



# The Catholic Center

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - Eileen Sopera †  
**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Vince Dooley †  
**10:30AM** - Fr. David McGuinness †  
**5PM** - The Students & Alumni of UGA  
**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Andrew J. Brown †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - St. Joseph  
**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Ernestine Bailey †  
**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** - Charles Smith †  
**Friday**  
**8AM** - Dorothy Moore †

## Prison Clothing Drive

Each year, on Palm Sunday weekend, we have a clothing drive for people in prison in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Drop off your donations for the prison clothing drive on Saturday, March 23, after the Saturday, 5PM Mass, and Sunday, March 24, after the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses. We are asking for donations of gently used clothes for prisoners in our Archdiocese. Please put women's clothes in white plastic bags and men's clothes in black plastic bags. This makes it easy to sort! Thank you for your support!

## Office

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Mon- Fri: 10AM-4PM

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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 3/16

CSA Retreat (Offsite)  
10AM Apologetics Course  
10AM RCIA Youth Retreat  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

### Sunday 3/17

CSA Retreat (Offsite)  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM RCIA 3rd Scrutiny  
10:30AM Pre K & K RE  
10:45AM RCIA Breaking Open the Word  
2:30PM Convalidation  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner  
7PM Adult Confirmation

### Monday 3/18

10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM Women's Discernment Group

### Tuesday 3/19

12PM Staff Meeting  
4PM Grief Group  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Collegiate Knights  
6PM Wellspring Rehearsal  
8PM CSA Seeking Water

### Wednesday 3/20

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

### Thursday 3/21

5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
7PM RCIA

### Friday 3/22

8AM Mass  
5PM Fish Fry  
5PM Stations of the Cross

## A Message from Eli Banzon

### Dear Catholic Center Community,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." Jn. 12:23-26

In order for a grain of wheat to grow and thrive, it must first fall to the ground, be buried and die. Like a grain of wheat, we are called to surrender ourselves to God, and to let go of our own desires, ambitions and attachments. In a world that incentivizes self-interest and personal gain, it is through this act of letting go that we can bear fruit in abundance.

But what does this even mean? As a student at UGA, I always feel like I have to be onto the next big thing: the most involvement, the best internship, the biggest network, the highest paying career. That's what I'm "supposed to do," and it's all a bit overwhelming to think about when considering the act of letting go. Especially during Lent, there is an increased emphasis on fasting from the luxuries of the world.

I don't think there's necessarily a threshold that constitutes being too "worldly" versus being the right amount of "worldly." Though, I do think it's sometimes important to let go of worldly and material desires, so we can truly offer ourselves to God. After all, wealth and possessions are only temporary. So let us walk through life with faith and courage, knowing that in the end, we can only find true and everlasting life in Him.

In Christ,  
Eli

## Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25

- 5:30PM Mass

Tuesday, March 26

- 5:30PM Communion Service

Wednesday, March 27

- 4PM Confession, 5:30PM Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28

- 7PM Mass, followed by exposition until midnight

Good Friday, March 29 (Center Office Closed)

- 3PM Stations of the Cross, 7PM Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 12PM Easter Basket Blessing, 8PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

- 8AM Mass, 10:30AM Mass

Easter Monday, April 1 (Center Office Closed)

- 5:30PM Mass

## Announcements

### Palm Sunday Next Weekend

Palm Sunday is on March 24. We will operate under the same Mass schedule: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 8AM, 10:30AM and 5PM. We hope to see you there!

### Gratitude for Retreat Snacks

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks for our student retreat at Camp Covecrest this weekend. The annual spring retreat offers a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship to over 100 of our students. Please keep our students in your prayers as they embark on this retreat.

### Final KoC Fish Fry Dinners

The GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus continue to welcome everyone to our final fish fries on Friday, March 15 & 22 from 5 - 7PM.

### March for Moms

Walking with Moms in Need is excited to bring "March for Moms" to UGA's campus. There are many moms in need in the Athens community. Our mission is to raise awareness to these moms that there is assistance available, where they can get it, and how to reach out. When they reach out, we will walk with them during pregnancy and postpartum years. This event will take place on Saturday, April 13, at 9AM. We will meet at the Catholic Center for prayer, coffee and donuts, and then we will proceed to a 1.6 mile police escorted, stroller accessible march. Contact Julia Maher at 727-543-3630 or wmnathens@gmail.com with any questions.

### Volunteer for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are seeking volunteers to help cook Sunday dinners! Any help is greatly appreciated by our students who come for dinner and fellowship after Mass. The signup can be found online at [www.ugacatholic.org/announcements/](http://www.ugacatholic.org/announcements/).

### Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. If you would like to learn more, please see the instructions in the back of the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>

### Grief Group Meets This Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 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.

### Last Chance for Flowers Donations

If you would like to participate by donating a flower in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Easter, please complete a form in the back of the chapel and return it with payment by Friday, March 22. Our suggested donation is \$20.

### Stations of the Cross

Everyone is welcome to our last two Stations of the Cross services. These will take place on Friday, March 22, at 5PM, and Friday, March 29, at 3PM.

### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus welcomes all families to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23, from 10AM - 12PM, in the Center Hall. We will have breakfast and pictures with the Easter Bunny available. Pricing will be \$7 for small individual breakfast, \$11 for large individual breakfast and \$30 for family breakfast.

### Adopted Seminarian Colin Patrick

Please continue to pray for Colin, who is in his last year at Mundelein Seminary. He would appreciate hearing from everyone at the Catholic Center, especially in the new year. I know he misses being here. You can send care packages or letters of encouragement to him at this address:

Colin Patrick  
1000 East Maple Ave  
Mundelein Seminary  
Mundelein, IL 60060

## 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  
Rebecca Norris  
Lou Perno  
Josh Reams  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Deborah Scott

Tom Shuster  
David Simmons  
Bridget Teofilo  
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.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## 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.

### March 3, 2024

\$17,619.62 - Offertory  
\$1,690.00 - Donations  
\$689.00 - Alms

### March 10, 2024

\$12,263.21 - Offertory  
\$1,235.00 - Donations  
\$572.00 - Alms

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