



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Eileen Sapera †
- Sunday**
8AM - All Members of the Catholic Center
- 10:30AM - Reeves Broussard †
- 12:30PM - Michael Daniel Kandra †
- 5PM - Theresa Nguyen †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Isaac Tran †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Flor A. Armas-Cole †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Julia Caso †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - UGA Students Preparing for Finals
- Friday**
8AM - Eileen Sinda †

Advent Penance Service Monday, December 2nd

This year's penance service will be on Mon, December 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 confession. 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.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5PM
Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM
Fri: 8AM

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

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

Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 11/30**
9AM Chapel Decorating
5PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck
- Sunday 12/1**
8AM Mass
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass
12PM RE Advent Wreathmaking
12:30PM Mass
3:40PM Wellspring Music Rehearsal
7PM CSA Board Christmas Party
- Monday 12/2**
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
5:30PM Priest Dinner
7PM Penance Service
- Tuesday 12/3**
5:30PM Mass
6PM Wellspring Music Rehearsal
6:15PM Focus Freshmen Bible Study
- Wednesday 12/4**
UGA Reading Day
11:30AM Staff Lunch
1PM Creative Hands
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
5:30PM Blessing of the Brain
6PM CSA Spec Meeting
6:30PM Finals Dinner
- Thursday 12/5**
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finals Dinner
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Friday 12/6**
8AM Mass
5PM Senioritis
CSA Advent Missions
- Saturday 12/7**
9AM Christmas Choir Rehearsal
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving!

Advent is among us! Here are some topics that are relevant to Advent:

Waiting

Advent reminds me of the strength it takes to wait well. Waiting is not weakness—it's a quiet kind of courage. You are showing that courage when you keep trusting God in the in-between, allowing Him to work in you, even when you can't see the full picture yet. That is something to be proud of.

Hope

Hope is not easy, especially when life feels uncertain or overwhelming, but you are choosing to hold on. That's no small thing. Jeremiah's vision of a just ruler and Baruch's promise of restoration remind us that God's promises are worth trusting. I see that trust in you, and it inspires me.

Joy

It is clear that so many of you are leaning into joy, even in the midst of life's struggles. That joy is not about perfect circumstances—it is about knowing how deeply God delights in you. Gaudete Sunday is a moment to celebrate that joy, and I'm proud of the way you are living it out.

Humility

The Incarnation teaches us that true greatness comes through humility. God came into the world as a child, vulnerable and trusting, and I see that same willingness in you to trust God and embrace your own humanity. That is a powerful witness, and I admire it.

Encounter

Advent and Christmas are all about encountering God in a real, personal way. I see you making space for Him, showing up in prayer, in your relationships, and in the ways you care for others. That openness matters—it changes lives, starting with your own.

I am grateful to walk this journey with all of you. Let us pray for an Advent that brings us even closer to Him.

Fr. Brian

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, using the QR code, or by using the iGiveCatholic envelopes in the back of the church. Thank you for your loving support!



Winter Break Mass Schedule

Beginning Sunday, December 15, we will not have the Sunday 12:30PM or 5PM Masses. Both of these Masses will resume on Sunday, January 5. There will also be changes to the daily Masses through the month of December and January. Be sure to check the bulletin or the CC calendar on our website.

RE Updates

On December 1st, our RE children will be playing a few Advent songs on the bells before the 10:30 Mass. This is their special way of preparing for Jesus's birth. There are NO RE classes for December but will resume in 2025. Pre-K and Kindergarten will start back on Sunday, January 12th, Wednesday RE classes will resume on January 8th, and Confirmation will resume on Monday, January 27. Thank you to all the Catechists and families for supporting the RE Ministry. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday.

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!

Hearing Assistance

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

Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins this week. 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. Our students are so very grateful for the support of our awesome Catholic Center community.

Poinsettia Donations

To make our church beautiful during this holiday season, we will be decorating with poinsettias. If you would like to participate by donating a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone, please complete the form in the back of the Chapel or the Center Office. Please return the payment to the offertory basket or the office by Monday, December 16. The suggested donation amount is \$20. We will recognize all those being honored or remembered in the bulletin.

Oasis Giving Tree

During this Advent season, we are supporting Oasis Catolico with our Giving Tree. Each tag has an item that will go to the children and families at Oasis. Please return all gifts unwrapped to the office by Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your loving support of the families at Oasis.

2024 Archbishop's 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. We are so very grateful for your generosity. Every gift is important and appreciated. Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all additional funds are returned to our church for use in our ministries and our endowment fund.

Church Goal: \$65,300
Amount Pledged: \$73,630
Amount Paid: \$66,657
Remaining Balance of Pledges: \$6,973

Please visit the Archbishop's Annual Appeal website at archatl.com/appeal for more information or to donate online. Appeal envelopes can be picked up in the back of the Chapel or in the Center office.

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 Yvonne Choubah, Marian Miltenis and Joseph Okeke.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December:

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 17, 2024

\$15,061.25 - Offertory
\$5,803.00 - Donations
\$366.00 - Alms

November 24, 2024

\$17,746.00 - Offertory
\$4,910.00 - Donations
\$358.00 - Alms

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