



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sapera †

Sunday
8AM - Joel Alesi

10:30AM - Joel Wier Jr. †

Monday
5:30PM - Jack Horton †

Tuesday
5:30PM - John Allen Noble †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Barbara Dooley

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Christmas Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21: 5PM

Sunday, December 22: 8AM & 10:30AM

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24: 4PM (Chapel & Hall)

6PM & 8PM

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25: 9AM

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5PM
Mon-Wed: 5:30PM
No Daily Mass on Thursday 12/19 & Friday 12/20

Adoration:
Will resume after the Winter Break

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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/14
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 12/15
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
1:30PM Feed Our Starving Children Meeting

Monday 12/16
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 12/17
9AM Our Daily Bread
4PM Grief and Bereavement Group
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12/18
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 12/19
NO Daily Mass
10AM Women's Bible Study
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 12/20
NO Daily Mass

Saturday 12/21
9AM Choir Rehearsal
2PM Boniface McDaniel Funeral
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass and Potluck

Sunday 12/22
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
2PM Chapel Decoration

***The Catholic Center Office will be closed from December 23, 2024 until January 6, 2025**

A Farewell Message to June

From Fr. Brian: It is with deep gratitude that I share the news that one of our staff members, June Barrow, will be stepping down after 30 years of devoted service to our Catholic Center. Through her faith-filled spirit, steady dedication, and quiet acts of love, she has been a reflection of Christ's love in our midst. While it is hard to imagine the Catholic Center without her daily presence, we know that her legacy of love, generosity, and faith will continue to inspire all of us.

Let us give thanks for her years of service and pray for God's blessings on this next chapter of her journey. June's last day will be December 20th. We will have a basket in the back of the Chapel and a basket in the Center if you would like to leave a card or gift.

Below is an article, written by Anne Frain, an alumna of UGA and the Catholic Center staff, about June's time at the Catholic Center. It was published in our bulletin a few months ago but it bears repeating as we say a fond farewell to June.

This past week, I had the opportunity to sit down with one of our staff members who has been working here for 30 years this month. Miss June has come early in the morning a few days a week for the past 30 years to clean and take care of our beloved Catholic Center. Miss June unofficially started working here October of 1993. The housekeeper of the Catholic Center at the time, a friend of Miss June's family, was starting to have health issues, so Miss June would sneak around to help her take out the trash and do other small tasks. Not long after, she was brought on staff to start cleaning and caring for the center.

Miss June has seen seven priests in her time here: Fr. Jack, Fr. Tom, Fr. David, Fr. Frank, Fr. Fred, Fr. Brian and Fr. Michael. She shared that in all her time here she has seen and been a part of the "family atmosphere" that is the Catholic Center. When I was talking with Miss June, I was able to ask her questions about her time at the Catholic Center and how she's seen it change over the years. She talked about how she has seen it go from no students at all to a now booming Catholic community full of students. She talked about how she herself had been inspired to start teaching Sunday school because "if those children are doing it, then I can do it."

I was so thankful to listen to Miss June's story as she shared so much about her personal life and how the Catholic Center has allowed her to truly love her family and be loved by the people here as if they're also a part of her family. When I asked Miss June for any final advice or lessons that she's learned over the years, she shared this with me. "Love God first of all, love yourself and love others and treat them right. Know that life comes with challenges and you'll rise up to the occasion. I'm a strong believer if God takes you to it, He will take you through it." I think that message should remind all of us that throughout the trials, we face no lives. God will never abandon us he will never disappoint us, and that he will always be with us.

Announcements

Grief and Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, December 17 at 4pm. All are welcome to attend this monthly meeting no matter where you are in your grief journey. Contact the Catholic Center office for more information.

Poinsettia Donations

Just a reminder that Poinsettia donation forms are due to the Catholic Center office by Monday, December 16. They will be published in the December 22 bulletin. Thank you for helping to decorate our Chapel this Christmas season.

Thank You for Feeding our Students During Finals Week

Thank you to everyone who delivered delicious homemade casseroles and baked goods to our students to nourish their bodies as they study for finals. Our students are very, very grateful for your support during finals week.

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 with any questions.

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.

Religious Education

Thank you to all the Catechists and families for supporting the RE Ministry. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday.

Our Daily Bread

The Catholic Center partners with Downtown Ministries to serve our neighbors. Meals are prepared at the Catholic Center and served to guests at First Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed each month. The sign-up can be found at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/our-daily-bread/>.

Team Members Needed for the Feed My Starving Children Event

Additional event team members are needed for the Feed My Starving Children Event sponsored by the Catholic Center. The 2025 event will be held the weekend of April 25 -27. Team members assist in planning the event and in event operations. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 if you would like more information about joining the efforts to grow this event to give more children a future.

Silver Angels Deliver Christmas Baskets

The Catholic Center Silver Angels group met this Tuesday for their monthly luncheon. This month the group filled and delivered Christmas baskets to those in our community who are homebound. The group collected donations and items to fill the baskets. If you are 60 and older, you are invited to our monthly Silver Angels luncheon. A special thanks to everyone who donated items for the baskets. The next Silver Angels meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14 at noon.



Important Parking Reminder

Parking at Campus View Church for the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses is strictly prohibited. Parking is also prohibited at the Cloverhurst Condos. Cars parked in this lot will be towed at owner's expense. On Saturday and Sunday, parking is allowed at the Global Engagement building next to the Center. Parking is also available at the UGA Parking Deck next to the Georgia Center. Please do not park in private driveways, apartments or no parking zones. Leave a bit of extra time to find parking spaces.

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/>

Hearing Assistance

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

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
Daniel Inman
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 Boniface McDaniel and Ischeel Meeler.

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.

December 1, 2024

\$15,373.10 - Offertory
\$18,841.00 - Donations
\$10,626.29 - Alms

December 8, 2024

\$15,419.33 - Offertory
\$13,890.00 - Donations
\$1,093.47 - Alms

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