



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Therese Leonard †

Sunday
8AM - Jack Roberts †
10:30AM - Brandon Po †
5PM - Matthew Schutz †

Monday
5:30PM - Mary Hines †

Tuesday
5:30PM Communion Service

Wednesday
5:30PM - Joyce Cullen †

Thursday
5:30PM - Catholic Center Members

Friday
7PM Good Friday Service

Holy Week Schedule

The Center Office will be closed March 29 - April 1

March 25-27, Mon. Mass 5:30PM; Tues. Communion Service 5:30PM; Wed. Confession 4-5PM, Mass 5:30PM

Holy Thursday March 28, Mass 7PM, Exposition until 12AM

Good Friday March 29, Stations of the Cross 3PM, Good Friday Service 7PM

Holy Saturday March 30, Blessings of the Baskets 12PM, Easter Vigil Mass 8PM

Easter Sunday March 31, Mass 8AM & 10:30AM (Mass will be held in the Chapel and Center Hall)

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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 3/23
10AM KoC Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass

Sunday 3/24
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Pre-K & K RE
10:45AM RCIA Breaking Open
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
7PM Adult Confirmation

Monday 3/25
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM Confirmation

Tuesday 3/26
5:30PM Communion Service
6PM Wellspring Rehearsal

Wednesday 3/27
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6PM Triduum Rehearsal
6:15 1st-8th Grade RE

Thursday 3/28
7PM Holy Thursday Mass
8PM Altar of the Repose

Friday 3/29
Center Office Closed
3PM Stations of the Cross
5PM Good Friday Service Rehearsal
7PM Good Friday Service

Saturday 3/30
11AM RCIA Rehearsal
12PM Blessing of the Baskets
3PM Easter Vigil Rehearsal
8PM Easter Rehearsal
10PM RCIA Reception

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

When the crowd heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him. -John 12

I hope Lent has been fruitful for you. The word 'fruitful' is used intentionally here: I hope Lent has been fruitful for you. There could be some other adjectives and words to use to describe it, but this is a hope: fruitful. But there can already be a stark juxtaposition: how can something be fruitful if it's a desert? Lent is most symbolized by a desert, how can anything possibly grow here?

Whatever kind of powerlessness, whatever kind of fruitlessness I might have to endure already begins to be answered when Jesus Himself will become powerless and fruitless as He gives His final breath on the tree of the cross. Today is fully titled "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Palms historically symbolize victory. So, my own desire for fruit begins to be answered in the victory of His fruitlessness.

If it's the case that I have not received the Lent I wanted, or just that life in general has not gone my way, God has something to sympathize with that, entering right into it. Here is the victory that begins to bear fruit: God will say to us, "no matter what, I am with you." This "with" resonates in the deepest darkness, in the driest desert.

And it's only from that spot - the spot of "with" - can any kind of fruit be given or received. So, when the hope is stated that Lent or the desert of my life has been fruitful, it's not the fruit that I've grown in virtue, advanced in prayer, or progressed in morality that is the real fruit. Rather, that even just a little bit, on this pilgrimage through the desert, I've been made a bit more aware of Him: His presence, His companionship, His sustenance guiding me and carrying me through life.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Easter Sunday Parking

Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be 8AM and 10:30AM in the Chapel and in the Center Hall. We will have a priest in each location. Please allow extra time for traffic and parking. If you are able to arrive a few minutes earlier and walk a few steps farther, you can leave the spaces open for those who need to park close to the CC.

1. No parking is allowed at Campus View Church all weekend.
2. You may park at the Catholic Center, Global Engagement building next to the Center, Barrow Elementary School or the UGA South Campus Parking Lot. Limited street parking is available around the Catholic Center.
3. Do not park in fire lanes, walkways, or no parking zones.

Announcements

Feed My Starving Children Update

With less than a month to go, we need your help! Current donations: \$34,793 vs. goal of \$55,000. 559 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of 900. Please spread the word, and ask your friends and family to join us. Just two hours of your time can feed a child for seven months! Please go to: give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 with questions.

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.

Rice Bowls

Thank you to everyone who has filled their Rice Bowls this Lent. We will collect Rice Bowls until Sunday, March 31. You can return Rice Bowls to the Center Office, or count the money collected and write a check for the amount. Make checks payable to the Catholic Center at UGA and put Rice Bowl in the memo. Place the check in an envelope and write Rice Bowl on the envelope. You can put the envelope in the offertory basket or mail it. Thanks again for your generosity.

Second Collection this Week

The Holy Land collection, taken up each Palm Sunday, is divided equally between the USCCB-designated Commissariat of the Holy Land and the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land.

Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. Please see the instructions in the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>

Annual Appeal Update

Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael and the Catholic Center staff thank you for your generous participation in the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. There have been some questions regarding delays in checks clearing. The Archdiocese implemented two new systems for processing pledges and payments with the goal of more timely and accurate processing of pledges and payments. They also introduced changes to increase participation. This year, mail-in gift volume has tripled, and the online gifts increased 28% for the entire Archdiocese. The processing center has added more personnel to handle this increased volume and should be caught up by the week after Easter.

Family Promise Donation Drive

The Catholic Center is hosting a donation drive for Family Promise of Athens from April 6 - 14. Items are needed for the Athens family shelter and for local families who need help with household expenses. Donations can be brought to the stage in the Center Hall. Label items for Family Promise. We need the following: All-Purpose, Cleaner or Wipes, Body Wash (family size), Deodorant, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Shampoo/Conditioner, Sponges, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Trash Bags (13 gal/tall kitchen). For more information, contact Linda DiPietro, Family Promise of Athens Coordinator for the Catholic Center, at tandldptro@aol.com

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 in April. 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.

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

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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, especially Bruce Evans.

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 10, 2024

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

March 17, 2024

\$11,983.00 - Offertory
\$9,172.00 - Donations
\$225.85 - Alms

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