



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



All are Welcome

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Gene Barry†

Sunday
8AM - CC Members

10:30AM - Ruth
Nicholas †

Monday
9:00AM - Aerial Ross

Tuesday
5:30PM - CC Members

Wednesday
9AM - CC Members
12AM - CC Members

Thursday
No Mass

Friday
No Mass



Red Cross Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY January 13th

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Catholic Center on Monday, January 13th, from 2:30PM to 7:00PM. There is a critical need for blood donors. Please consider donating because 1 pint can potentially save 3 lives. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: **UGACC** or call Sister Uyen-Chi or Jenni at 706-543-2293.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
Monday 12/30
9AM
Tuesday 12/31
5:30PM
Wednesday 1/1
9AM & 12PM
Thursday & Friday
No Mass

Adoration:
Will resume after the
Winter Break

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

Weekly Calendar

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

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

Monday 12/30
9AM Mass

Tuesday 12/31
**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God Vigil**
5:30PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1/1/2025
**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God Vigil**
9AM Mass
12PM Mass

Thursday 1/2
No Mass

Friday 1/3
No Mass

Saturday 1/4
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 1/5
Knights of Columbus
Donut Ministry
8AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
12:30AM Mass
5PM Mass

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

A Message from Fr. Brian

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we celebrate this beautiful season, I want to take a moment to reflect with you. How has this past year shaped you? What blessings have you cherished, and what challenges have stretched you? Christmas is a time to pause, to ask these questions, and to give thanks for the ways God has worked in our lives, even in the midst of struggle.

For me, this season has been a reminder of how God shows up in both the good and difficult moments. How has He shown up for you this year? Perhaps in unexpected blessings or through the quiet strength He gives us. Christmas calls us to look for that light—the presence of God breaking into our everyday lives, giving us hope, direction, and peace.

As we prepare to step into a new year, I want to challenge all of us to ask: Who are we becoming? What kind of men and women is God calling us to be? Where is God asking us to step out in faith? A new year is a fresh start, an opportunity to grow in strength, in service, and in purpose.

Let us be a community that carries the light of Christmas into the days ahead. Let us encourage one another, serve one another, and hold one another accountable to live boldly and faithfully.

This Christmas, I pray that you find joy and peace in abundance, and that the year to come is one of growth and renewal for us all. Together, let us face the future with courage and an unshakable trust in God's plan.

God bless you and your families this Christmas and in the year ahead. May we continue to grow as a community rooted in faith, ready to meet whatever comes our way.

Merry Christmas!

Fr Brian



Announcements

Catholic Center 5K Human Race Registration is open!

Join us for our 47th Annual Human Race on Saturday, February 15 at Oconee Veterans Park. Registration is \$20 with proceeds benefiting campus ministry outreach and activities. Register by January 27th to guarantee a shirt on race day! Other ways to support the 47th Annual 5K Human Race:

- Be a Phantom Runner Sponsor! Phantom runner Sponsors can donate a registration fee for a student to run in their place.
- Be a Sponsor! Sponsors will be recognized on race day. The deadline to become a sponsor is January 27th.
- Volunteer! Email Sr. Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga



Register Online at: <https://runsignup.com> or scan this QR code

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, February 5

The Creative Hands Crafting Group will not meet on January 1. The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 at 1PM in the Center Hall.

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

Hearing Assistance

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
Vigil Mass 5:30PM

Wednesday, January 1, 2024
9AM & 12PM

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. All are welcome to join us for a fun morning of play!

Sunday Night Casseroles Needed Sunday, January 12

We are asking for casseroles for Sunday Night Dinner on Sunday, January 12. Please deliver to the Catholic Center kitchen by 5PM on January 12. Disposable pans will be available in the CC office in the new year. Thank you so much for helping to nourish our students.

Silver Angels Meets January 14

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for a fun-filled afternoon.

Catholic Center Awarded Grant

Fr. Brian is please to announce that the Catholic Center has been awarded a grant of \$2,400.00 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.

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.

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 Linda Dube.

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 15, 2024

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

December 22, 2024

\$20,881.00 - Offertory
\$11,257.59 - Donations
\$11,738.25 - Alms

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