



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Linda Dube †

Sunday
8AM - Derek Parsons †
10:30AM - Rickard Bourke †

Monday
5:30PM - Wonie Park †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Carol Kuehler †

Wednesday
8AM - All CC Members
12PM - All CC Members
5:30PM - Bernadette Mercier †

Thursday
5:30PM - All CC Members

Friday
8AM - Ingrid Spark †

Ash Wednesday

Lent is quickly approaching, so make sure to start the Lenten Season strong by attending one of our Ash Wednesday Masses. We will have Masses with ashes at 8AM, 12PM & 5:30PM. Additionally, ashes will be distributed at the Chapel in-between Masses from 9AM to 5PM. Parking for the 8AM & 12PM Masses is only permitted in the Catholic Center lot and UGA South Campus Parking Deck. Parking for the 5:30PM Mass will also be available at the Global Engagement Center. Please refer to the inserted Lenten Schedule for more details, and check out our website for the most up-to-date information.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:

Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM

Monday-Thursday
5:30 PM
Friday
8AM

Adoration:

Monday 9AM - 5PM
Thursday 9AM - 5PM

Confession:

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

March 2, 2025 • The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/2

8AM Mass
9AM KOC Donut Ministry
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM KOC Donut Ministry
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children

Monday 3/3

5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 3/4

5:30PM Mass

Ash Wednesday 3/5

8AM Mass
12PM Mass
5:30PM Mass
Ashes Distributed in Chapel 9am - 5pm

Thursday 3/6

5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 3/7

8AM Mass
3:30PM Wedding Rehearsal
5-7 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday 3/8

1PM Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 3/9

8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30 PM Mass
5PM Mass
7PM CSA Board Meeting

Catholic Center Office will be closed March 3rd through March 7th

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

This spring break, 30 of our students are heading to Lima, Peru, to partner with a ministry called BRIDGES. We will work on projects and support the local community. We will help build infrastructure that promotes government funding and services to a rural community in need.

I am proud of these students for their willingness to go. To step out of comfort. To let God move in their lives.

Pray for us! This will be my third year going with the students to Peru. Each of our students self-funded the cost. They are committed and all-in. It is also a witness to spend their spring break vacation without their normal comforts in the dry hills of severe poverty.

I anticipate the very small moments: a shared meal, a child's joy, a conversation that lingers. Please pray for our group, safety for our group, and for the people we will meet!

On a different note, last month I began a three-year term on the Archbishop's Advisory Board, representing campus ministries across North Georgia. This is a chance to advocate for college programs and systems, making sure collegiate are supported by an institution and that our students feel seen, heard, and at home in the Church.

The Archbishop's Advisory Board is a group of individuals who meet with Archbishop Hartmayer monthly to help guide the mission of the Church. For me it is an opportunity to listen, to learn, and to make sure the voices of those we serve are heard.

When it comes to college ministry, I have seen how many wrestle with faith, search for meaning, and long for a Church that feels like home. This role allows me to advocate for them, to bring their questions and hopes into conversations that shape the future of our local Church.

I am also interested in helping develop our other campus ministries from a leadership perspective. I feel as if I have a good amount of expertise to help the other campus ministries in our diocese. For me it is a new step in leadership.

While Fr. Michael and I are away, the Capuchin Franciscan Friars from Atlanta will be filling in for us.

Let us keep each other in prayer this week!

Fr. Brian

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/donate

Update on the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Currently, there is a donation total of \$30,544 and a volunteer total of 836 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.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Religious Education

All RE Classes will be taking a Spring Break starting this weekend, but will resume back on Wednesday, March 12.

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.

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/>

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

The GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus are hosting fish fry dinners each Friday of Lent from 5PM to 7PM. Light meals will be \$7, individual meals will be \$11 and family meals will be \$30. Reservations are not needed. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Handmaids to Leave Athens and Oasis

We are very sad to report that the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Uyen-Chi and Sr. Margarita's order, have come to the difficult decision to close the ministry at Oasis Catolico and to leave Athens by this summer. Sr. Uyen-Chi has served as CSA Administrator at the Catholic Center for the last 6 years as well as serving at Oasis. She has also led our Women's Bible Study, organized the Catholic Center 5K Human Race, and gave spiritual direction and comfort to many over the years. We will miss Sr. Uyen-Chi and Sr. Margarita and recognize the incredible work that the Handmaids have done over the last 23 years that they served at Oasis. More information about bidding farewell to these two incredible women will be forthcoming. Please keep Sr. Uyen-Chi and Sr. Margarita in your prayers as they prepare for their summer of transition.

Knights of Columbus Donut Ministry

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be have donuts available after both the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses on March 2, 2025. Funds collected from the Donut Ministry are designated for the KOC Wheelchair Ministry.

Toni's Camp Retreat

This is a camp for individuals with disabilities organized by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The camp consists of activities geared to the spiritual, social, and recreational needs of individuals with disabilities. Any person with developmental disabilities over the age of 14, who possesses basic self-care skills, enjoys group activities, and does not have severe behavior problems, is welcome. Although Roman Catholic in nature, the retreat is open to persons of all faiths. Toni's Camp Retreat is very fun, and at times very loud. All campers must provide the physician's recommendation to attend camp. Camper Registration is limited so apply early. Camp is held at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, GA the weekend of May 2-4, 2025. More information can be found at <https://archatl.com/ministries-services/>

2025 Lenten Schedule

Catholic Center at UGA

Ash Wednesday

March 5th

Mass with Ashes: 8AM, 12PM & 5:30PM

Ashes Distribution: 9AM - 5PM - Between Masses

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 17, 7PM

Confession

Wednesdays: 4PM - 5PM

Saturdays: 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Adoration

Mondays & Thursday: 9AM - 5PM

Tuesdays: 9AM - 10AM

Wednesdays: 9AM - 10AM, 4PM - 5PM



Check out this Lenten Resource!

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

In Matthew 9:15, Our Lord says of us: “The days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.” In response to our Lord's saying, Christians have always embraced fasting and self-denial as an important part of the spiritual life, especially in commemoration of the Lord's passion and death.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Those who are

2025 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses, April 12 & 13

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

Holy Week, April 14 - 20

Monday: Mass - 5:30PM

Tuesday: Communion Service - 5:30PM

Wednesday: Confession - 4-5PM, Mass - 5:30PM

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass - 7PM

Exposition - Following Mass until midnight

Good Friday, April 18

Stations of the Cross - 3PM

Good Friday Service - 7PM

Easter Vigil, April 19

Blessing of the Baskets - 12PM

Easter Vigil Mass - 8PM

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses - 8AM, 10:30AM



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 Sylvia Floyd Hersina Gomes Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Tom Holmes Ryan Hughes Daniel Inman Margaret Jones	Victor Kalla Pamela Keane Sarah Kurtz Dan Lackey Doug Landrum Patti Law Rick Madera Gina Maherka Carol Mazurek Nathan Mills 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
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Gilles Allard and Rickard Bourke.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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 16, 2025 \$12,384.21 - Offertory \$2,565.00 - Donations \$247.21 - Alms	February 23, 2025 \$14,715.94 - Offertory \$2,916.00 - Donations \$305.00 - Alms
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