



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Margareta O'Shea †

Sunday
8AM - Hope Brown †
10:30AM - Sawyer Elizabeth Cown †
5PM - CC Members

Monday
5:30PM - Thank You

Tuesday
5:30PM - John Convery †

Wednesday
8AM - CC Members
12PM - CC Members
5:30PM - CC Members

Thursday
5:30PM - Joel & Charlotte Alesi

Friday
8AM - Lumen Valido †

Ash Wednesday

Lent is quickly approaching, so make sure to start the Lenten Season strong by attending one of our Ash Wednesday Masses. We will have Masses with ashes at 8AM, 12PM & 5:30PM. Additionally, ashes will be distributed at the Chapel in-between Masses from 9AM to 7:30PM. Parking for the 8AM & 12PM Masses is only permitted in the Catholic Center lot and UGA South Campus Parking Deck. Parking for the 5:30PM Mass will also be available at the Global Engagement Center. Please refer to the inserted Lenten Schedule for more details, and check out our website for the most up-to-date information.

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Adoration:
 Tues & Wed: 9AM-10AM
 Mon & Thurs: 9AM-5PM
 Friday: 8:30AM-9:30AM

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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 2/10
 10AM Apologetics Course
 11AM Family Weekend Mass
 12PM Family Weekend Lunch
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass

Sunday 2/11
 8AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass, Pre-K & Kindergarten RE, RCIA Rite of Sending the Catechumens
 10:45AM RCIA Breaking Open the Word
 11:30AM Pilgrimage Meeting
 1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
 5PM Mass
 6PM Student Dinner
 7PM Adult Confirmation

Monday 2/12
 10AM Funeral & Reception for Eileen Sinda
 5:30PM Mass
 7PM CSA Ablaze Social

Tuesday 2/13
 12PM Silver Angels
 5:30PM Mass
 6PM Wellspring Rehearsal
 8PM CSA Seeking Water

Wednesday 2/14
 Ash Wednesday
 8AM Mass
 12PM Mass
 4PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass
 8PM CSA Ignite

Thursday 2/15
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 7PM RCIA

Friday 2/16
 8AM Mass
 4:30PM Wedding Rehearsal
 5PM KoC Fish Fry
 6PM Stations of the Cross

A Message from Melina Patterson

Dear Catholic Center Community,

"My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God." Psalm 84

Lent is one of my favorite seasons because it is a time when the church turns an empathetic gaze to our God. We all collectively empathize with Him as He goes out to suffer in the desert. Since I was a little kid, the Holy Thursday, Garden of Gethsemane Holy Hour has always left me moved with compassion. That night is a display of collective empathy as a church family. We are compassionate towards the Creator of the Universe. That idea may look backwards to some, but as Christians this concept is reality. As Christians we know that Christ changed the course of human history. The reality is that Jesus lived, suffered, and walked this earth with great compassion and now we are called to do the same.

Each year during Lent we are reminded of our own humanity. I encourage us to also remember the new life we participate in and the graces and gifts He gives us that will bring us to sainthood. Each person has certain gifts. Some people have Christ's compassionate gaze, others have His heart for hospitality, others have His mischievous wit. I am grateful to notice these wonderful gifts and I pray that they continue to grow stronger in this next season.

"Can it indeed be that God dwells on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this temple which I have built!" Solomon says in 1 Kings 8:22-30. He chose to expand His love from Heaven to earth and now He dwells in us. I pray that we all may care for our bodies, minds, and souls in the desert so that they are ready to continue to be His dwelling places.

Cheers,
Melina

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Brian

On Sunday, Feb. 11, a representative from A Pilgrim's Journey, will hold an informational meeting in the Center Hall after the 10:30AM Mass. The representative will discuss the upcoming pilgrimage to Italy. All are welcomed to attend and to learn more about this 10 day pilgrimage and to ask questions about this beautiful trip. Hope to see you there!

Announcements

Silver Angels Meets Tuesday

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for a fun filled afternoon. We will have lunch, fellowship and a special program. The Silver Angels meet on the second Tuesday every month.

Welcome to our New Staff Members

Please welcome Dan Marcacci, our new Director of Liturgy & Music, to the Catholic Center. Dan is joining us from Transfiguration Catholic Church. Additionally, Alexa Cullom will be joining us as our new Kitchen Manager. We look forward to having both of them on staff and serving this community. If you see them around, please introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome.

Feed My Starving Children Update

Current donations: \$20,757 vs. goal of \$55,000. Volunteers: 324 volunteers vs. goal of 900. If you're planning on donating and/or volunteering, you're encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Please visit give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 with questions.

Christian Apologetics Course

Do you have family or friends who have questions about Christianity? If you would like to help them answer those questions or need a faith "booster" yourself, we will be offering a course in Christian Apologetics. The course will include four sessions starting on Feb. 17 from 10AM - 12PM, and it will be taught by Tom Spencer, Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith. Contact Tom at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 to sign up.

This Weekend's Second Collection

This weekend's second collection supports the Black & Indian Mission, which seeks to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Human Race 5K is Next Week!

The 46th Annual Catholic Center Human Race 5K is next Saturday, February 17, at Oconee Veterans Park. Runners and walkers can still sign up online at runsignup.com/humanrace5k or by picking up a registration form in the back of the chapel. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org. Shirts and bib numbers are available for pickup on Friday, Feb. 16, from 12PM-5PM at the Catholic Center.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

If you have not yet made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you can easily donate online at donate.archatl.com. The campaign goal is \$9,350,000, and our parish goal is \$65,300. Every gift to the Annual Appeal is important to assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year through the education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian Initiation, formation for our priests and so much more!

Friday Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

The KoC are hosting fish fry dinners this Lenten season from 5 to 7PM in the Center Hall. Student meals will be \$7, individual meals will be \$11 and family meals will be \$30. Dinner will be served on the following Fridays: Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.

Easter Flower Donations

Help make our Catholic Center chapel beautiful with Easter Flowers. Starting on Ash Wednesday, you can pick up a form in the Center Office or Chapel to donate a flower in honor or memory of a loved one. Please return the form by Friday, March 22. The suggested donation is \$20.

Grief Group Meets Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 4PM. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory, acute, or long standing grief), or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo
Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Melani Atmodjo
Megan Barton
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Shirley Burk
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry

Lora Bernstein Cooley
Mike Deppe
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Terri Strickland Guy
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Sarah Kurtz
Patti Law

Michelle Linton
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Emeritea Morales
Al Mulhair
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Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Ann Schrauth
Deborah Scott
Tom Shuster

David Simmons
Lauren Stewart
Alyssa Thomas
Gretchen Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
Dorothy Wasko
Amanda Wershing
Robin Yackley
Barbara Zanengo

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Monsignor Henry C. Gracz, Ginny Lynch, Fr. David McGuinness, Ann Schrauth and Eileen Sinda.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 28, 2024

\$9,778.31 - Offertory
\$10,494.00 - Donations
\$170.05 - Alms

February 4, 2024

\$19,436.00 - Offertory
\$643.00 - Donations
\$445.50 - Alms

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