

The Catholic Center

Dear Catholic Community at UGA:

Let's keep our college students in our prayers as they begin final exams this week. This year has been so strange and it is quickly coming to an end. Who would have thought on January 1 this is what 2021 year would have presented for us. Now that we are getting closer to 2021, I know that many are hoping for a more normal way of living, but regardless of what the new year brings, we won't enter into the year alone. We have family, friends and our faith community. We will continue to walk together.

In this Advent season, I invite us to particularly pray for a reawakening of faith. We've experienced in 2020 something we never thought we'd ever experience. We had to shut our doors for quite awhile, but they are gradually reopening. I invite you to reflect about what you have discovered during this pandemic about yourselves and those around you? Particularly, what is something good that has happened in your faith journey in this time? Perhaps, we will have a deeper appreciation of SEEING one another, coming together and being able to stand next to each other. Reflect on this in these closing weeks of 2020.

Blessings on the journey,

Fr. Fred

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Mass Readings

Saturday - Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
No Mass

Sunday - Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt
3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

8AM - For those in Purgatory †

11AM - Angel Wells †

4PM - Students Taking Finals

6PM - CC Members (int)

Monday - Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
No Mass

Tuesday - Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph
1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Noon - Maria Pacheco (int)

5:30PM - Elsie Horton †

Wednesday - Is 40:25-31/Mt
11:28-30

5:30PM - Alice Gallagher (int)

Thursday - Is 41:13-20/Mt
11:11-15

10:00AM - Students Minds

Friday - Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
8:00AM - Nicholas Galizia †

SCHEDULE NOTES

- We will have no mass Monday, December 7.
- The Catholic Center penance service will be Monday, December 7 at 7PM.
- We have added an additional mass on Tuesday, December 8 at noon to celebrate the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

To ensure social-distancing and safe mass practices, we will be re-implementing our Eventbrite sign-ups for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Please sign-up with your household at the links on our Facebook or website homepage!

Register On 

FINALS WEEK**Thursday, December 10** - Reading Day

*Blessing of the Brains during the 5:30 Daily Mass

Friday, December 11 - Finals Begin

Keep students in your prayers as they prepare for and take their exams!

Help us keep students fed during this stressful week! We would love to keep our student pantry and fridge full - help us by bringing individually packaged snacks, baked goods, fruit, microwavable meals, k-cups, tea or anything else that may fuel our students brains.

**PRISON MINISTRY URGENTLY NEEDS WINTER COATS**

The Archdiocese's Prison Ministry reports that there is an urgent need for winter coats for inmates who are being released. As the temperature drops it is important for everyone to have a warm coat. The Catholic Center will be collecting new or gently used women's or men's winter coats. Coats can be delivered to the Center office throughout the month of December. Thank you for helping to keep our community warm!

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Catholic Center at UGA is hiring for a part-time (10-12 hours) office assistant. Duties include, but are not limited to, data entry, copying, filing, organizing. Candidates should be detail oriented, organized, and have experience with Excel and Word. Hours are expected to be Monday through Wednesday morning with the specific schedule to be determined. Qualified applicants should email a resume and cover letter to Elizabeth Porter at finance@ccatuga.org.

GIVING TREE

Our annual giving tree is up in the back of the chapel! Please grab a tag (or three) and return unwrapped gifts to the center stage by December 18. Gift tags include items such as gift Cards, soccer balls, stuffed animals and clothing in a variety of sizes. We thank you for your continued support of Oasis Católico!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

During this Advent Season we would like to remember the meaning of the candles on the Advent Wreath and Core Principles of the Knights. Four in each case:



First candle. Purple. Symbolizes Hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

First Principle: Charity. Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

DONATE A POINSETTIA TO HONOR A LOVED 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 9. Each poinsettia is \$20. Forms can be found in the back of the Chapel.



ADDRESSES FOR FR. FRANK AND FR. CASEY

We have had a number of requests to share the addresses of our dear Friars Fr. Frank and Fr. Casey. Here they are:

Fr. Frank Critch, OFM, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 17 Pompton Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

Fr. Casey Cole, OFM, St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 131 Ward St., Macon, GA 31204

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for continuing to generously share your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. For any questions, please contact the Center.

November 22, 2020

Offertory \$15,775.17 Alms \$52.00

November 29, 2020

Offertory \$7,196 Alms \$263.00

GIFTS PROVIDING TAX BENEFITS

All 401Ks and retirement plans have beneficiaries. Leaving these plans to children can result in a large percentage going to taxes. Please consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan – even if just a percentage. For information on changing beneficiaries on retirement plans, contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia at jgreco@cfnga.org or (404) 497- 9440. Learn more at www.cfnga.org.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Huguette Bourgery, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, Mary Colley, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, MaryAnn Deom, Tom Eaton, Carlos Figueroa, Alice Gallagher, Carol Garbon, Mildred George, Amy Hartwell, Bob Henry, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Gordan Manning, Jim Miller, Mikel Nicolo, Barbara O’Brien, Sharon Perrine, Norah Risher, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Ann Schrauth, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Eileen Sinda, Doug Tigert, and Joan Weiss.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Jack Gratzek and Angel Wells.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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