



# The Catholic Center

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## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday** - No Mass

**Sunday**  
**8AM**— Liz Edwards †

**10:30AM** - Jakob  
Scoggins †

**12:30PM** - Charles  
DiVecchio †

**5PM** - All CC Members

**Monday**  
**5:30PM**— Yvonne  
Choubah †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - Marion  
Miltenis †

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Randy  
Lorusso †

**Thursday**  
**9AM** - All CC Members

**Friday**  
**8AM**— No Mass

### Happy Thanksgiving!

*Heavenly Father, we praise you for all you have sacrificed for us through your son, Jesus Christ. You made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Lord, we are thankful for your forgiveness when we lose our way. We are grateful for your kindness when we make mistakes. We are thankful for your strength when we need help getting back on our feet. You are there to provide a helping hand, warmth, and so much more love than we deserve. Amen*

#### Thanksgiving Schedule:

Thurs: 9AM Mass, Office Closed All Day

Fri: No Mass, Office Closed All Day

### Office

#### Hours:

Mon– Fri: 10AM-4PM

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### Liturgical Schedule

#### Mass:

Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,  
12:30PM, 5PM

Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM

Fri: 8AM

\*\*No Saturday Vigil Mass  
or Confession on Home  
Football Games

#### Adoration:

Mon-Thurs: 9AM  
Fri: 8:30AM

#### Confession:

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

### Weekly Calendar

#### Saturday 11/23

No Mass—Home Football Game  
Against UMass

#### Sunday 11/24

8AM Mass  
8AM Denny Towers Lunch  
10:30AM Mass  
12:30PM Mass  
3:40PM Wellspring Music  
Rehearsal  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner

#### Monday 11/25

10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Friendsgiving

#### Tuesday 11/26

9AM Our Daily Bread  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Wellspring Music  
Rehearsal  
6:15PM Focus Freshmen  
Bible Study

#### Wednesday 11/27

5:30PM Mass

#### Thursday 11/28

9AM Mass  
CC Office Closed  
CC Parking Lots Close at 5PM

#### Friday 11/29

No Mass—Home Football Game  
Against Georgia Tech  
CC Office Closed

#### Saturday 11/30

11AM Chapel Decorating  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

#### Sunday 12/1

8AM Mass  
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Pre-K and  
Kindergarten RE  
12PM RE Advent  
Wreathmaking  
12:30PM Mass  
3:40PM Wellspring Music  
Rehearsal  
7PM CSA Board Christmas  
Party

### A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

Every now and then, life invites us to stop and pay attention—not to the chaos of the world or even the noise of our own hearts, but to the quiet, unshakable faithfulness of God. This is where I find myself today: standing in awe of how God continues to move, even in the unseen and unfinished parts of our lives.

This season has been anything but simple. There have been stretches where clarity felt far away, and the road ahead seemed veiled in shadow. Yet, in those moments, I've discovered a deeper truth: God does His greatest work not when everything is perfect, but when we allow Him into the imperfect spaces. It's there—in the uncertainty, the tension, and even the weariness—that His grace transforms.

What strikes me most is how God chooses to reveal Himself through people. Through you. In your prayers, your presence, your kindness, I have seen the love of Christ made real. This community is not just a collection of individuals; it is a living sign of God's promise that none of us are ever truly alone. Together, we are reminded of what it means to bear one another's burdens and to celebrate the joys that point us back to Him.

Ministry, as I've come to see, isn't about having all the answers or fixing everything. It's about showing up. It's about being present to one another in the way Christ is present to us—fully, vulnerably, and without reserve. And in that showing up, God works. He moves in ways that are subtle and quiet but also earth-shaking in their power.

As I look ahead, I am filled with a holy anticipation for what God is doing among us. I believe we are being called deeper—not to lives of mere survival, but to lives of abundant trust. To lean into His mystery, to take risks for the Gospel, and to allow ourselves to be utterly changed by His love.

So let us go forward together, rooted in a faith that is bold enough to trust in what we cannot yet see. Let us embrace the truth that God is not done with any of us. And let us always, always remember that His faithfulness is the one thing that will never fail.

Thank you for walking this journey with me. You are a testament to God's goodness, and it is an honor to serve alongside you.

In Christ,  
Fr Brian

## Announcements

### Georgia Tech Game Info

**November 29** - UGA vs. Georgia Tech (This game is on Friday night so we will have the Vigil Mass on Saturday)  
**NO MASS:** There will be NO 8AM Mass on Nov. 29  
**NO PARKING:** The Catholic Center parking lots will be closing on Thursday Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving) at 5PM and will reopen at 8AM on Saturday Nov. 30. Our lots are used for contract parking, so towing will be enforced during this time.

### Advent Penance Service Monday, December 2nd

This year's penance service will be on Mon, Dec. 2nd, at 7PM. We will gather in the Chapel before heading to the Center Hall where Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael, and visiting priests will hear your confessions. In this sacrament, we grow closer to God especially as we enter this liturgical season of preparation before the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas.

### Moms & Tots

The Moms & Tots group will be taking a break for the holidays. They will not meet again until Wednesday, January 8 at 10am. welcome to join us for a fun morning of play!

### Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins the week after Thanksgiving. We will once again provide finals food to help our students power through finals. We are asking for homemade casseroles on 12/4, 12/5 and 12/9. Disposable casserole pans will be available in the CC office. The casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery but should include directions for cooking. Please deliver them before 5PM on 12/4, 12/5 or 12/9. Thank you for the support. Our students are so very grateful for the support of our awesome Catholic Center community.

### Coats for a Cause

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Collegiate Council 17969, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the members who generously donated to our coat drive. Your kindness and support have allowed us to collect 213 coats, which will bring warmth and comfort to those in need this winter. Thank you for embodying the spirit of charity and making a meaningful difference in our community!

### Hearing Assistance

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

### iGiveCatholic 2024

Giving Tuesday is on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving which is December 3 this year. Advanced Giving has already begun. Parishes and Catholic communities around the country will be participating in an effort to fundraise for important ministries. This year, the Catholic Center is raising funds for our counseling scholarship. The Catholic Center has sponsored dozens of students and non-students with mental health challenges, offering financial support for therapy. Please help us reach our goal of \$13,000 by visiting [atlanta.igivecatholic.org/organizations/ccatuga](https://atlanta.igivecatholic.org/organizations/ccatuga), using the QR code, or by using the iGiveCatholic envelopes in the back of the church.



Thank you for your loving support!

### Advent Candles and Wreaths

Advent is right around the corner! Our friends at [EverythingCatholic.com](https://EverythingCatholic.com), a local business, will have Advent candles and wreaths available for purchase after all Sunday Masses on Nov. 24, plus after the Saturday evening Mass on Nov. 30. Candles start at \$5 per set, wreaths & candles start at \$15 per set. We accept cash, card, Apple Pay and Venmo.

### Online Giving

Forgot your checkbook or cash? As a reminder, for your convenience, online giving is available. This can be used for regular tithes and offerings or one-time donations. Visit our website at <https://ugacatholic.org/online-giving/>

### Save the Date for the 47th Annual 5K Human Race

The 47th Annual 5K Human Race will be at Oconee Veterans Park on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Make plans to join us for a fun, fast, community event. Please contact Sr. Uyen-Chi at [admincsa@ccatuga.org](mailto:admincsa@ccatuga.org) with any questions.

### RE Advent Wreath Making

The Annual Family RE Advent Wreath Making and Chili/Hotdog Lunch will be held on Sunday, December 1, in the Center Hall at 11:30. To reserve your table, please have your form turned in to Lynn Renna or the front office before Nov. 24.

## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Sally Allen  
Judy Balcomb  
Megan Barton  
Greg Bickley  
Peter Bryan  
Cindy Bullist  
Grace Burger  
Grace Byrne  
Joanne Cabrera  
Jeanette Campbell  
Lucille Carberry  
Mollie Carow  
Lora Bernstein Cooley  
Jack Daniels

Patti D'Avella  
Jeff Donahue  
Barton Elizabeth  
Dooling  
Sylvia Floyd  
Hersina Gomes  
Jean Griffith  
Cheri Griggs  
Bob Henry  
Tom Holmes  
Ryan Hughes  
Margaret Jones  
Victor Kalla  
Sarah Kurtz  
Dan Lackey

Doug Landrum  
Patti Law  
Marcia Lemmon  
Michelle Linton  
Rick Madera  
Gina Maherka  
Carol Mazurek  
Nathan Mills  
Christine Morris  
Al Mulhair  
Rebecca Norris  
Harry Perrine  
David & Maura Randol  
Josh Reams  
Lou Richt

Sophia Rodriguez  
Aeriel Ross  
Deborah Scott  
Cindy Shapland  
David Simmons  
Rusty Simmons  
Bridget Teofilo  
Alyssa Thomas  
Gretchen Thomas  
Bryan Vaughn  
James Waring  
Amanda Wershing  
Robin Yackley

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Lorraine Arca, Yvonne Choubah, Albertina Codrington, Marian Miltenis and Joseph Okeke.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

### November 10, 2024

\$13,398.58 - Offertory

\$3,947.00 - Donations

\$401.00 - Alms

### November 17, 2024

\$15,061.25 - Offertory

\$5,803.00 - Donations

\$366.00 - Alms

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