



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Joan Halper †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Emma Oney †
Sunday 8AM - Laverne Lawrence †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Tim Barrett
10:30AM - Mike Clutter †	Thursday 5:30PM - Fr. Brian McNavish
5PM - Eleana Rodriguez †	Friday 8AM - Mary Ann Downing †
Monday 5:30PM - Vincenzo Buonocore †	

Honor Your Mother With a Novena

Mother's Day is coming up. We have Mother's Day cards for a Mother's Day Novena. Mothers, both living and deceased will be remembered at all of the Masses beginning on Mother's Day. Cards can be picked up in the chapel and in the front office. Fill out the large envelope and return with your donation to the office by Wednesday, May 10th and then give the card to your loved one! Suggested donation is \$10. We will remember & honor our mothers in the bulletin!



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Fri: 8AM	Holy Hours: Mon & Thurs: 9-5PM Tues & Weds: 9-10AM Fri: 8:30-10AM Confession: Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30
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Weekly Calendar

Saturday 4/22
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass &
Potluck

Sunday 4/23
8AM Mass
9AM Confirmation Retreat
10:30AM Mass &
Religious Ed
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

Monday 4/24
10AM Men's Bible
Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM Confirmation

Tuesday 4/25
9AM Our Daily Bread
5:30PM Mass
8PM CSA Seeking Water

Wednesday 4/26
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Ed
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite
Ministry

Thursday 4/27
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass

Friday 4/28
8AM Mass
3:30PM Conde Wedding

Saturday 4/29
1PM Carrio/Antonio
Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass & Ramirez Roca
Baptism

A Message from Fr. Brian

Dear Catholic Center Community,

I wanted to thank everyone for their generous giving during Easter time! Our community is growing and you can probably tell by the amount of people in the pews on the weekend and during daily mass.

So many of you give back your time, your skills, your energy, and your donations to each other in this community.

Its a beautiful image of what church looks like. The ancient church in the book of Acts speaks about how the community lived and shared everything in common. I see that here.

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year at the end of June and our numbers are looking very good. We will communicate those numbers when we can. Previous numbers are available on our website. Thank you again for your generosity.

There's a few needs we have in our community that I'm going to share with you in the coming months. I'll be referencing it in the bulletin.

We have a need for a new speaker system. We've had problems with this system forever. A new system costs \$60k and so before we consider that we are going to see what we can do with our current equipment. If you have any expertise or connections, please let us know.

We want to include a sound system that serves those with hearing aids. The cost of this is an additional \$15k. We are looking into this to give a better experience for our hearing impaired community members.

Something that is important to me is cleanliness and tidying up. A need that we have is new furniture for our our Catholic Center rooms. These rooms are used by our adult bible studies, our staff meetings, various ministries, and they are used by our students. The furniture we currently have gets the job done, but they've seen better days!

We have a need for an updated website. I made some changes last summer and we are looking to do another upgrade this summer. We would like for our website to me a pleasant experience and a landing page for our members.

Something exciting we are looking into is partnering with the UGA Hodgson School of Music and bringing in some musicians and singers into our weekend Mass schedule. Our Director of Music and Liturgy, Jayne Edwards, has a background in this during her college experience at Loyola in New Orleans and is pursuing this for us. We are looking towards this Fall for a partnership.

Thank you everyone for your giving your time, talent and treasure. We have a very blessed community.

In Christ,
Fr. Brian

A Reflection from Sr. Catherine

Dear Catholic Center Community,

I love this Gospel, as I imagine many of you do. There is so much going on, so much meaning packed into these few verses, and an irrepressible hope that opens up on the road to and from Emmaus. It brings to mind those moments in which we glimpse something that is so true and beautiful, so much of God, that we are filled with hope and courage and gratitude and confidence in the goodness and sureness and nearness of God. The interior rooms of our hearts are swept clean of sadness and smallness and self-focus and we are empowered to love with more radicality and to bear witness to that which has renewed our spirit. There is a deep knowing that happens whose effects are widespread and lasting. If we receive these moments and allow them to unfold, gently and with trust, they can transform us and send us back out into the world with new eyes and a new heart. How are we to do this?

One significant detail stands out to me— Jesus disappears from their sight. Once the disciples have recognized him, once their hearts have been filled and made strong, he vanishes. They do not get to “keep him” in the cozy confines of their dining room. This is not a cruel trick or a tragic mistake, as if he might have remained if only they’d reacted a half-second quicker, if only they had reached out and caught his wrist before he disappeared. This “vanishing” is rather something very necessary, part of the gift. He has already promised, “I will not leave you orphans,” (Jn 14:18) and assured his friends that “it is better for you that I go... I will ask the Father and he will give you (the) Advocate” (Jn 16:7; Jn 14:16). He is not walking away. Rather, he is abiding with them in a new and more intimate way, living now within them; meeting them also, in those who continue to suffer, in “the least of my brothers and sisters,” (Mt 25:40). With this solid hope, he sends them out, back to Jerusalem, back to the complex, challenging world and their messy lives, back to the places where there is hunger for bread and for belonging.

There seems to be a similar dynamic at play in Jesus’ encounter with Mary Magdalen outside the tomb, when he says “stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father... go to my brothers and tell them...” (Jn 20:17). Here too, Jesus is teaching his friends how to live with him in another way, how to “take it on the road,” as it were. There is no place and no circumstance, he seems to be saying, in which I will not be present. “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt 28:20). You needn’t fear running out of what you most need because I am here. There is indeed nothing that can separate us from him. This news is so Good, so life-giving, that it must be shared.

And speaking of good news, please join me in praying for and rejoicing with Chase Gary as he receives the sacraments of initiation this Sunday at the 5pm mass!

Blessings to you,
Sr. Catherine

Announcements

Are You Graduating this Spring/Summer?



The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family.

We will have a Baccalaureate Mass at 11:15 AM followed by lunch on Friday, May 12, for graduating seniors and graduate students. Please RSVP by filling out the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/fRcwSnGkB9KpjPD48> or use this QR code.



Call for Mass Coordinators

We are in need of Mass Coordinators for the Sat. 5PM Mass. Mass Coordinators are the “behind the scenes” folks who prepare for the Mass. In addition to setting up for Mass they make sure the Liturgical ministers (lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers) are present and ready to serve for Mass. They also ensure the safe keeping of the offertory funds. Email Bob at finance@cctuga.org if interested.

Sunday Night Dinner Needs Volunteers

We are in need of volunteer sign ups to cook dinner for our students after the Sunday night masses. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal from 3-5PM, you can sign up using the QR code or following the link on the bottom of the Catholic Centers' home webpage. Desserts donated are always appreciated and can be dropped off in the kitchen.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

One week to go until the event! Due to volunteer cancellations caused by the change of dates, we need help with volunteers and we still need help in reaching our fundraising goal. Our current donation status is \$29,667 vs. our goal of \$35,000. Please go to: give.fmsc.org/Athens to donate and register. Thanks to all Catholic Center members who have volunteered and donated so far. Matthew 25:35-40 “for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

As a reminder, the event has been moved to April 29-30 in the Payne Athletic Facility at UGA (Indoor practice facility.) Please contact Tom Spencer at athensmobilepack@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Oasis Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who donated candy, fruit, and desserts for the Oasis Easter egg hunt! The children at Oasis had a lovely time on Saturday hanging out with the Easter bunny and hunting for eggs.



Vidalia Onion Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling farm fresh Vidalia onions before and after Mass on Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30. See the Knights to purchase your bag(s) of produce and make your favorite Southern dinners with these sweet onions. If you have any questions, please call Zeke Barrera at 706-542-9373.

Finals Week Student Dinners

As the end of the semester approaches, we will be having late night dinners starting May 2nd to help the students power through finals week. We are asking for casseroles to be delivered prior to the night of May 2nd. You may pick up disposable pans in the center office. Thank you for the support!

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Sylvia Floyd	Ginny Lynch	David Simmons
Sally Allen	Denise Goins	Cecille Maher	Dave Sterberg
Tory Bowles	Jonathan Guerra	Ron Makula	Alyssa Thomas
Peter Bryan	Victoria Guerra	Carol Mazurek	Frank Trocino
Cindy Bullist	Charlene Hall	Kevin Noble	Thelma Tuley
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Janna Nugent	Jake Wilson
Joanne Cabrera	Geraldine Higgins	Margaretta O'Shea	Bryan Vaughn
Jeanette Campbell	George Huban	Daniel O'Sullivan	Joanne Waldron
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Dean Kimbaris	Lou Perno	Paul Waring
Tony DiPietro	James Law	Shirley Puskarz	Don Young
Henry Eckles	Tom Lauth	Lou Richt	
Alberta Foster	Michelle Linton	Sophia Rodriguez	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Ellen Brugger, Richard Lynch, Carl Orlando and Joan Weiss

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our offertory throughout the year. Your support of the Catholic Center and our ministries is heartwarming. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent.

April 9, 2023	April 16, 2023
\$16,373.33 - Offertory	\$11,791.14 - Offertory
\$800.00 - Donations	\$1,793.00 - Donations
\$513.00 - Alms	\$480.01 - Alms

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