

The Catholic Center

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday- Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
5:00 PM - Patrick Stephens †

Sunday - Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

8:00AM - Liz Edwards †
10:00AM - Catholic Center Members (int.)
6:00PM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †

Monday- Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
5:30PM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †

Tuesday-Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
5:30PM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †

Wednesday-Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
5:30PM - Don Stegeman †

Thursday- Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
5:30PM - FMU* (int.)

Friday -Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
7:30AM - Elise Horton †

*Franciscan Missionary Union

ADVENT REFLECTION

We think of “waiting” as wasted time: prevented from moving while we wait for someone else to act. But the season of Advent calls us to more “creative” waiting: envisioning what is to come and making it possible for that vision to be realized. Waiting become, to realize, to complete, to restore is part of the human experience — and though such waiting can be agonizing, frustrating, and terrifying, Advent is about waiting in



hope and anticipating the good that is possible.

We celebrate the birth of God’s Christ in the darkest days of the year. But the dawning of the light of Christ enables us not only to not fear the darkness but to find God in the darkness. The season of Advent calls us to such “pregnant waiting”: not passive, disengaged waiting, but a waiting that anticipates and makes possible now for what is to come. The experience of waiting enables us to realize what we appreciate, value and cherish; waiting teaches us how to be present and attentive to family and friends; waiting opens our vision and spirits to realize the love of God in our midst.

My dear friends, may we see past the words, the fears, the walls, the rhetoric, the anger and the division surrounding us that does not give birth to God. In this season of hope may we live with longing hearts for the one who brings peace, love, justice and compassion into our families, community, church and world.

Happy Advent!



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION THE GIFT-AN INCREDIBLE ADVENT JOURNEY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

Does your daily journey recognize and address the injustices you encounter? Are you using your God-given gifts to make a difference in your own life and the lives of others? Join us in the Catholic Center hall as we spend time reflecting on how the season of Advent calls us to move beyond watching and waiting to an exploration of where our personal journeys are taking us and how we are using our gifts as stepping stones along the pathway.

Kat Doyle, the Director of Justice and Peace Ministries at the Archdiocese will be leading this Day of Reflection at the Catholic Center. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost but you must preregister by contacting the Center office at 706-543-2293 or secretary@ccatuga.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/1

First Sunday of Advent

10:00AM RE PreK/Kind (H)
10:00AM Nursery (H)
11:00AM RE Wreathmaking/Lunch (H)

Monday 12/2

3:30PM Campus Kitchen Cooking (K)
6:00PM Catechist Dinner (H)
6:30PM CSA Christmas Party (H)
7:00PM Confirmation (L)
7:00PM St. Joe’s Penance Service (O/S)

Tuesday 12/3

9:30AM Catholic Mamas Group (TV)
6:00PM OFS (LI)
7:00PM Confirmation Make-Up (O)
7:00PM RCIA (TV)
7:00PM St. Matthew’s Penance Service (O/S)

Wednesday 12/4

5:00PM Catechist Dinner (H)
6:00PM RE 1st-8th Grade (H)
8:00PM Ignite Freshmen Ministry (H)

Thursday 12/5

UGA Reading Day
8:00PM Blessing of the Brains (CH)
9:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H,K)

Friday 12/6

UGA Finals Week begins

Saturday 12/7

9:00AM Chapel Cleaning (C)

THE GIVING TREE!

The Giving Tree at the Catholic Center benefits Oasis Catolico Santa Rafaela, a Catholic Ministry located in the Pinewood Estates North mobile home park in Athens. Our Giving Tree is up! Help us make Christmas a bit brighter for our families at Oasis Catolico. Please return **unwrapped gifts** to the stage in the Catholic Center hall by Sunday, December 15.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

#IGIVE CATHOLIC FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

We are excited to announce that we are participating in #iGive Catholic Giving Tuesday on December 3, our nation’s day of giving. This year, the Catholic Center is seeking to raise funds to benefit our music ministry. With your help, we will reach our \$10,000 fundraising goal through #iGive Catholic Giving Day! Donations from Giving Tuesday will be used to offset the debt incurred from the purchase of our new sound system and keyboard. All gifts you make to the Catholic Center from now until December 3 will make a meaningful difference to the growth of the Center. To make a donation or to find more information, please visit the link on the ccatuga.org website, scan the QR code or pick up an envelope in the back of the Chapel.



HIRE-A-STUDENT

To raise money for the Alternative Spring Break Mission Trips, we are bringing back our Hire a Student program. We will match parishioners with students who can help them with their need for service. Please email Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org if you are interested in hiring a student.



HOLIDAY HOMEBOUND BASKETS

We are collecting items to fill gift baskets this holiday season to bring to the homebound. Suggested donations of travel size hand soap, chapstick, handkerchiefs, small Christmas ornaments, travel size tissue packets, or notecards are requested for our Homebound faith community members. We ask that items be brought to the Catholic Center by Monday, December 16. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

DONATE A POINSETTIA TO HONOR A LOVE ONE

To make our church beautiful this holiday season, we will be decorating with poinsettias. If you would like to participate by donating a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, complete the form and return with payment to the Center office by December 11. Each poinsettia is \$20. Forms can be found in the back of the Chapel or the office.

IMPORTANT RECONCILIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective immediately, we will no longer be using the confessional in the church for reconciliation. The space does not have a safe environment status as the window in the door is not clear and the space is too small. Confessions on Wednesday will be in the main body of the church and on Saturday confessions will be in the Center office.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TAX STATEMENTS

In order to be sure end-of-year tax statements reach all of our members, we must ensure your contact information is up-to-date. If your mailing address has changed or you just want to double-check your info, please contact the office at secretary@ccatuga.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

NOT SO LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Finals Week begins Thursday, December 5 with our annual Blessing of the Brains and first of five "Not so Late Night" Breakfasts. Volunteers are needed to prepare a yummy meal to help our students study for finals. In addition, we are asking for volunteers to deliver a breakfast casserole to the Center on Sunday, 12/8.

Late Night Breakfast Schedule

12/4, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/11

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Center office at secretary@ccatuga.org or follow the link on our website for the Sign-up Genius.

NO COMMUNITY MEETINGS DURING FINALS WEEK

In order to keep the Center free and quiet for studying during finals week, there are no meetings from 12/4 until 12/12. Thank you for supporting our awesome students as they close out the semester.

PREPARING THE CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS

Bring a date (or a friend) and help us get the Catholic Center Chapel deep-cleaned and ready for Christmas with a clean up on Saturday, December 7 beginning at 9:00AM. Many hands make light work, as they say. Bring your favorite cleaning tool and a smile!

MORNING WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars for a morning with Santa on Sunday, December 15, after the 10:00AM Mass in the Center Hall. Families can have their picture taken with Santa and enjoy delicious donuts and drinks and fellowship. We are asking each family who comes to spend time with Santa to bring a can(s) of food, which will go towards feeding a family in need during the holidays. Contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org with questions.

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF) BIBLE STUDY

GSYPF 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY 10AM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR NURSERY, PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

Last class of the semester - 12/1/2019
First class of 2020 - 1/12/2020

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last class of the semester - 12/4/2019
First class of 2020 - 1/8/2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Last class of the semester - 12/2/2019
First class of 2020 - 1/13/2019

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 PM. If your child is interested in having a part in the Nativity Story, singing in the angel choir, reading one of the Prayers of the Faithful, or ringing the bells, please contact Lynn Renna, Director of RE Ministry, dre@ccatuga.org.

Christmas Eve Mass Rehearsal Dates:

Wednesday: 12/11 and 12/18, 6:00-7:30PM
Saturday: 12/21, 9:00-11:00AM.

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOT-SO-LATE NIGHT BREAKFASTS

Join us each night during finals weeks for our late-night breakfast. This is a great opportunity to be fueled up by a home cooked meal and take a break from studying! The center will remain open 24 hours throughout finals with snacks and coffee provided!

Thursday, December 4 - Blessing of the Brains 8:00PM
Followed by Late Night Breakfast
Sunday, December 8 - 8:00PM
Monday, December 9 - 8:00PM
Tuesday, December 10 - 8:00PM
Wednesday, December 11 - 8:00 PM

TACKY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tacky Christmas party December 2nd at 6:30PM in the hall! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and celebrate the end of the semester!

THANK YOU!

Thank you from the CSA Board to all of the students involved in CSA Ministries & the community members for supporting us! We are so thankful for all that you bring to the Catholic Center! We hope your finals week goes smoothly and your Christmas is wonderful. We can't wait to see you in January!

DECEMBER 1, 2019

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

How Does Advent Work?

Everyone knows that Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas. What you may not know is that each week's readings have a particular theme to help us prepare.

The first Sunday of Advent looks to the "End Times" and the coming of the "Day of the Lord." The readings remind us that Jesus Christ has already been born, and what we *truly* await is not the birth of a child but the eternal kingdom of God.

The second Sunday always focuses on the preaching and ministry of John the Baptist as a forerunner of Jesus. We are to take his words to heart and as we convert our own way of life.

The third Sunday, called "Gaudete Sunday," conveys the joy that we feel with the increasing closeness of the solemnity of Christmas. While the Gloria is still not sung, the mass on this date is the most festive of the Sundays.

Finally, the fourth Sunday recalls the events that immediately preceded the birth of Christ. This year the focus is on Joseph, but years B and C focus on Mary.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ON 12/8

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please join us in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for generously sharing your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. Questions or concerns, please contact the Center.

November 10, 2019

Offertory \$7,684.10 Alms \$82.10

November 17, 2019

Offertory \$9,052.47 Alms \$216.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Carrie Finnerty Bolinger, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Noleen Casey, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Phyllis Ginn, Pat Goggin, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gary Kilgos, Frances Koepnich, Richard Lynch, Kate McCall, Ann McSay, Tommy Morgan, Jim Mueller, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Marge Smith, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker, Sr. Sheila Teague, Joan Weiss, and Artur Muszynski.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Sr. Colleen Birmingham, MSC and Sr. Dorothy Columer, MSC & Kenneth Stula

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December:

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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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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PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests



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