



**THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

A Prayer for Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Matthew 3.3

Loving God, we place ourselves into Your hands and pray: God of light, bless us, our families and friends, during these coming holy days. Help us to make our homes places of joy, peace, love and safety. May we become more generous and considerate, and think not about ourselves so that others may enjoy the blessings of Christmas. May we keep our eye on the Star within us and trust this Loving Light to guide and direct us each day. Amen



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION MASS TIMES**

Catholic Center

Friday, 12/7 5:30PM Vigil Mass
7:30PM Spanish Vigil Mass
Saturday, 12/8 8:00AM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Friday, 12/7 5:30PM Vigil Mass
Saturday 12/8 8:30AM
12:00PM (Bi-lingual)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER

Saturday 12/1

6:00PM - GSYPF Christmas Party (Hall)

Sunday 12/2

11:00AM - Advent Wreath Making/Chili Party (Hall)
6:00PM - Sunday Night Dinner (Hall)

Monday 12/3

5:45PM - Confirmation Class (Hall)

Tuesday 12/4

9:00AM - Chapel Cleaning Day (Chapel)
6:00PM - Order of Secular Franciscans (Library)
7:00PM - RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday 12/5 - Reading Day

6:00PM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Chapel)
8:00PM - Blessing of the Brains (Chapel)
9:00PM - Late Night Breakfast (Hall)

Thursday 12/6

8:00AM - 12 Hour Adoration (Chapel)
12:00PM - Advent Reflection & Lunch (Hall)
9:00PM - Late Night Breakfast (Hall)

Friday 12/7

5:30PM - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
7:30PM - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Spanish Vigil Mass

Saturday 12/8

8:00AM - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6:00PM - GSYPF Christmas Party (Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

*Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, 12/11

*Lessons & Carols
Wednesday, 12/19

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 PM
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Wednesday 3:30PM - 4:45 PM
Saturday 3:45PM - 4:30PM
Or by appointment



PREPARING OUR CHAPEL FOR ADVENT

There will be a general cleaning of the Chapel on December 4th beginning at 9:00AM. This will be a great time to prepare our place of worship for the holidays. The more hands we have the lighter the work! Come for as little or as long as you can. Jackie Raines and Alayne Makula will coordinate the clean-up.

ADVENT LUNCH & REFLECTION BEGINS DECEMBER 6 WITH MILTON LOPES

Each Thursday at noon during Advent, we will have a reflection from a member of our community in the Center Hall. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to bring a food creation of your own, it would be most appreciated. All are welcome.



O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL AND JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR!

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00PM. In addition, the St. Joseph's Penance Service is on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7:00PM.

In the midst of the "busy-ness" of Christmas preparation, this is an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to join us in the Catholic Center Chapel for a lovely evening of reflection and song.

THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE A DIFFICULT TIME IF YOU ARE GRIEVING.

The Bereavement group can help. The Catholic Center Bereavements group will next meet on Tuesday, December 4th at 2:00PM. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory grief, acute grief or long-standing grief) or if you feel you can contribute, please join us in our healing process. All are invited to attend. For more information please contact Mary Ellen Quinn at mquinn@augusta.edu or 706-546-1870.

SILVER ANGELS PET FOOD DRIVE

Please join the Silver Angels, Wills Pet Pantry and the Catholic Center in collecting pet food. It will be distributed to clients of the Meals on Wheels program who have pets and don't always have enough food for them.

PRIORITIES ARE: 12-25 lbs of dry dog food for medium/large dogs and 10-15 lbs of dry cat food. Also on the wish list are toys and medium/large dog collars.

COLLECTION DATES: December 2-9.. You can leave your donations on the stage of the Center Hall. Any questions, please email Sue Foley at sbfoley@uga.edu.

LOUIE SAYS "Thank you for helping my furry friends."



DELIVER CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We will be preparing Christmas gift baskets for the members of the Catholic Center Faith Community who receive Communion at home. Please donate Christmas/seasonal hand or dish towels, individually wrapped healthy snacks (raisins, crackers, mints) or a small unbreakable Christmas ornament. Donations will be accepted on the stage at the Center Hall until Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND NOTES

CALENDAR NOTES

- **Children's Christmas Eve 4:00PM Vigil Mass**
All RE students are invited to participate in the Christmas Vigil Mass. We are looking for angel chorus members, bell ringers, readers, and Nativity pageant characters. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays (12/5, 12/12, and 12/19) at 6:00PM. Contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org for more information.

- The Last RE class for 2018 is our Confirmation class on **Monday, December 3rd at 6:15PM**
- 2019 RE Classes Resume
Wednesday, January 9th at 6:15PM
For Grades 1st-8th
Sunday, January 13th at 10:00AM
For Pre-K and Kindergarten
Monday, January 14th at 6:00PM
For Confirmation students



SPANISH MASS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:30PM

There will be a Spanish Mass in the Catholic Center Chapel every Monday except December 24 and 31st. All are welcome.

Blessing of the Brains

December 5th at
8pm in the Chapel

Receive extra spiritual strength to
get through exam week



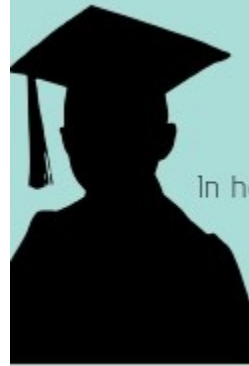
Late Night Breakfast

December 5th at 9pm
December 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th
8pm in the gathering space



Sanctify Retreat

February 15th-17th
Camp Hidden Lake
\$50 for UGA students
\$60 for non students
Register on the website



Baccalaureate Mass

In honor of our graduates we will celebrate
our Baccalaureate Mass
Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5pm.
Please email Angie if you are graduating.
Congratulations and best wishes!

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, FAITH FORMATION & OUTREACH (continued)

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Catholic Center congratulates the following students on their graduation from UGA.

**Emily Gomes, Sara Horvath,
Connor Matthew O'Neill,
Sam Roberson, Anna Speed and Tilea West**

We wish you all the best. Know you always have a home at the Catholic Center.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE A SUCCESS!

The Knights of Columbus sincerely thank all for donating again this year for our coats for kids drive. We were able to raise a little over \$10,600. That is over double what we raised the previous year. We had an individual cash donation of \$5000. We also had a person hand make 75 knitted hats. We were able to help Area Churches Working Together (ACTS) of Oconee Co, Oasis Catolico of San Rafaela, St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. However, since we raised so much money we will have extra coats to distribute. If you know a child who needs a coat, please call John Steffl at 706-338-5551. Thank you again and may God Bless everyone this Christmas.

CATHOLIC BEER CLUB MEETS THURSDAY, 12/20

If you are 22+, a graduate student, or are early in your career, you are welcome to join the Catholic Beer Club. The purpose of the Catholic Beer Club is to help young adult Catholics build authentic community. Their motto is "No agendas, just community and relationships." The next event will be on Thursday, December 20th at 8:00PM at Little Kings Shuffle Club. Look for the Pope Francis bobblehand. This event is meant to be complimentary to other Catholic young adult ministry events in Athens. Contact Angie at csadirector@ccatuga.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S

Volunteers are needed on Sunday afternoons throughout the year to visit with Catholic patients at St. Mary's Hospital and offer Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and bring a bit of comfort. Please contact Jessica Chicken at JChicken@stmarysathens.org

ADVENT MISSION AT ST. JOES FRIDAY 12/7 AT 7PM. Join the Catholic community as we hit the streets of downtown Athens and share Christ. We will be collecting prayer intentions and follow up the mission with Christmas carols. We will meet back at St. Joe's with a bonfire.

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.

Saturday: 5PM - Maury Maher †
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
8AM - Kerry Haskell †
10AM - Marshall & Webb Families †
5PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
5PM - Members of the Catholic Center (int.)
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
8AM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
5PM - Liz Edwards †
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
8AM - Elsie Horton †
5:30PM - Franciscan Missionary Union
 Saturday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
8AM - Susan Burnett †
5PM - Susan Burnett †

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Diane Ambrose, Rosilyn Andrews, Francis Todd Baker, Jill Bittle, Shirley Bundy, Vickie Burroughs, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey Capizzi, Katie Beth Carey, Brenda Critch, Betty DeGuilo, Norma d'Azzo, Elena Dekazos, Steve Duncan, Jill Ennis, Valerie Fagan, Michele Flaherty, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Denise Gannon, Carol Garbon, Roxanne Gil, Phyllis Ginn, Gregory Glander, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Myra Pawlowski, Lee Prendergast, Denise Quinn, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Marge Smith, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Larry Quattrocchi, Mary Lou Zeitler, Agnes and Dennis Adrian

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

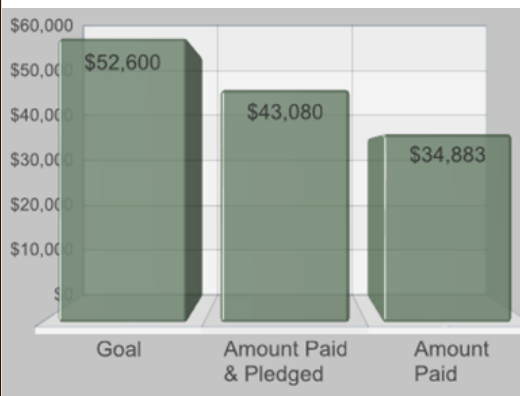
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS

Archbishop Annual Appeal: Status as of 11/16/2018

Goal: \$52,600.00
 Total Pledged & Received: \$43,080.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$9,520.00)
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 81.9%
 Amount Received: \$34,882.76
 Percent of Goal Received: 66.32%



Average Gift Amount: \$224.38

Number of 2018 Donors: 192

Number of 2017 Donors: 259

Offertory November 25, 2018

Offertory \$6,923.40 Alms \$169.36

#Igive Catholic Donations

Campus Ministry Outreach & Activities \$462.00

October, 2018 Monthly Re-Cap

Offertory	\$34,049.95	Alms	\$943.00
Donations	\$2,195.00	Parent Fund	\$410.88
Building Fund	\$50.00	Football Parking	\$240.00
Mr. Catholic	\$60.00	Rentals	\$1,000.00

Second Collections October 2018

Latin Am./E. Eur./World Missions	\$453.00
St. Vincent	\$300
Catholic Relief	\$21.00

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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.

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 Mon. - Thurs. 10-4PM
 Friday 10-2PM

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