



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Eileen Sapera †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Charles Alesi
Sunday 8AM - LeRoy Ritmiller 10:30AM - Luke Frankson	Thursday 5:30PM - Julian Michael Guthrie †
Monday 5:30PM - Daniel O'Sullivan †	Friday 8AM - Catholic Center Members
Tuesday 9AM - Fr. Tom Vigliotta †	

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that have helped here at the Catholic Center. The community would not be the same without all of your hard work.

This past Sunday's volunteer lunch was a lively celebration and a gesture of appreciation for your numerous contributions over these past few years.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed"

(Proverbs 11:25).



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM Mon: 5:30PM Tues: 9AM Wed-Thurs: 5:30PM Fri: 8AM	Weekly Adoration: On Break
	Confession: Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 7/1
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

Sunday 7/2
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 7/3
5:30 PM Mass

Tuesday 7/4
Independence Day
OFFICE CLOSED
9AM Mass

Wednesday 7/5
1PM Creative Hands
Crafting Group
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 7/6
11AM David Buchanan
Funeral
5:30PM Mass

Friday 7/7
8AM Mass
6PM Ireland Pilgrimage
Meeting

Saturday 7/8
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

It is not so much that Christianity has actually been tried and found lacking, but rather, it has been assumed lacking and left untried. -variation of Chesterton ... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of me. -Mt 10:38

"Was it worth it?" "Is it worth it?" "Will it be worth it?" A way to process and understand the goodness (or lack thereof) of our experiences comes through the standard and question of worth. I remember, in a particular way, asking this question as I was leaving UGA to go to seminary to become a priest: "is this worth it?" I enjoy exercising, but sometimes I ask, "is this worth it?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a series of serious propositions. They're all an invitation to me, to live my life in a different way. Each of them, "whoever loves father or mother more than Me" "whoever loves son or daughter more than Me" "whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me," end with the statement "...is not worthy of Me."

And they're difficult considerations - in fact, I ask, "is it worth it? Is it worth being worthy of Jesus?" An intriguing question becomes, however, "is it worth asking if something is worth it?"

And so, before I even ask the question if "it's worth it" for me to consider these things from Jesus, I actually ask *Him*, "Jesus, was it worth it to take up Your cross?" Here, in this dialogue of prayer with Him, I begin to see something different about what the cross is. No longer does it become a place of restriction, fear, or difficulty - rather, in His eyes, it becomes a place of freedom: that in a place of difficulty for Him, namely my rejection of Him, He has still decided to love me.

That He could love me no matter what, no matter what condition He is placed in, or nailed on, is freedom, true unconditional love. The cross cannot define Him, so its own definition begins to change. So, in His eyes, as the cross begins to change its meaning, with Him at my side seeing Him with His own cross-on-shoulder, I begin to taste more freedom, that I might be able to love, too, whether or not it is worth it, no matter the condition.

Statement from Archbishop Hartmayer

"Peace and All Good Things. This is the greeting offered by St. Francis of Assisi whenever he met someone. It is a greeting I have adopted as my own episcopal motto as someone who follows the teachings and Rule of Life of St. Francis.

Today, I offer it from the bottom of my heart to our Jewish brothers and sisters, especially those from the Chabad of Cobb County and the Temple Beth Israel in Macon. During this weekend, these peaceful communities were subjected to hate. As people gathered inside Chabad and Temple Beth Israel to pray, a group outside was shouting lies and spewing hatred. The very thought of it is heartbreaking. All our communities should be able to gather for prayer without fear. I offer my condolences to Rabbi Ephraim Silverstone, Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar and their communities.

Announcements

Backpacks for Oasis Católico

We are collecting new backpacks for the students at Oasis Católico. Each year, our generous CC members donate backpacks to help the students at Oasis get their new school year off to a great start. Please deliver new backpacks to the Center Hall by July 16. School starts back on August 2.

Join Fr. Brian on Pilgrimage

If you are signed up or considering the Ireland Pilgrimage with Fr. Brian (Oct 28-Nov 6, 2023), you are invited to an informational Meeting on Friday, July 7, at 6PM in the Center. A representative from the Archdiocese Pilgrimage Journey will discuss the trip in detail and answer any questions you have. Please RSVP to Lynn Renna at 706-338-3434.

Visiting Priests for Daily Masses

We will have visiting priests for a few daily Masses this summer. Below are the dates that we will have a visiting priest at Daily Mass.

Thursday, 7/20 Thursday, 8/3
Friday, 7/21 Friday, 8/4

Peter's Pence 2nd Collection

This weekend's 2nd collection is for Peter's Pence, the financial support offered to the Holy Father as a sign of sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those in need. Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's mission throughout the world. Donations also aid people in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

St. Joseph School is Hiring

The SJS Athletic Department is seeking a middle school girls volleyball coach and a middle school cross country coach for the fall. The volleyball season runs August – September, and the cross country season runs August – mid-October. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Chris Moore at chris.moore@sjsathens.org.

Register for the 21st Dooley Classic

Mark your calendar for the 21st Annual Dooley Classic Golf Tournament on **September 8** at the UGA Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Catholic Student Association. Informational brochures may be picked up in the center office or the back of the chapel. Please register with a brochure or online at ccatuga.org/golf.



Creative Hands Meets Wednesday

All are welcome to join the Creative Hands Crafting Group on Wednesday, July 5 at 1PM in the Center Hall. Bring your own project or start a new one!

Religious Ed Sign Ups for 2023-2024

RE Registration is available online at ccatuga.org under Religious Education. Presently, we have 26 families registered with 39 students enrolled. We welcome the Revaks and the Bellew families to the RE Program for this fall. Please consider registering your child/children soon. If you have any questions about the RE Program, please feel free to contact Lynn Rena at re@ccatuga.org.

Knights of Columbus Flag Donation

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out miniature American flags and collecting donations before and after each mass on July 1-2. The collected money is used for money donations, toiletries, personal care items and other various goods to help support hospitalized veterans. Please consider giving back to those who have already given so much.

Silver Rose Prayer Service

Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by the Knights of Columbus from Mexico to Canada. Every stop the Silver Rose makes is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us on Sunday, July 2 after the 10:30AM Mass for this special prayer service.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo
Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Tory Bowles
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Mia Corte
Tony DiPietro

John Doyle
Henry Eckles
Sylvia Floyd
Alberta Foster
Elia Fuentes
Denise Goins
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Charlene Hall
Bob Henry
Geraldine Higgins
George Huban

James Law
Michelle Linton
Ginny Lynch
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Kevin Noble
Margaretta O'Shea
Amor Mendoza Perez
Lou Perno
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth

David Simmons
Dave Sterberg
Alyssa Thomas
Brenda Thomas
Frank Trocino
Bryan Vaughn
Joanne Waldron
Paul Waring
Amanda Wershing
Don Young
Edwin Valido

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially David Buchanan, Daniel O'Sullivan and Dolores Wilson

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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.

June 18, 2023	June 25, 2023
\$11,634.09 - Offertory	\$8,470.21- Offertory
\$6,505.00 - Donations	\$1,625.00- Donations
\$154.00 - Alms	\$125.50 - Alms

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