

The Catholic Center

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today, the love shared among the Holy Family offers us both a witness and a challenge. All families have difficulties and divisions, whether in our own family unit, within our communities or within our Church family. Ask ourselves, "What can we do to heal these divisions and rise above our own self-importance, self-centeredness and ego? How do we see life through another's eyes and show empathy, mercy, compassion, love and forgiveness? Do we allow God to lead us to new places? Can we find the courage to journey with our families through the despair we feel at times and through the joy we are called to nurture?" To love one another as the Holy Family, requires that we look beyond the faults and idiosyncrasies that annoy us in order to discover the Christ who lives in each of us. Such love requires that we replace nitpicking, nagging and criticism with wise counsel, humbly offered, and encouragement and praise, generously bestowed. Like Paul says to the Colossians in the second reading, "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

Such was the love that became incarnate among us and which we delighted in celebrating at Christmas. Such is also the love that has brought us to the end of this year and will carry us through to the new year and beyond. Happy Feast Day!

Thank you for being part of our Catholic Center family.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00 AM Mass

Weekly Calendar

Monday 12/30

Office Closed

6:00 PM Gary & Kathy Whitworth
Vow Renewal

6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Tuesday 12/31

Office Closed

2:30 PM Bornhurst/Waring Wedding

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1/1

Happy New Year!

Office Closed

9:00 AM Mass - The Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God

Thursday 1/2

Office Open from 10AM-4PM

Friday 1/3

Office Closed

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (CH)

Saturday 1/4

11:00 AM Funeral for William Long

2:30 PM Stapleton/Slimming Wedding (Ch)

Tuesday, 1/7

9:30 PM Catholic Mama's Group (TV)

UGA Classes Begin - Spring Semester

Wednesday, 1/8

6:00 PM Religious Education 1-8th Grade

Thursday, 1/9

7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (TV)

6:00 PM Women's Dinner (H,K)

Please note: During the week of
December 30-January 3, the Catholic
Center office will only be open on
Thursday, January 2, 2020 from
10:00AM - 4:00PM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sr. Margarita, Sr. Marietta, Sr. Angela, Sr. Uyen-Chi and the families at Oasis Catolico Santa Rafaela would like to thank the Catholic Center members and students for their generous Giving Tree donations. The Catholic Center was flooded with snuggly stuffed animals and blankets, soccer balls and gift cards. Our Christmas will be brighter because of all of you. Thank you for your prayers and kindness.



HOLIDAY HOMEBOUND GIFT PREPARATION



Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts and treats for our Homebound members. Our fantastic Holiday Homebound Gift elves assembled wonderful gift boxes to be delivered. A special thanks to Annette Richt, Nora Risher and all of our volunteers!



Congratulations to Gary & Kathy Whitworth
and

Richard & Eileen Sinda
who are celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary!

Blessings from the Catholic Center!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday 5:30 PM
Tuesday New Year's Eve
Wednesday New Year's Day
Thursday 5:30 PM
Friday 7:30 AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday-1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

5:00 PM - Baby Pat †

Sunday - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00AM - JoAnn Pundsack Kerbs †

10:00AM - Richard & Eileen Sinda (int.)

Monday - 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

5:30PM - Gary & Kathy Whitworth (int.)

Tuesday - 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

5:30 PM - Portel, Rebellon, Galon Families

Wednesday-Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk
2:16-21

9:00 AM - William Long †

Thursday-1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

5:30 PM - Mary Davis †

Friday - 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

7:30 AM - FMU

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will begin its winter/spring study on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Center. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

CATHOLIC MAMAS GROUP

The Catholic Mama's group is on break for the holidays and will resume back on January 7 at 9:30AM in the TV room. All moms are invited!

FIRST WOMEN'S DINNER OF 2020 ON JANUARY 9, 2020

All Catholic Center women are invited to our January Women's Dinner on January 9 at 6:00PM. The cost of the dinner is \$12. Please RSVP to the Catholic Center office by Monday, January 6.

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.



PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES! TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE 42ND 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 or Jenni Toutkoushian at 706-543-2293.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First class of 2020 - 1/8/2020

CC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS BROUGHT PEACE AND JOY TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

Thank you to all of our RE students and their families, Lynn Renna and James Perkins for a wonderful Christmas Eve pageant during the 4:00PM Children's Mass. We all appreciate the time and energy put into this beautiful pageant.



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

First class of 2020 - 1/12/2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS

First class of 2020 - 1/13/2019

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 wish everyone a very happy New Year! We can't wait to see you in January!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Welcome Back Semi-Formal will be Friday, January 10 at 8 PM!

Our Spring Retreat, Behold, will be January 31 -February 2 at Camp Hidden Lake. All are invited!

Sign up: bit.ly/beholdretreat
Team Application: bit.ly/beholdteam

DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

Do you have a question?

Throughout this semester, we have provided answers to common Catholic questions. We hope that you have enjoyed reading them and that you have learned from them. In the new year, we would like to know what your questions are. If you have a question you would like answered in the bulletin, please email Fr. Casey at caseyofm@ccatuga.org.



Archbishop's Appeal Reminder

If you still have a pledge balance for 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.

December 8, 2019

Offertory \$10,097.00 Alms \$108.50

December 15, 2019

Offertory \$11,901.10 Alms \$198.00

We Lift Up In Prayer

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

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Mary Davis, William Long and Karen Johnson

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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