



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
11AM - CC Members & Families
5PM - Eileen Sapera †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Dorothy Moore

Sunday
8AM - Helen Lowre †
10:30AM - Paul Toner
12:30PM - Casey Roy Hobbs †
5PM - Robert Alexis Valencia †

Wednesday
5:30PM - All Members of the Catholic Center at UGA

Thursday
5:30PM - Patricia Cosban †

Monday
5:30PM - UGA Students taking Finance 3000

Friday
8AM - Elena Castro †

The Second Grade Sacramental Class and Basic Faith Year 2 students are making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 22. Please keep them in your prayers:

Asher Albert, Juan Bahena, Helen Sophia Bellew, Matthew Boenig, Leland Carr, Evans (Evie) Catherine Carr, Iley Cruise, Charlie Edwards, Joey Edwards, Ember Etheridge, Hinton Garrett, Brooklyn Gecsy, Henry "Tug" Holder, Aria Hulse, Callie Ibanez, Raelynn Jordan, Linus Little, John Loder, Elise MacDougald, Benton McGoldrick, Eric Peters, Crosby Reites, Andreo Rubio, Nora Swindle, Savannah Teddy, Ethan Torres, Miriam Torres, James "Odin" Welborn, Charlie Wicker, Thomas Williams,

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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

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/23
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass & Pre-K & Kindergarten RE
12:30 PM Mass
3PM Adult Confirmation
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

Monday 2/24
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM Confirmation

Tuesday 2/25
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting
8PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 2/26
10AM Moms & Tots
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Grades 1-8 Religious Education
8PM Ignite

Thursday 2/27
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7PM Healing Service

Friday 2/28
8AM Mass
3:30PM H & S Wedding

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

Sunday 3/2
8AM Mass
9AM KOC Donut Ministry
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM KOC Donut Ministry
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children

A Message from Suzie Blaydes

As the OCIA coordinator at the Catholic Center, I have the blessing of witnessing how God can transform lives and make people new. If you have not heard of OCIA, you are probably not alone, because this is a recent change to RCIA! OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process during which the participants experience a shared spiritual journey as they discern their call to become Catholic or complete their Christian initiation. The only thing that changed is the wording of the name (Rite → Order) and some of the language of the rite book was retranslated. "Order" is a more fitting name because the OCIA is a collection of rites. The purpose and vision of the OCIA remains the same: to initiate people into the mystery of Christ (or deeper into that mystery). As a community, the participants learn about, discuss, and pray with various aspects of the Catholic faith: its liturgy, Scripture, doctrines, and traditions.

Most of these rites are intended for those who are unbaptized and will prepare for all three sacraments of initiation. Those already baptized, known as candidates, will do a profession of faith to become Catholic before being Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Catholics who are already baptized, but in need of further catechesis to prepare for Confirmation and Eucharist are also permitted to undergo formation through OCIA.

The following OCIA rites precede the Easter Vigil liturgy (April 19th) where the unbaptized Elect receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:

Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate

After hearing the gospel proclaimed and experiencing an initial conversion of heart, unbaptized inquirers are invited to grow deeper in faith as a catechumen. After the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate, catechumens learn to pray and practice the faith, as well as become more familiar with the liturgy and teachings of the Church. Our catechumens are currently looking forward to the Rite of Election that will be celebrated at the Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church in Norcross on Mar 8.

Rite of Election

The catechumens who have discerned they are ready to celebrate the sacraments at Easter, will participate in the Rite of Election. It is the responsibility of the community (represented by sponsors/godparents) along with their priest to inquire about their readiness before they are presented to the bishop during the first weekend of Lent for this rite. After they celebrate this rite, they are known as the Elect.

Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are meant to strengthen, purify, and equip those who are preparing for Baptism to walk the journey of discipleship. Celebrating the Scrutinies acknowledges we need grace and help in living the Christian life. These Elect are not alone in this striving to grow in their friendship and fidelity to God and turn away from sin. Lent is a time when the whole Church is engaged in a particularly intentional process of self-examination and conversion to God, so each of us will be strengthened as we pray for the Elect.

This Lent, I hope that you have the opportunity to witness one or more rites (most will take place at the 5 pm student Mass). Let us all remember them in our prayers just as the Saints diligently pray for our continued conversion.

Announcements

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Serving more than one million Catholics, the mission of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord and grow all of north and central Georgia in faith, hope, love, and service to others. Our theme for the appeal this year is **"We are One Body in Christ."** Your gift and participation in the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps make it possible by supporting the ministerial, outreach, education, formation, and discipleship work of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The campaign goal is **\$9,850,000** and our parish goal is **\$72,700**. A percentage of the money collected above our goal will be returned to the Catholic Center. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. This weekend, everyone who has not yet made a gift to the appeal will have the opportunity during our in-pew process. To donate online: lifeofthechurch.com/

Update on the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Currently, there is a donation total of \$29,484 and a volunteer total of 764 registered to pack. We have goals of \$65,000 in donations and 1,000 volunteers. If you're planning on donating and/or volunteering, you're encouraged to do it as soon as possible so you get the packing shift you prefer and so the event team knows where they stand with fundraising. Go to give.fmsc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Healing Service Thursday 2/27

The Catholic Center will have its quarterly Healing Service this Thursday February 27 at 7PM in the Chapel. The night will consist of a talk, worship, and prayer teams as well as prayer for physical healing. Fr. Malachy Joseph Napier, CFR will be at the event. You are invited to a night of experiencing God's love and witnessing his healing. All are invited, whether you need healing or not.

Dawgs Donate Tithing Program

Dawgs Donate is a tithing program designed to offer alumni and students an opportunity to give back to the Catholic Center with tithes of \$10 a month. The link to donate is ccatuga.org/finances. If you aren't in a position to give, please keep the CC community in your prayers. Thanks for your ongoing generosity.

Our Daily Bread

The Catholic Center partners with Downtown Ministries to serve our neighbors. Meals are prepared at the Catholic Center and served to guests at First Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed each month. The sign-up can be found at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/our-daily-bread/>.

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
Kathy Allison
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
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
Marge Finnerty
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Dorothy Moore
Al Mulhair
Rebecca Norris
Harry Perrine
David & Maura Randol
Josh Reams

Chris Reynolds
Lou Richt
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Deborah Scott
Cindy Shapland
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Bryan Vaughn
James Waring
Carrie Washburn
Eleanor Washburn
Amanda Wershing
Fred Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Gilles Allard.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

February 9, 2025

\$14,992.99 - Offertory
\$4,638.00 - Donations
\$150.01 - Alms

February 16, 2025

\$12,384.21 - Offertory
\$2,565.00 - Donations
\$247.21 - Alms

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Joanne Sinkey
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Ice Cream Social



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