

The Catholic Center

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

This year, we as a Franciscan family celebrate the power of dialogue. Eight hundred years ago, in the midst of the Crusades, St. Francis of Assisi and his companion, Illuminatus, set out to meet the Muslim Sultan of Palestine, Syria, and Egypt, Sultan al-Malik al-K'mall. He was a devout Muslim could have had St Francis of Assisi killed for trying to convert him. The Sultan spared the life of St Francis. It is not exactly known what Francis and the Sultan al-Malik al-K'mall discussed, but historians say Francis returned home a changed man and impressed about his experience with the Sultan and the feeling and experience was mutual. It is only through encounter are we able to break down the barriers to peace, unity and respect by addressing the divisiveness of fear, hatred, ignorance and complacency. This film shows that religion can be a source of respect for each other.

In the spirit of Francis and in this spirit of dialogue and peace, we begin this week of celebration. Throughout the week we will be given opportunities to dialogue, through interfaith encounter (Monday), climate change and the need to protect God's gift of creation (Tuesday), the giftedness of our generational community with children and seniors (Wednesday), our remembrance of Francis' passing (Thursday) and celebrating community and all things Franciscan next weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) through feasting, blessing and thanksgiving!

Laudato Si... Blessed Be!! Happy Feast Day!!!

Event Highlight

NOTRE DAME & UGA TAILGATE MASS

Thank you to everyone who came out to join us last Saturday to celebrate Mass with our fellow Dawgs and the Fighting Irish!



Notre Dame and UGA Catholics joining together to celebrate the Blessed Sacrament of the Mass.

The presiding priests after the Notre Dame mass. From left to right: Fr. Mike, Fr. Casey, Bishop Konzen, Fr. Mark, and Fr. Frank



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday 5:30PM
Friday 7:30AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM
6:00PM (Student Mass)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Saturday: 3:45PM - 4:30PM

OFFICE HOURS Mon. - Fri. 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday-Zec 2:5-9,14-15/Lk 9:43-45
5:00 PM- John Toutkoushian †

Sunday- Am 6:1,4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

8:00AM - Maury Maher †
10:00AM - CC Member
6:00PM - Joseph Pham Dinh Chung †

Monday-Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
5:30PM - For the Poor (int.)

Tuesday-Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
5:30PM - For Creation (int.)

Wednesday-Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10
5:30PM - For Peace (int.)

Thursday- Neh 8:1-12/Lk 10:1-12
5:30PM - For Universal
Brotherhood & Sisterhood (int.)

Friday - Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
7:30 AM - For Missionaries (int.)

Weekly Calendar

Monday 9/30

3:30PM Campus Kitchen Cooking (K)
7:00 PM The Sultan & The Saint Movie (H)

Tuesday 10/1

6:30 PM Environmental Talk (H)

Wednesday 10/2

12:00 PM Senior Member Lunch (H)
6:00PM RE Class (Grade 1-8) (H)
6:30 PM RE St. Francis Play (CH)
8:00PM Ignite Freshmen Ministry (H)

Thursday 10/3

7:00AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)
10:00AM Women's Bible Study (TV)
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (C)
7:00 PM Transitus (CH)

Friday 10/4

6:00 PM St. Francis Dinner

Saturday 10/5

11:00 AM Acevedo/Abreu Wedding
12:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 10/6

9:00AM Donuts
10:00 AM RE PreK/Kindergarten (H)
11:00 AM Honey Workshop
11:00 AM Donuts (L)

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE ST. FRANCIS DINNER!

Be sure to stop by the Catholic Center office and pick up your tickets for the St. Francis Dinner on Friday, October 4. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00PM. Come early to check out the raffle and auction items.

NURSERY

The NURSERY is opened during the 10:00AM Sunday Mass. It is located in the Center Hall window area. We are accepting children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. If you are interested in being a helper once a month, please come see Rachel Jones or Lynn Renna, dre@ccatuga.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLIC CENTER "BY THE NUMBERS"

Our 2019-2020 school year is off to a wonderful start. Check out a few statistics!

142 Religious Education students
42 catechists (UGA students and members)
17 RCIA candidates
70 UGA freshmen participating in Ignite
40 UGA upperclassmen participating in ARCH Ministry
28 Catholic Center students tutoring at Oasis Catolico

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

All are welcome to attend an informational meeting to gauge interest in a local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a bed-building group for children living in poverty. This group is dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. The meeting is Friday, October 11, 1:00-2:00 PM in the First Baptist Church rotunda. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Dr Nathan Byrd, Assistant Director of Family Promise, at 706-340-3649.

BEE KEEPING WORKSHOP

Madeleine Schwab will be hosting a beekeeping workshop Sunday, October 6 at 11:00AM in the Center Hall. She will go through the process of honey creation and the importance of beekeeping. Come check out the Catholic Center beehive!



BAKE SALE FOR THE EARTH - THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those who participated and supported the Bake Sale for the Earth. It was very successful, raising over \$400. As a thank you to the Catholic Center they will be planting a new tree on our property. Thank you, Bake Sale of the Earth, for your commitment to Laudato Si and keeping our earth healthy and clean!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RE CATECHISTS

Last Sunday these 43 catechists for Religious Education were recognized at Mass where they rededicated themselves to this mission.. Our 2019-2020 catechists are:

Katie Buechler, Brett Grayson, Kathy Nguyen, Josee Garceau, Rachel Coltrane, Claudia Trejo, Gabi Usher, Charlie Wixson, Erin Twomey, Katie Gower, Mary Taylor, Suzie Henderson, Mariana Hernandez, Alejandra Delgado, Ryan Hartman, Alwin Rejimon, Divine Francis, Cesar Escalante, Stephen Joseph, Sydney Kate Lewis, Chandler McDevitt, Allison Caso, Ann Evans, William Velasquez, Julie Barkley, Felicia Ebot-Ojong, Julia Vassil, Natalia Blooming, Joe Costyn, Abby Doorley, Maggie Whitehead, Beth Newhold

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE!

GRADUATE STUDENT AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF)

The GSYPF Bible study will attend the Catholic Center's screening of "The Saint and The Sultan" on Monday, Sept. 30 at 7:00PM. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

ATHENS CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

We will meet on the third Thursday of the month, encouraging those in the young(ish) professional and graduate student stage of life to meet over a drink and form authentic friendships. The next event is October 17 at 8:00PM at **Southern Brewing**. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure - that's us! For more information, email Michelle Willis at michelle.willis@uga.edu.

WELCOME JAMES PERKINS, OUR NEW LITURGY AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

We are so excited to welcome James Perkins, our new Liturgy and Music Director at the Catholic Center. James and his wife are both UGA alumni and are excited to be back in the Classic City. We are very grateful to have James join our staff and can't wait to see all the ways he will serve the Lord through his gift of music. You can contact James at music@ccatuga.org!



SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

Why do the Franciscan use a different cross?



Here at the center and around the world, Franciscan parishes use a distinct version of the crucifix. While not painted by St. Francis or any of his followers, it is deeply connected to the Franciscan movement. What is this cross, and why is it significant?

Called the "San Damiano cross," its painter is unknown, but the Romanesque rood cross was likely constructed around 1100 in Umbria, Italy. Unlike other crucifixes, Jesus is more than just a dead corpse, but is portrayed alive and glorified, eyes open to gaze on the congregation. Another difference between this one and others is that he is not alone: depicted alongside Jesus are angels and saints, mourners and observers, and even two animals. More than just the crucifixion, the cross encapsulates many scenes of Christ's passion.

The reason that Franciscans use this cross is because it is the one that inspired St. Francis' conversion. Found in an abandoned chapel outside of Assisi, the seraphic saint prayed before it, hearing Christ speak to him "rebuild my church." It was here, one could say, that the Franciscan movement was born. Today, the cross hangs in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for generously sharing your treasures with the Catholic Center and its ministries. If you have any questions regarding the financials of the Catholic Center, contact the office.

September 8, 2019

Offertory \$7,466.08 Alms \$28.00

September 15, 2019

Offertory \$8,684.98 Alms \$107.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Jerome Braun, Carrie Finnerty Bolinger, Bill Burden, Shirley Bundy, Grace Byrne, Noleen Casey, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Liz Duclos, Jill Ennis, Bill Evelyn, James Flannigan, Carol Garbon, Phyllis Ginn, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Kate McCall, Blaire Meyran, Tommy Morgan, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozbum, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Raif Sejdi, Marge Smith, Sr. Sheila Tague, Samuel Thompson, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Joan Weiss, Artur Muszynski and Don Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Dolly Daniels and Mason Martin.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September

For the protection of the oceans:
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE FAMILIES SUPPORT THE PET FOOD DRIVE

RE families can help support the Pet Food Drive during the St. Francis week celebration. Donations can be brought to RE Class. Dry food, canned food, treats, and collars will be appreciated.

8th GRADE RE CELEBRATES ST. FRANCIS

Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:45PM, in the Chapel, the 8th Grade RE Class and other RE students, will be putting on a play, "The Best Thing in the World" to celebrate the life of St. Francis. Everyone is invited to attend.

VIRTUS TRAINING

RE students in grades Kindergarten to High School, were given a form for their parents to fill out for the VIRTUS-Children Safe Environment Program from the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please fill out and return these forms at your child's next RE Class.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN RE

It's not too late to register. This class begins at 10:00AM on Sunday mornings.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Candidates for Year 1 are reminded to submit their Baptism Certificates to the RE Office if your child was not baptized at the Catholic Center. The next Confirmation class is Monday, September 23, at 7:00PM in the library. Be sure to pick up your student by 8:45PM.

GRADES 1 & 2 AND BASIC FAITH 1 & 2

All students in these programs are required to bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate to their next class meeting unless they were baptized at the Catholic Center.

Contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org with questions.

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Notices for the bulletin must be sent via email to stewardship@ccatuga.org by noon on Monday.

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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.

PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests for inclusion on the list to secretary@ccatuga.org.

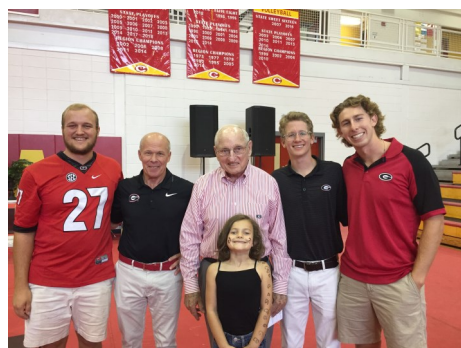
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CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coach Jack Baurle and Coach Vincent Dooley at the Tailgate Mass with CSA Members and a future Dawg!

CSA Members, Kevin Ronczkowski, Russell Marcum, Kyle Stubler and Future Dawg, Rebecca! Thanks Coach Bauerle and Coach Dooley!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Friday the community hosts breakfast club after the 7:30AM mass. We've had many students the past couple weeks and we would love to have most join us! Feel free to bring a snack to share.

