



The Catholic Center

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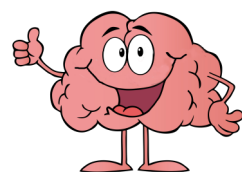
ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Margo Schwier †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Mary Joan Walsh †
Sunday 8AM - The Priests of the Archdiocese of Atlanta 10:30AM - The Clutter Family 5PM - McAuley Millen †	Wednesday 5:30PM - John & Rita Batcho †
Monday 5:30PM - Douglas Elliot	Thursday 5:30PM - Richard Lynch †
	Friday 8AM - Van Whittington †

Finals Week at the Catholic Center

Reading day is Tuesday, May 2nd. We will have the finals week Blessing of the Brains during daily Mass on Reading Day. Late night dinners are back! We will be feeding our students during finals week to keep them fueled as they study. Late night dinners will start May 2nd and continue 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!



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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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 4/29
1PM Carrio/Antonio
Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 4/30
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

Monday 5/1
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 5/2
UGA Reading Day
2PM Grief & Bereavement Group
5:30PM Mass- Blessing of the Brains
7PM Adult Confirmation
8PM CSA Ablaze

Wednesday 5/3
UGA Finals
1PM Creative Hands Crafting Group
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite Ministry

Thursday 5/4
UGA Finals
5:30PM Mass

Friday 5/5
UGA Finals
8AM Mass
6PM Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday 5/6
8:30AM First Communion Retreat
1PM Virtus Training
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass & Ramirez Roca Baptism

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

I remember doing a study abroad trip in Israel during my graduate studies in seminary. We walked around the land and became familiar with the terrain. We learned about the plants and the animals of the Mediterranean. It was a very unique place with lots of limestone, desert, grapes and olive trees. One thing that was unique was the presence of sheep and shepherds.

I learned about the relationship between sheep and shepherds. The sheep know the shepherds voice, and the shepherd cares for the sheep. The shepherd protects the sheep and cares for them. This is the image the Gospel uses to illustrate our relationship with Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the sheep and the shepherd. The sheep become familiar with the shepherds voice, and the sheep follow the shepherd. They trust the shepherd!

Jesus would've been speaking about this relationship, and the people of the Mediterranean culture would have understood. They knew the relationship between shepherds and sheep. They knew what he was talking about. For us, we are able to imagine how Jesus is the shepherd and we are the sheep. We are loved, cared for, guided and protected by the shepherd. We become accustomed to the shepherds voice once we hear it often. We know that the voice of the Lord is gentle, loving, patient, kind, faithful, safe, and ever-present. To remain close to the shepherd means to remain close to the one who protects us.

A simple reflection for all of us today is the following: am I allowing the shepherd to lead me? How can I listen to the Shepherds voice? We can enter into prayer and scripture in order to become more familiar with the shepherd's voice. Where is the shepherd leading me? To where am I being called?

Let us keep each other in prayer this week!

In Christ,
Fr. Brian

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.



Creative Hands Meets Wednesday

All are welcome to join the Creative Hands Crafting Group on Wednesday, May 3 at 1PM in the Center Hall. Bring your own project or start a new one! All skill levels are encouraged to join in on the fun!

Save the Date for Silver Angels

All those 60+ and young at heart are invited to join UGA students for lunch, games and fellowship in the Center Hall on Tuesday, May 9 at 12PM. You are encouraged to write letters of encouragement and advice to our graduating seniors as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Join Fr. Brian on Pilgrimage to Ireland

Journey to the Emerald Isle for a 10 day pilgrimage (Oct 28-Nov 6, 2023). The cost of the trip is \$4299 per person and includes round trip airfare, hotels, daily breakfast and select meals.

2nd Collection for Home Missions

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend through the second collection. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Thank you for your generosity! More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Grief Group this Tuesday

If you are grieving a death or a loss, we want you to know that you are not alone. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory grief, acute grief, or long-standing grief) or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us. All are welcome! The Group's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2 at 2PM in the Center Hall. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ellen Quinn (mebq@att.net or 706.325.5598) or the Center Office (706.543.2293).

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.

Help With Funeral Receptions

We are looking for help with funeral receptions here at the Catholic Center. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please consider signing up to be on our Funeral Receptions Committee. You may sign up on the website or with the QR code.



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!

We Lift Up in Prayer

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

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Richard Lynch, Nate Grider, 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 16 2023	April 23, 2023
\$11,791.14 - Offertory	\$8,744.20- Offertory
\$1,793.00 - Donations	\$3,500.00 - Donations
\$480.01 - Alms	\$426.00 - Alms

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