Application forms will be posted on July 1 and **MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**.

REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER LIST

Please notify the office if you would like to put a loved one's name on our prayer list and be sure to specify whether the name should be published in the bulletin or not. Names will remain in the bulletin for two months unless the office is notified of a status change prior to that time. If you want the name to be publicly listed for a longer duration, you must notify the office that it should not be removed. Whether the name is published or not, the person will remain in our prayers.

ONE-ON-ONE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Catholic Center lay minister, Milton Lopes, is available for personal spiritual direction. Please contact Milton at 706-247-6052 or mlopes@uga.edu to make an appointment.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

To participate in the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit our website at appealarchatl.com to make an on-line gift, or contact Nancy Stoehr 404-920-7614 or nstoehr@archatl.com for more information.

Once pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds will be returned to The Center for use in our ministries. Thank you to those who have given to the Appeal thus far.

Center Goal:	\$ 52,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 40,245.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 27,111.66
Remaining Balance:	(\$ 12,355.00)

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS

JUNE 17, 2018 OFFERING

CHURCH	\$ 5,632.82	CHILDREN'S	\$ 3.08
ONLINE	\$ 1,760.44	ALMS	\$ 157.00
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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: To receive Offertory Envelopes, please contact the Center office.



Online Giving

Online giving is available to make regular tithes and offerings or for one-time donations.

The App is available on Smartphones and Android mobile devices. Visit our web site at ccatuga.org to learn more and sign up.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (Godparents welcomed). Classes are held every month.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for preparation.

RCIA: A program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

To schedule all Sacraments, please contact the office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10AM - 3PM

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