



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sopera †

Sunday
8AM - Angelo Maisto †
10:30AM - Dallin Ivelisse Millan †
5PM - Terrence Quill †

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5:30PM - Maria Eva Galdamez †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Richard Wagner †

Thursday
5:30PM - Edith Ellsworth †

Friday
8AM - Eileen Sinda

Important Daily Mass Announcement

We are excited to announce that we are finally installing the new sound system in the chapel this upcoming week. The aim of this long-awaited project is to enhance your Mass experience. As a result of the installation process, our Mass schedule will be slightly different between Monday and Friday. **There will be no Mass on Monday, and Mass will be in the Center Hall between Tuesday and Friday.** Additionally, there will be no Adoration this week. We will return to our regular Mass schedule on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your understanding!

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
 Saturday: 5PM
 Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM
 Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
 Fri: 8AM

Adoration:
 Mon - Thurs: 9AM-10PM
 Fri: 8:30AM-9:30AM

Confession:
 Wednesday: 4-5PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 1/20
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass, Ibanez Baptism

Sunday 1/21
 8AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass, Pre-K & Kindergarten RE
 12PM CSA Teams Retreat
 1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
 5PM Mass
 6PM Student Dinner
 7PM CSA Board Meeting

Monday 1/22
 No Mass
 10AM Men's Bible Study
 2:30PM Red Cross Blood Drive
 7:30PM FOCUS Bible Study

Tuesday 1/23
 5:30PM Mass
 6PM Wellspring Band Rehearsal
 8PM CSA Ablaze

Wednesday 1/24
 4PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass
 6:15PM 1st - 8th Grade RE
 8PM CSA Ignite

Thursday 1/25
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 7PM RCIA

Friday 1/26
 8AM Mass
 7PM Healing Service

Saturday 1/27
 9AM Virtus Training
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass

A Message from Lynn

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. Mk 1:14-20

Think honestly to yourself on how you would have answered Jesus.

In today's time, there would be many interesting responses as to why few people do not "leave all" to follow a dream or to pursue a noble goal. Perhaps, some are afraid to become what they can be, while some are only thrilled at the possibility, but then shudder at the thought.

Mark's Gospel tells us of the call of Peter, Andrew, James and John. When we hear about their call, why did these fishermen respond so readily to Jesus' request? Could the reason be that they heard Jesus speak before and were drawn to His message, to pursue a noble goal, requiring them to commit a personal conversion? How hard was it for them to give up their livelihood as fishermen, family, and responsibilities? In that "surrendering moment," you must give yourself entirely to Him and ask God to take over your life. It is an experience of God's grace that does what one could never do alone.

John Henry Newman went to Rome to discern if Jesus was calling him to follow Him as a Roman Catholic. On his return, he prayed, "Lead me, O Lord! ... I cannot see the way ... Lead, kindly light." The words brought such peace to him that he took a pencil and began to write. When finished, he had written the lyrics to the famous hymn: "Lead, Kindly Light." Upon his return to England, he entered the Catholic Church and became one of its greatest leaders. He was canonized into sainthood on Oct. 19, 2019.

We are in Ordinary Time, and we are ordinary followers of Christ. Jesus invites us to take one step up and become extraordinary and to give our lives completely to Him. How can you take that step up in faith and follow Jesus more closely?

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

In Christ,

Lynn

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Brian

Join Fr. Brian on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy from May 13 - 22. You will have the opportunity to deepen your spiritual lives and visit significant spiritual sites in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Orvieto and Ostia Antica. Please contact 724-679-7450 or Belinda@APilgrimsJourney.com for more information. Registration can be found at www.bit.ly/MCNAVISH.

Announcements

New Website Launched

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website to enhance your user experience and keep you connected! Check it out with this link: <https://ugacatholic.org/>. If you have any questions, contact Anne Frain at communications@ccatuga.org.

Feed My Starving Children 2024

We are sponsoring the Athens Feed My Starving Children Event in partnership with the UGA Athletic Association. This year's event will be April 19-21 in Stegeman Coliseum. We will be packing 175,000 meals to feed children in desperate need, many of whom would starve without this food. We need 900 volunteers, and we need to raise \$55,000 to pay for ingredients. Financial support and volunteers are needed! Go to give.fmsc.org/athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 with questions.

New Foster & Adoption Ministry

The new Foster & Adoption Ministry (FAM) seeks to raise awareness and provide support for local foster and adoptive families. Whether it's providing an occasional meal, running errands, or saying dedicated prayers, everyone can do something. The first meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, at 2PM in the Center Hall. Please contact Amanda Wilson to learn more and to get involved at amandaandkevin@msn.com or 706-338-5753.

46th Annual Human Race 5K

Registration is open for the 46th Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race on February 17 at Oconee Veterans Park. Runners and walkers can sign up online at runsignup.com/humanrace5k or by picking up a registration form in the back of the chapel. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org to learn more.

Virtus Training on January 27

A Virtus class is being offered at the Center Hall on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9AM - 12PM. Contact Lynn Renna for more info at dre@ccatuga.org.

Important Parking Reminder

Parking at Campus View Church for the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses is strictly prohibited. Parking is also prohibited at the Cloverhurst Condos. Cars parked in this lot will be towed at owner's expense. On Saturday and Sunday, parking is allowed at the Global Engagement building next to the Center. Parking is also available at the UGA Deck Parking Lot next to the Georgia Center.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

A letter from Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer was mailed this past week to all previous donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. He is asking for the continued support of the many important programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year. The goal for the 2024 appeal is \$9,350,000 and 100% participation. The goal for our parish is \$69,500. Please respond generously when you receive your letter. To donate online, please visit donate.archatl.com

Blood Drive on January 22

The Catholic Center is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 22, at 2:30PM. You can sign up with the following link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

RE is Back in 2024!

We have missed all 147 students and our wonderful Catechists and helpers. It has been fun welcoming the students back to class and seeing their smiling faces. RE registration is open for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 3rd through 8th grade. Please consider sending your child to learn about their faith. Contact Lynn Renna a dre@ccatuga.org for more information.

Laudato Si' Spring Orientation

Please join us for the Laudato Si' Spring Orientation at the Catholic Center on Jan. 30 at 6:30PM. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in environmental concerns and learning more about caring for God's creation. Pizza dinner will be provided, and all are welcome to attend.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo	Lora Bernstein Cooley	Patti Law	Deborah Scott
Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Mike Deppe	Michelle Linton	Tom Shuster
Sally Allen	Sylvia Floyd	Ginny Lynch	David Simmons
Melani Atmodjo	Pam Forker	Gina Maherka	Eileen Sinda
Megan Barton	Milagros Gallardo	Carol Mazurek	Lauren Stewart
Peter Bryan	Jonathan Guerra	Nathan Mills	Gretchen Thomas
Cindy Bullist	Victoria Guerra	Emeritea Morales	Bryan Vaughn
Shirley Burk	Terri Strickland Guy	Al Mulhair	Dorothy Wasko
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Lou Perno	Amanda Wershing
Joanne Cabrera	Tom Higgins	Lou Richt	Robin Yackley
Jeanette Campbell	Margaret Jones	Sophia Rodriguez	Barbara Zanengo
Lucille Carberry	Sarah Kurtz	Ann Schrauth	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Jewell Jarrell, Eric Seals and George Valido.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so 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.

January 7, 2024

\$18,483.26 - Offertory
\$243.00 - Donations
\$477.25 - Alms

January 14, 2024

\$12,814.00 - Offertory
\$11,922.00 - Donations
\$172.87 - Alms

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