



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5PM** - Elsie Horton †
- Sunday 8AM** - Luke Frankson
- 10:30AM** - Bonnie Merritt †
- 12:30PM** - CC Members
- 5PM** - Graduating Students
- Monday 12PM** - CC Members
- 5:30PM** - CC Members
- Tuesday 5:30PM** - Margaret Berry †
- Wednesday 5:30PM** - Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietcler †
- Thursday 5:30PM** - James V. Teofilo †
- Friday 8AM** - Robert Harris †

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.



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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

December 8, 2024 • The Second Sunday of Advent

Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 12/7**
9AM Christmas Choir Rehearsal
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
- Sunday 12/8**
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
3PM KOC Meeting
3:30PM Women’s Discernment
3:40PM Wellspring Music Rehearsal
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
- Monday 12/9**
12PM Mass
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finals Dinner
- Tuesday 12/10**
12PM Silver Angels
5:30PM Mass
- Wednesday 12/11**
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
- Thursday 12/12**
10AM Women’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6PM Women’s Dinner
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Friday 12/13**
8AM Mass
2PM Ischeel Meeler Funeral
UGA Commencement
- Saturday 12/14**
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
- Sunday 12/15**
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
1:30PM Feed Our Starving Children

A Message from Fr. Brian

Hi Friends,

I’d like to invite you to consider the Catholic Center in your end of year giving. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year. We couldn’t do what we do without you.

One way of directing that is towards our fundraiser this month called #iGiveCatholic.

The Church is called to be a place where people can find healing, love, and safety when life feels overwhelming. This year, our fundraising focus is on mental health; addressing the struggles that weigh down members of our community and providing real support.

Mental health challenges don’t just affect individuals—they impact families. When someone in a family is struggling with anxiety, depression, or trauma, the ripple effects can strain relationships and create a sense of isolation. But when we step in with resources like counseling and support, we don’t just help one person—we strengthen families and build a community where people feel safe and loved.

Our mission as a Catholic Center is rooted in the Gospel’s call to heal the whole person—body, mind, and soul. By supporting this effort, you are extending the love of Christ to those who need it most.

I talk somewhat openly about my own wrestling with mental health and support. This is surely a cause close to my heart.

Your gift through this fundraiser directly provides opportunity for healing and hope.

Thank you for helping us build this field hospital of faith, care, and compassion!

Fr Brian

Announcements

iGiveCatholic 2024

Throughout the closing month of 2024, 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. Your gift through this fundraiser directly provides the chance for healing and hope. 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

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.

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/>.

Support a Lifetime of Service— Sunday's 2nd Collection

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

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.

Silver Angels Meets December 10

Our next Silver Angels luncheon of the school year will be on Tuesday, December 10 at noon. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for an afternoon of bingo, fellowship and lunch. The Silver Angels will meet on the second Tuesday every month.

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.

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!

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/>

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 24, 2024

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

December 1, 2024

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

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