

The Catholic Center

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Wednesday - 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- Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
5:00 PM - Patrick Stephens †
Sunday - Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
8:00AM - Rebecca Bleakly †
10:00AM - Matthew Hubert †
6:00PM - Catholic Center Members
Monday- Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
7:30AM - FMU
5:30PM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †
Tuesday-Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
5:30PM - David McElhannon †
Wednesday-Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
5:30PM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †
Thursday- Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
5:30PM - Ingrid Rojas (int.)
Friday -Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
7:30AM - Margarita Diaz Cosio †

ADVENT REFLECTION

This weekend we hear the far off voice of John the Baptist reaching out to us, becoming present to us, calling us to repent. Think things over; do an inventory of our lives, and make the necessary changes that we have been putting off. Like what? Repent from our sins, of course! But also repent from letting God slide to the edges of our lives, for having made God a second-class citizen in our personal world. Repent from having treated our faith like a routine, an old habit - same old, same old. Repent from habits that hurt others and rob us of a full life. Repent from being preoccupied with ourselves and having only a marginal interest in the well-being of others. Repent from a form of despair that says, "I'm too old to change." "That's just the way I am." Advent speaks to us of the shortness of life and the need to get our lives in order - the need to live life to the full. To make use of every moment of our lives.

My dear friends, in the end, all that matters is the love we are able to give and receive, the values we live and sacrifice for - not just talk about but living those values and the justice and peace we are able to contribute to the common good. This is the message of Advent - that our lives are brief, that time is precious, that the Lord's "return" will be a moment of accountability for how we have lived this gift of life God has given each of us. Advent reminds us: we are all on a journey and we are just passing thru - now is our time. Where will my journey take me?



PENANCE SERVICE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9 is the Immaculate Conception, a major Feast Day for our church. We will be holding mass at 7:30AM and 5:30PM. We will also have an Advent Penance Service at 7:00PM. This is a great opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas.



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 12/8

Second Sunday of Advent
11:00AM Marrero Baptism (CH)
7:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H)

Monday 12/9

Immaculate Conception
Center Closed
7:30AM Mass
7:00 PM Penance Service (CH)
8:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H)

Tuesday 12/10

7:00PM St. Anna's Penance Service (OS)
8:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H)

Wednesday 12/11

6:00PM Children's Mass Rehearsal (CH)
8:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H)

Thursday 12/12

8:00PM Late Night Breakfast (H)

Friday 12/13

UGA Commencement

Saturday 12/14

9:00AM Advent Day of Reflection (H)

Sunday 12/15

Giving Tree Items due!

CALENDAR UPDATES

*The Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be Monday, December, 9 at 7:30AM and 5:30PM.

*Our last Sunday 6:00PM Student Mass of the semester is Sunday, December 8. The Sunday evening Masses will resume on January 12.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to all of our Seniors graduating this Friday! We are so thankful that you decided to be a part of the Catholic Center community. We are looking forward to seeing all that you will accomplish!

Madeline Shepard

Kenny Jean-Bart

Emma Toland

Alexandra Rios

Caroline Taborda

Maria Santoyo

Bekah Galucki



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.

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 15

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 and in the back of the church! 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. Thank you for your generosity!

2ND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES! TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE 42 ANNUAL 5K HUMAN RACE

Mark your calendars for our 5K Human Race on Saturday, February 15 at the Catholic Center. Help your heart and run the race!
If you would like to be on the 5K Human Race committee and help plan this wonderful community event, join us for our first meeting on Monday, December 16 at 2:00PM.
For more information or to volunteer, contact Sr. Uyen-Chi Dang at admincsa@ccatuga.org.

A NOT SO LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!

Thank you very, very much to everyone who has signed up to cook or bring a casserole during Not So Late Night Breakfast. You are all awesome! Our students appreciate your support and delicious home-cooking as they study for finals. For those who have not signed up to help, you are always welcome to join us for all or part of the time.

CATHOLIC MAMAS GROUP

The Catholic Mama's group is on break for the holidays and will resume back on January 7. All moms are invited! Merry Christmas!

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, 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.

ATHENS CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

Please join us on December 19th at 7:00PM at Creature Comforts. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure! CBC meets 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. For more information, email organizer Michelle Willis (michelle.willis@uga.edu).

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

First class of 2020 - 1/12/2020

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First class of 2020 - 1/8/2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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!
Sunday, December 8 - 8:00PM
Monday, December 9 - 8:00PM
Tuesday, December 10 - 8:00PM
Wednesday, December 11 - 8:00 PM

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 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

What if I forget to confess a sin?

If you're like most people, you have at one point gone to confession with a number of things weighing on your heart only to forget one of them once you're in the confessional. You try your hardest to remember, but it only comes to you a few hours after you leave. What should you do?

It's important, in these situations, to remember what we believe about God and what actually happens in confession. When we do a thorough examination of conscience, open to seeing our faults, and when we come to the sacrament with a contrite heart, not withholding anything, we believe that God wipes us clean of all of our sins. Everything. What matters is not that we properly document every single individual sin (as if that were even possible!) but that we are resolute to living a good life focused on God.

In that case, as long as we did not willfully withhold confessing a sin, we should have confidence that God has forgiven it. There is no need, once we have gone to confession, to confess things that we've only just remembered or things we forgot to confess. Trust that your contrition and God's infinite mercy have taken care of it and work on doing what is likely the most difficult thing of all: forgiving yourself.

Archbishop's Appeal Reminder



If you still have a pledge balance to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia. Every gift is important and appreciated.

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 17, 2019

Offertory \$9,052.47 Alms \$216.00

November 24, 2019

Offertory \$11,715.73 Alms \$196.45

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$51,900.00 % Goal Received: 94.36%

Amount Received: \$48,972.45

Total Pledged \$58,037.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Noleen Casey, Sr. Rosalie Cooper, OSF, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Phyllis Ginn, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gary Kilgos, Frances Koepnich, Richard Lynch, Ann McSay, Jim Mueller, Artur Muszynski, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Marge Smith, Martha Tucker, Sr. Sheila Tague, Joan Weiss, and Maurice Woosnam

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Rebecca Bleakly and 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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