



# The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



## All are Welcome

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5PM - Vince Dooley †

**Sunday**  
8AM - Anna Nance  
Fisher Silk †

**10:30AM** - James  
Bleakley †

**12:30PM** - Angeles  
Rodriquez †

**5PM** - Lewis Morrell †

**Monday**  
5:30PM - Marie Monney †

**Tuesday**  
5:30PM - John McCaw  
McConnell †

**Wednesday**  
5:30PM - Vivian  
Edmonds

**Thursday**  
5:30PM - Hazel V.  
Dietzler †

**Friday**  
8AM - All Members of  
the Catholic Center

### 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!  
Contact Sr. Uyen-chi with  
questions or to sponsor or  
volunteer.

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



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### Liturgical Schedule

#### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,  
12:30PM & 5PM

Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM

Fri: 8AM

#### Adoration:

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

#### Confession:

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

### Weekly Calendar

#### Saturday 1/11

3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5 PM Mass

#### Sunday 1/12

Knights of Columbus  
Donut Ministry  
8AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass  
12:30 PM Mass  
3PM Adult Confirmation  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner

#### Monday 1/13

10AM Men's Bible Study  
1PM Red Cross Blood Drive  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Youth Group

#### Tuesday 1/14

12PM Silver Angles  
5:30PM Mass  
8:00 M Seeking Water

#### Wednesday 1/15

10AM Mom & Tots  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:15 PM Grades 1-8  
Religious Education  
8PM Ignite

#### Thursday 1/16

10AM Women's Bible  
Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM OCIA

#### Friday 1/17

8AM Mass

#### Saturday 1/18

3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

### A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

Did Jesus need baptism? He was without sin, the perfect Son of God. As Catholics we would say that no, he did not need to be baptized. Yet, Jesus stepped into the Jordan, standing among sinners, fully embracing our human condition. In that moment, the heavens were torn open, the Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father's voice declared, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This was not just a revelation of Christ's identity—it was the beginning of His mission. From this point forward, Jesus would preach, heal, and ultimately offer His life for our salvation. His baptism was an act of humility and solidarity, showing us that true greatness is found in obedience to the Father's will.

At the heart of this moment stands St. John the Baptist, the bold and uncompromising prophet who prepared the way for Christ. He had spent his life calling people to repentance, urging them to turn their hearts back to God. But when Jesus came to be baptized, John hesitated. "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Matthew 3:14). He recognized the holiness of Christ and the radical nature of what was unfolding. Yet Jesus insisted: "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). This was more than a baptism—it was a moment of divine transition. John's role as forerunner was complete; the Messiah had arrived. John's humility and obedience remind us that our mission is not to seek our own glory, but to lead others to Christ.

And what about us? Baptism is not just a ceremony from our past; it is the foundation of our identity. In that moment, we were claimed by God, washed clean, and filled with the Holy Spirit. But is not the end—it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. Are we living as people transformed by grace? Are we allowing the Spirit to guide us? Christ did not enter the Jordan to remain in comfort—Jesus stepped forward into His mission. So must we. This feast is an invitation to renewal, a call to rediscover the power of our baptism and to live each day as beloved sons and daughters of God.

Let us keep each other in prayer this week!

Fr Brian



## Announcements

### Christian Apologetics Course

Do you have friends or family who have questions or doubts about the Christian faith? If you would like to be able to help them answer those questions or just need a faith “booster” yourself, we will be offering a course in Christian Apologetics: Evidence & Arguments for the Existence of God; and Evidence of the Divinity of Jesus.

The course will include four weekly sessions starting Saturday, February 1st from 10AM – 12PM and will be taught by Tom Spencer, the Athens Chapter Director for Reasonable Faith. William Lane Craig founded Reasonable Faith and has been named the fourth most influential theologian in the past 30 years. You can sign up at the back of the chapel or contact Tom Spencer at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspencer44@gmail.com) or 706-340-3785 to sign up.

### 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. Please contact Tom Spencer at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Second Collection for Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries

The second collection this weekend is for all the Hispanic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has served the Hispanic population for over forty years. Today it continues to offer pastoral, social and legal assistance to a Hispanic population estimated at over 500,000 residents. The archdiocese, recognizing the Hispanic presence, tries to respond to the needs of the Hispanics in their language and cultural context. All contributions go directly to serve the Hispanic community of the archdiocese. If you would like to donate, please go to:

<https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>

### Bulletin Prayer List

If you would like to have a name placed on the bulletin prayer list, please contact the CC office. We will keep the name in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless you request it to be in longer. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list up-to-date.

### Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our students who attend 5PM Mass and stay for dinner and fellowship. Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5!

### Silver Angels Meet January 14

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 12PM in the Center Hall. Warm up with good friends and fellowship. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for lunch, fellowship and fun.

### Moms & Tots

The Moms & Tots group will meet every Wednesday at 10AM in the Center Hall. Come meet other families in the community for fellowship and playtime! All are welcome to join us for a fun morning of play!

### Religious Education Update

A BIG Thank you to all the Wednesday catechists (32), helpers, and children (137) who came back to the Catholic Center to continue their journey of learning more about their Catholic faith. Thank you parents, for entrusting in us their faith preparation. If the weather permits, We will welcome back our Pre-K and Kindergarten children (12), along with our 5 catechists, this Sunday, January 12, at 10:30AM. I will send a reminder and update if the class is cancelled due to our winter weather. Lynn Renna, [dre@ccatuga.org](mailto:dre@ccatuga.org)

### BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Catholic Center on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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



### 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  
Kathy Allison  
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  
Marge Finnerty  
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  
Rick Madera  
Gina Maherka  
Carol Mazurek  
Nathan Mills  
Christine Morris  
Al Mulhair  
Rebecca Norris  
Harry Perrine  
David & Maura Randol  
Josh Reams  
Chris Reynolds  
Lou Richt

Sophia Rodriguez  
Aeriel Ross  
Deborah Scott  
Cindy Shapland  
David Simmons  
Rusty Simmons  
Bridget Teofilo  
Alyssa Thomas  
Gretchen Thomas  
Nile Thomson  
Bryan Vaughn  
James Waring  
Amanda Wershing  
Robin Yackley  
Fred Young

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Linda Dube, Sr. Ray Maria McNamara, RSM and Lewis Morrell.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

**For the right to an education.** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## 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 29, 2024

\$24,689.57 - Offertory  
\$4,116.14 - Donation  
\$363.00 - Alms

### January 5, 2025

\$24,074.30 - Offertory  
\$18,043.03 - Donations  
\$619.00 - Alms

## Clergy & Staff

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