



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Frank D'Amato, Sr. †
- Sunday**
8AM - Robert Pothier
- 10:30AM - Brad Bailie †
- Monday**
9:00AM - Mike Clutter †
- Tuesday**
4PM - CC Members
6PM - CC Members
8PM - CC Members
- Wednesday**
9AM - CC Members
- Thursday**
9AM - Mary Bellotti †
- Friday**
9AM - Rosemary Knecht

Christmas Schedule

- Christmas Eve**
Tuesday, December 24: 4PM (Chapel & Hall)
6PM & 8PM
- Christmas Day**
Wednesday, December 25: 9AM



Parking Notice: Parking is not allowed at Campus View Church at all on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. You may park at the Global Engagement building, Barrow Elementary School, the Georgia Center lot and open UGA lots.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
Monday: 9AM
Tuesday: 4PM, 6PM &
8PM
Wednesday: 9AM
Thursday: 9AM
Friday: 9AM

Adoration:
Will resume after the
Winter Break

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

December 22, 2024 • The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/21
2PM Funeral for
Boniface McDaniel
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass &
Potluck

Sunday 12/22
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
2PM Decorate Chapel for
Christmas

Monday 12/23
9AM Mass

Tuesday 12/24
Christmas Eve
4PM Vigil Mass
6PM Vigil Mass
8PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday 12/25
Merry Christmas!
9AM Christmas Mass

Thursday 12/26
9AM Mass

Friday 12/27
9AM Mass

Saturday 12/28
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 12/29
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 12/30
9AM Mass

Tuesday 12/31
5:30pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1/1/2025
Solemnity of Mary
9AM Mass
12PM Mass

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

A Message from Fr. Brian

Hi Friends,

We are at the final turn of Advent, and it feels a little like fall does when it gives way to winter. The leaves that were so bright and alive have fallen, and the trees seem bare, exposed, waiting for something new. Advent is like that—an honest, vulnerable season where we let go of what doesn't matter and prepare for what does. It's a time of expectation, and this Sunday is the gold thread tying it all together: love.

This love is not small or safe. It is not the kind of love that waits for everything to be perfect. This is the love of God—raw, bold, and wildly generous. It's the kind of love that steps into our mess, like Jesus did in Bethlehem. It's the love that does not stay distant but draws close, wrapping itself in our humanity. That is the heart of Advent: God choosing to be with us, to love us, to change everything for us.

Fall teaches us something about this love. It is a season that strips everything back, reminding us what is real and enduring. The trees let go of their leaves, but they don't lose their strength. They stand firm, rooted, waiting for the promise of something new. That is the posture of Advent—letting go of distractions, standing firm in faith, and waiting with expectation for Christ.

As we move into this final week, let us also remember each other in prayer. The holidays can be a beautiful season, but they can also be so tough for many families. Maybe this is your first Christmas without someone you love. Maybe it is financial strain, broken relationships, or a deep longing for things to be different. If that is you, I want you to know this: your suffering is seen by God; you are not forgotten. We carry it together as a community, lifting one another up to Christ.

So this week, let us love boldly. Let us be generous—not just with gifts, but with our time, our attention, and our care for those who need it most. Let us acknowledge the pain while holding onto the hope that Jesus is coming into the very heart of it. And let us keep one another close in prayer, trusting that the light of Christ is stronger than any darkness.

This week is gold and alive with hope. Christ is near. Let us meet Him with open hands and hearts ready to be transformed.

Fr Brian



Announcements

Christmas Second Collection for Catholic Charities

The Second Collection this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta. Last year, Catholic Charities served nearly 12,000 individuals. Please give generously so they can continue to extend love and the light of Jesus as they serve our neighbors in need. Every donation nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. To donate, visit

<https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/donate/>

Endowment Match Opportunity

We invite you to partner with us in growing the **Dei Gratia Endowment Fund** at the Catholic Center, established in collaboration with the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. Meaning “by the grace of God,” this fund is an intentional savings for vital assistance and support for students in great need, ensuring our mission of service endures for generations.

Thanks to a generous matching gift opportunity, every dollar contributed by December 31 will be matched up to \$5,000—doubling your impact. Together, we can expand this endowment and strengthen our ability to serve those who need it most. Join us in advancing this meaningful mission by making your gift today! Please reach out to the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia to contribute at grants@cfnga.org

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.

Hearing Assistance

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

Giving Tree Generosity Abounds

Thank you to the many Catholic Center members who donated gifts through the Giving Tree for Oasis Catolico. The gifts are literally pouring out of Sr. Uyen-chi's office. Thank you for your generosity and help in making Christmas bright for the families at Oasis. (Quiz: Can you find Sr. Uyen-chi hidden among the gifts below)



Fond Farewell to Melina Patterson

We would like to wish Melina Patterson a fond farewell from the CC staff. Melina's last day with us at the CC is December 22. Melina has been the Facilities Assistant for the last 2 1/2 years. She graduated from UGA last Spring with a degree in Human Development and Family Sciences and agreed to stay on for a bit longer. Melina has worked diligently to set up for our events, keep the Chapel and Center clean and help wherever needed. She manages to support the many activities and events at the Center with enthusiasm and joy. Melina will be getting married this June. We will miss Melina as a staff member but we are happy that she and her fiancé William remain in Athens.

Catholic Center Awarded Grant

Fr. Brian is pleased to announce that the Catholic Center has been awarded a grant of \$2,400 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds will be used to renovate and refresh the Marian Grotto behind the Center. There will be more details to come on this project. We are grateful to be the recipient of this grant.

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 Bernadette Mercier.

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 8, 2024

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

December 15, 2024

\$16,327.26 - Offertory
\$22,506.00 - Donation
\$7,362.00 - Alms

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Poinsettias

In Memory of . . .

All Souls waiting to enter Heaven	Craig Elliott	Lloyd & Catherine Kimball	Wayne and Arvilla Rothrauff
Trudie Amrich	Mardel Enns	Sylvia Kimball	Bill and Mary Russo
Gordon and Nan Armstrong	Barbara Eza	Michael King	Jeanne Usher Schoch
Victor & Helen Ashley	Dr. Bill Feltner	Richard and Mary Kirchner	Nathan Scobey
Julia Bell	Paul and Jeanne Flemming	Theodore Larson	Ed and Eleanor Smith Family
Gene and Germaine Buarne	Julia Flowers	Ben and Leona Lauraitis	Ed, Margaret & Eddie Smith
Maj Gen William Burns	Georgiann Garratt	Jim Law	James P. Spratt
Peggy Burns	Daniel Garceau	Maureen Liberto	Jay Daniel Spratt
Anne M. Campbell	Dolores Geary	Bettie Lind	Nora Lee Spratt
Pam Carson	John Geary	Margie Lind	Frank Stolfa
Cassady Family	Earl and Edwina Ginter	Robert Lind	Leah Szczepanski
Yvonne Choubah	JoAnn Gorman	Tom Lyness	Grace S. Thomas
Francesca Connors	Monsignor Henry Gracz	Francis and Martha Malinowski	John and JoAnn Toutkoushian
Bob and Margaret Coppinger	Michael T. Grey	Chet Malanoski	John Toutkoushian, Jr.
Joey Costyn	John Michael Halligan	Chet and Rose Malanoski	Alexandra Ulloa
Frank D'Amato III	Robert F. Hansen	MariJo Maloof	Impera Ulloa
Frank and Jenny D'Amato	Jack and Elsie Horton	Sam and Mildred Marra	Sr. Valerie Usher, OSF
Tilly DeFriese	Kathy Lynn Howard	Neil and Doris McAllister	George and Marie Walsh
Bill DeFriese	Richard J Howard	James McNamara	Annie Watwood
Edward Dieringer	Peter and Marilyn Hoy	Bernice "Bonnie" Merritt	Katrina Wiegert
Margaret Dieringer	Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins	Buddy Merritt	Fred Wilhelm
Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler	Allan Johnson II	Camilla Mims	Robert Wimbush
Sean Dooley	Karen Johnson	Brian Mullen	Dave and Marie Yetter
Vince Dooley	Mary J Johnson	John Mullen Sr.	Victims of Violence
	Gordon & Nan Johnstone	George Peneguy	
	Fran Jones	Lymon Rains	
	Sandy Kayton		

In Honor of . . .

Aiden, Braxton, Winston & Gwendolyn Arnst Family	Tom Cavinder	Kalla Family	Catholic Center Members
	Fr. Frank Critch, OFM	Charles & Lois Long	
	Eddie and Miriam Hilario	Miller and Gardes Families	

Thank you to all who donated to help make our Chapel beautiful this Christmas season!