



# The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia  
Communities Since 1952.



## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday**  
5PM - Chet Malonski †
- Sunday**  
8AM - Arthur Dumford †  
10:30AM - Maria & Victor Reyes †  
12:30PM - Nile Thomson †  
5PM - Catholic Center Members
- Monday**  
5:30PM - Duane Diehl †
- Tuesday**  
5:30PM - Lee Drake †
- Wednesday**  
5:30PM - Milagros Gallardo †
- Thursday**  
5:30PM - Isabelle A. Ellis †
- Friday**  
8AM - All Catholic Center at UGA Members

### Support L.A. Wildfire Relief

In our Catholic family, we emphasize what it means to be ONE FAMILY. As the body of Christ, when one of us suffers, we are all affected. The recent wildfires in Los Angeles County have devastated the lives of more than 150,000 people, forcing evacuations and destroying countless homes (Source: LA Times). Our hearts go out to all those enduring loss, fear, and tragedy during this crisis. We also offer prayers of protection for the brave First Responders who are selflessly putting themselves in harm's way. We invite you to join us in supporting God's family—OUR family—through prayer and love in action. Catholic Charities of Atlanta has partnered to support Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles who are actively providing disaster relief to those in immediate and greatest need. You can support the victims of the California fires directly through their websites linked [here](#).

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### Liturgical Schedule

**Mass:** Saturday: 5PM  
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 5PM

**Adoration:** Monday 9 am - 5 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 5 pm

**Confession:** Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM  
Friday 8AM  
Wednesday: 3:30-4:30PM  
Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

January 26th, 2025 • The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 1/25**  
3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5 PM Mass  
6:30 PM Korean Mass & Potluck
- Sunday 1/26**  
8 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass Pre-K & Kindergarten RE  
12:30 PM Mass  
5:00 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Student Dinner
- Monday 1/27**  
10:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30 Mass  
7:00 PM Confirmation & Youth Group  
8:45 PM Mr.CC Rehearsal
- Tuesday 1/28**  
5:30 PM Mass  
8:00 PM Seeking Water
- Wednesday 1/29**  
10:00 AM Moms & Tots  
4:00 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:15 PM Grades 1-8 Religious Education  
8:00PM Ignite
- Thursday 1/30**  
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM OCIA
- Friday 1/31**  
8:00 AM Mass
- Saturday 2/1**  
10:00AM Apologetics  
3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5 PM Mass
- Sunday 2/2**  
KoC Donut Ministry  
8 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass Pre-K & Kindergarten RE  
12:30 PM Mass  
5 PM Mass

### A Message from

Hi friends,

Ordinary Time is often overlooked, yet it holds the heartbeat of our faith. It lacks the high solemnity of feast days and the intensity of fasts, but that's precisely where its beauty lies. This is the season of the slow and steady, where God meets us not in the extraordinary but in the sacred rhythm of daily life. The word *ordinalis*, meaning "ordered," reminds us that this time isn't filler—it's intentional. Ordinary Time invites us to embrace the steady work of grace, where holiness grows not in grand gestures but in the quiet, consistent "yesses" we offer each day.

In the Gospels, much of Jesus' ministry happens in the "ordinary." He didn't always preach on mountaintops or perform miracles in crowded streets. More often, He walked familiar roads, healed in private, and shared meals with friends. His parables about seeds and soil remind us that the Kingdom of God takes root in the unnoticed. Grace works quietly, patiently, often beyond our perception—like seeds breaking through soil, transforming the earth from within. Ordinary Time calls us to pause, to notice, and to trust that God is at work even when we can't see it.

This season also invites us to reflect on our vocation—not as a singular, dramatic call, but as the daily work of loving and serving where we are. Vocation is found in the choices we make every day: the integrity we bring to our work, the kindness we show to strangers, the forgiveness we extend to those who hurt us. It's in the courage to stay faithful when no one is watching, and in the humility to keep trying when we fail. Ask yourself: Where is God inviting me to serve today? What small act of love or sacrifice can I offer in His name? These daily "yesses" are the building blocks of a holy life.

So how do we live Ordinary Time with intention? Begin with prayer—not perfect prayer, but honest prayer. Take time each day to bring your whole self to God—your gratitude, your frustrations, your hopes. Prayer doesn't have to be complicated; it simply needs to be real. Whisper a "thank You," sit quietly with Him in the evening, or journal your thoughts and feelings. When we pray honestly, we allow God to meet us where we are and to transform our hearts from within.

Reclaim rest as a sacred practice. In a culture that glorifies busyness, rest is countercultural—but it's essential. Sabbath is more than a pause; it's a chance to reconnect—with God, with your loved ones, and with yourself. Even Jesus withdrew to pray and be renewed by God. How might you create space for renewal in your own life? Rest isn't just a break from work; it's a reminder that our worth isn't defined by productivity, but by the infinite love of God.

Finally, train your heart to notice God in the ordinary. This is the season to pay attention: to the warmth of the sun on your skin, the laughter of a friend, or the stillness of a quiet moment. These are not insignificant. They are sacraments of God's presence, signs of His grace breaking into the mundane. Take these moments as opportunities to reflect, to give thanks, and to be refreshed.

Holiness doesn't demand perfection; it asks for presence. So let us walk boldly through this season, ready to notice, ready to serve, and ready to say "yes" to God's work in our lives.

**Fr. Brian McNavish**  
*The Catholic Center at UGA*

## Announcements

### Win a Chance to Share an Ice Cream Social with the Priests

Support the 47th Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race with our first ever 5K Human Race Raffle. One Grand Prize winner will win an Ice Cream Social at Jeni's Ice Cream with our priest(s) for up to 10 people. The Grand Prize will be drawn on February 15 at the 5K Human Race. Each week leading up to the race, we will have a weekly drawing for 3 fun Catholic Center prizes.

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at select weekend Masses or at the CC office. If you sign up to walk or run the 5K Human Race at the raffle table after Mass, you will receive one free ticket and you sign up as race sponsor at the Mass, you will receive 10 free raffle tickets. Winners of the weekly drawing and Grand Prize will be posted in the bulletin.

### 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 10:00 am – noon 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### 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 [admincsa@ccatuga](mailto:admincsa@ccatuga)

Register Online at:

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



### Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, February 5

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 at 1PM in the Center Hall.

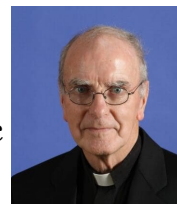
### Team Members Needed for the Feed My Starving Children Event

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.

### Memorial Mass for Fr. David McGuinness

Bishop Ned Shlesinger will offer a Memorial Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church for Father David

McGuinness' one year anniversary of his death on Friday, February 7, at 6:30PM at St. Joe's. Fr. McGuinness was the pastor at St. Joe's from 2003-2017. A Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Donations can be made to the Fr. David Memorial Scholarship Fund through St. Joseph's Online Giving.



## 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  
Al Mulhair  
Rebecca Norris  
Harry Perrine  
David & Maura Randol  
Josh Reams  
Chris Reynolds  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez

Aeriel Ross  
Deborah Scott  
Cindy Shapland  
Bridget Teofilo  
Alyssa Thomas  
Nile Thomson  
Bryan Vaughn  
James Waring  
Amanda Wershing  
Fred Young

**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Lee Drake, Patricia Hodgson, David Rackett.**

### 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.

January 12, 2025	December 22, 2024
\$11,602.87 - Offertory	\$15,386.00 - Offertory
\$27,068.00 - Donations	\$3,348.00 - Donations
\$197.34 - Alms	\$478.00 - Alms

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