



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sapera †

Sunday
8AM - Sherry Lajoi †
10:30AM - Sr. Marietta Jansen
12:30PM - The McLure Family
5:00PM - All Catholic Center Members

Monday
5:30PM - Joey Costyn †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Sr. Margarita Martin

Wednesday
5:30PM - Esteba Portella †

Thursday
5:30PM - Rayneial Carmiento †

Friday
8AM - No Mass

Disciple Maker Index Survey

The Catholic Center is participating in a survey through the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). The survey is the Disciple Maker Index. The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at the Catholic Center. The 15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link until 4/6 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our church's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the Catholic Center will only receive information about the community as a whole. Below is the link to the survey or scan the QR code. **DMI Link:**



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ck4697>

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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:
 Wednesday: 4:00PM-5:00PM
 Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

Monday-Thursday
 5:30 PM
 Friday
 8AM

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/30
 8AM Mass
 9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
 10:30AM Mass
 10:30AM Pre-K + Kindergarten RE
 12:30PM Mass
 1PM Feed My Starving Children
 3PM Adult Confirmation
 5PM Mass
 5PM OCIA 2nd Scrutiny
 6PM Student Dinner

Monday 3/31
 10AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 7PM Confirmation
 7PM Youth Group

Tuesday 4/1
 5:30PM Mass
 8PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 4/2
 10AM Moms and Tots
 1PM Creative Hands
 4PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass
 6:15PM Grades 1-8 RE
 8PM Ignite

Thursday 4/3
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
 7PM OCIA

Friday 4/4
No Mass
 5-7PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
 6PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 4/5
 8AM RE Confirmation Retreat
 10AM Walking with Moms
 2PM Wynn/Johnson Wedding
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends,

We are halfway through Lent. A good moment to pause and ask - What is this Lenten season really for?

Here is the principle I've been reflecting on - Lent is about love first and foremost. Learning how to love—and how to be loved.

That is the heart of it. Every liturgical season of our life is shaped by this, just through different lenses. Our call is always the same: to move toward God as disciples. The path we walk is our vocation. The setting is our vineyard—where God chooses to work through us.

Real love takes honesty, humility, courage, and trust. We practice that in Lent through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, service—acts that stretch us.

Lent is almost a re-training in love - an annual return to what matters most!

To forgive again.

To pray even when it's dry.

To serve when it's hard.

To stay faithful, even when it costs something.

Also, this community is strong! Thank you as always to all of our volunteers who continue to volunteer. Thank you for welcoming the Capuchin Franciscans (Fr Lijo) in my absence.

On another note, thank you for your patience the past few weekends. I've been traveling—Peru, Nashville Cathedral for a wedding, and the North Georgia mountains with 150 of our students on retreat. It was full, beautiful, and powerful. Many of our students encountered God in real ways. I'm going to the Gulf of Florida with my family in April. Looking forward to some family time.

As we look ahead to Holy Week, I invite you to ask: How is God calling me to grow in love—for Him, for others, and for myself?

These are not abstract questions. They are the questions of the Christian life.

Let us pray for each other!

Let us finish this season well.

—Fr. Brian

Announcements

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event Status:

26 days to go! Current donations: **\$55,377 vs. goal of \$65,000. 990 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of 1,000.** We still need help with fundraising. All five packing sessions are currently full however we do expect a significant number of cancellations over the next several weeks so please check back if you would like to volunteer. Or you can contact Tom Spencer who will notify you when sessions open up.

Go to: give.fmssc.org/athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Archdiocese Annual Report

Each year, an annual report is published. The 2024 report is now available. In the spirit of the Laudato Si' initiative, the report is only available on-line. It is posted to their website at: <https://archatl.com/offices/finance/annual-reports/annual-reportsarchdiocese/>

We Thank Our Talented, Generous Priests

Family Promise of Athens wishes to acknowledge their appreciation to our priests for all of their support throughout the year. In February 2025, our priests volunteered to participate in an annual fundraiser for Family Promise of Athens. Fr. Michael donated his homemade chocolate chip cookies that brought in donations of \$145. Fr. Brian donated an ice cream social that was entered in a silent auction with the highest bidder donating \$105. Their donations will be used to support families needing stable housing. If you would like to learn more about Family Promise and how the Center supports them, contact Linda DiPietro at 706.202.6235.

Knights of Columbus 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.

Easter Flower Donations

Help make our Catholic Center chapel beautiful with Easter Flowers. You can pick up a form in the Center Office or Chapel to donate a flower in honor or memory of a loved one. Please return the form by Friday, April 11. The suggested donation is \$20.

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, April 2

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, April 2 at 1PM in the Center Hall. All are welcome to join us.

Prison Clothing Drive on Palm Sunday Weekend

Each year, on Palm Sunday weekend, the Catholic Center hosts a clothing drive for people in prison in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Drop off your donations for the prison clothing drive on Saturday, April 12, after the Vigil Mass, and Sunday, April 13, after the 8AM, 10:30AM, and 12:30PM Masses. We are asking for donations of gently used clothes for prisoners in our Archdiocese. Please put women's clothes in white plastic bags and men's clothes in black plastic bags. This makes it easier to sort! Thank you for your support and thank you to Tommy Smith for collecting and delivering the clothing donations!

March for Moms

Walking With Moms In Need is excited to bring "March for Moms" to UGA. Our mission is to raise awareness to these moms in need that there is assistance, where they can get it, and how to reach out. Join us for a 2 mile procession down Milledge Ave. Saturday, April 5th 10:00am at the Catholic Center for March For Moms. T-Shirts available for purchase after mass!

Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. Please see the instructions in the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>.

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
Francesca Dattilio
Isabella Dattilio
John Dattilio
Paola Dattilio
Patti D'Avella
Jeff Donahue
Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Sylvia Floyd
Hersina Gomes
Merrill Greene
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

Harry Perrine
David & Maura Randol
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 Raymond Kopaniasz, Laurette LaPrarie, and James Wilson.

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.

March 16, 2025

\$17,582.00 - Offertory
\$10,751.00 - Donation
\$2,616.00 - Alms

March 23, 2025

\$15,640.00 - Offertory
\$4,290.00 - Donation
\$5,537.00 - Alms

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