

December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Catholic Center

Dear Catholic Community at UGA:

Our college students had the Blessing of the Brains last week and now they are in the middle of their exams. After, many will be leaving to go home for Christmas break - let's keep them in our prayers for safe journeys home. We'll miss them. Fr. Brian and I were discussing that when the students are gone, we REALLY do miss their presence. Since we've been here, we both have experienced a number of bonfires with the students. It's a great time and a good way to visit and get to know one another. When they were gone for Thanksgiving, FB and I had a couple of bonfires in their honor. It was fun but not the same without them. I've learned Fr. Brian is a great fire builder!

We're in the heart of the Advent Season and as it always does, it's going fast. I pray you've found some way to make this season of preparation special. Last week, someone in our community who has not been to Mass due to the pandemic was able to come to a smaller daily Mass. They were so happy to celebrate and receive Eucharist and it was good to see a smile on this person's face. As we draw nearer to Christmas, please remember to sign up for Christmas Mass. If Masses are full, please remember that we are also live streaming every Mass.

Again, Fr. Brian and I are so happy to be with you. Keep us in your prayers as we do you.

In Christ,
Fr. Fred

**There will be no student masses (4PM, 6PM) December 13 to January 10.
These masses will be again Sunday, January 17.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 MASS UPDATE AND DRIVE THROUGH CONFESSION

There **WILL** be Mass on Saturday, December 19 despite a possible home football game. Be sure to leave extra time for any game day traffic.

Our **Drive Through Confession** will be Saturday 12/19 from 10:30AM-12PM. Fr. Fred and Fr. Brian will be in both parking lots behind the Center. Follow the signs!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER 2020 GRADUATES!

Thomas Dodd - Mechanical Engineering

Mary Elizabeth Edmonds - History, Minor in Classical Culture

Cassidy Starzec - Human Development & Family Science

Rosemary Wills - Science Education



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Mass Readings

Saturday - Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,
10/Lk 1:26-38

5:00 - Ingrid Rojas (int)

Sunday - Is 61:1-2, 10-11/1
Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8AM - Florence P. Harkanson †

11AM - John Ochenkowski †

4PM - CC Members

6PM - Robert and Joan Spisak †

Monday - Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Mt
21:23-27

5:30 - Confirmation Candidates

Tuesday - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt
21:28-32

5:30PM - Richard Gries †

Wednesday - Is 45:6b-8, 18,
21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

5:30PM - Jack Horton †

Thursday - Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt
1:1-17

5:30PM - Allen Clark (int)

Friday - Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

8:00AM - Betty DeGuilo (int)

GIVING TREE

Giving tree gifts are due THIS FRIDAY to the center stage! If you grabbed a tag, please return your designated unwrapped gift. If you haven't been able to grab a tag, its not too late - there are still gift tags on our tree in the back of the chapel! We thank you for your continued support of Oasis Católico!

**CONFIRMATION MASS FOLLOWED WITH AN ADVENT TRIVIA INVITE**

All Confirmation Candidates are invited to attend the 5:30 Daily Mass on Monday, December 14. This Mass is being celebrated by both Father Fred and Father Brian for the Confirmation Candidates, "That the Holy Spirit gives strength in their faith as they continue their journey to receive the sacrament of Confirmation." After Mass, the Candidates are invited to stay for a fun game of Advent Trivia, hosted by their Catechists. Refreshments will conclude this event with pick up at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

All Christmas Masses will be live-streamed. Both 4:00PM and 6:00PM Masses are full.

43RD 5K HUMAN RACE TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The race must go on but it may look a little different. We are looking at options to run the race and keep everyone safe. If you would like to volunteer for our 5K Human Race Committee, we welcome you. Help us plan a fun and safe race and continue this awesome tradition. Contact Sr. Uyen-chi and admincsa@ccatuga.org if you would like volunteer for the planning committee or would like more information. Runners, be sure to mark this on your calendar!

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 Mon through Wed morning with the specific schedule to be determined. Qualified applicants should email a resume and cover letter to Elizabeth Porter finance@ccatuga.org.

iGIVE THANK YOU

We thank God for you and for your generous gifts on Giving Tuesday. Just last week, we received 2 requests to fix damaged roof, 1 utility assistance, and many for rice and beans. Your total donation of \$6.897 helps us to continue to respond to these needs!

**CLEANING THE CHURCH**

On Wednesday, December 23 we will be cleaning the church to prepare for Christmas. If you can spare an hour or two to help us make the Chapel even more beautiful, we would appreciate it. Tasks would involve vacuuming the Chapel, straightening out the pews and dusting. Contact the Catholic Center office if you would like to volunteer.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The Catholic Center cooks a hot lunch for Our Daily Bread on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The director at ODB said that the Catholic Center cooks more than any other group and everyone loves the food (no surprise there). Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare these meals. Our Sign-up for 2021 is on our website. We are always looking for volunteers (no cooking expertise needed).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus Corner at the Catholic Center UGA.

During this Advent Season we would like to remember the meaning of the candles on the Advent Wreath and Core Principles of the Knights. Second candle. Purple. Represents Faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Second Principle: Unity. None of us is as good as all of us. It means that you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weeks second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious**. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Like many Americans, religious communities face the challenge of funding eldercare. Your donation makes a difference. Roughly 95 percent of their budget aides senior religious. 28,418 religious past age 70 benefit from the RFR.

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.

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 29, 2020

Offertory \$7,196 Alms \$263.00

December 6, 2020

Offertory \$12,967.73 Alms \$284.00

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We have had many people switch to Online Giving during 2020. Thank you so very much for your generosity throughout this challenging year. We are pleased to let you know that we are now able to take American Express with Online Giving. Our Online Giving can be found on the Catholic Center website at www.ccatuga.org. Please contact the Catholic Center office if you have any questions.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Diane Ambrose, Huguette Bourgerly, Shirley Bundy, Bill Burden, Grace Byrne, Brian Carr, Mary Colley, Lori Craig, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, MaryAnn Deom, Bob Dube, 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 Kathirae Severson and Edward Fitzgerald.

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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