



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Diva Maisto †
- Sunday**
8AM—Amy & Paul Peteet
10:30AM - Mike Glenn†
12:30PM - Diva Maisto†
5:00PM - All Members
of the Catholic Center
- Monday**
5:30PM— Alejandrina
Ulloa †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM—CC Silver
Angels
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Handmaids of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Thursday**
5:30PM - CC Social
Graces
- Friday**
8AM - Lois Long

Feed My Starving Children

Update on Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event

Current donations: **\$36,859 vs. goal of \$65,000.**
Current volunteers: **843 volunteers
vs. goal of 1,000.**

We still need lots of help with fundraising. Volunteer slots are rapidly filling up so if you're planning on volunteering, you're encouraged to do it as soon as possible as several sessions have filled up. Go to: give.fmssc.org/athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

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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 3/9
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
5PM Mass
7PM CSA Board Meeting

Monday 3/10
10AM Men's Bible Study
11AM Golf Tournament Meeting
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 3/11
12PM Silver Angels
5:30PM Mass
8PM Ablaze

Wednesday 3/12
10AM Moms and Tots
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Grades 1-8 RE
8PM Ignite

Thursday 3/13
10AM Women's Bible Study
4PM Wedding Rehearsal
5:30PM Mass
6PM Women's Dinner
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7PM OCIA

Friday 3/14
8AM Mass
4:30PM Wedding
5-7 PM Knights of Columbus Fish
Fry

Saturday 3/15
12:30PM Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 3/16
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30 PM Mass
1PM Feed My Starving Children
3PM KOC Meeting
3PM Adult Confirmation
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
7PM Men's Discernment Group

A Message from Fr. Michael

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

We're already a few days into Lent - how has it been going so far? It already becomes an interesting consideration: what actually makes a good Lent? Come April 20, Easter Sunday, how will I know if Lent was in fact good or not? There can be the measurement of success: how many days out of 40 did I not eat chocolate? How many days out of 40 did I say the daily prayers to which I committed?

But if you could imagine, how far would that measurement get us if we were talking about friendship or marriage? "I emptied the dishwasher 40 days out of 40" might not be the strongest indication of a healthy relationship; the other person might respond, "but you haven't listened to me, but you haven't loved me" - to point out that simply doing things in and of itself isn't the basis of a relationship nor is it the core purpose of Lent.

The irony when it comes to Lent, is that oftentimes it can be seen and approached and practiced as a period of time where I just do or don't do a bunch of things; what Lent is meant to point out is exactly that, to quote *Heart of the World*, "I have murdered no one, robbed no bank, set no houses on fire...nothing incriminating will be produced against me...I've been responsible...washed, cooked, cleaned...I am a practicing Christian... Sundays I've been to church...'I have, I have'... What I have done with my religion is raise up walls against God...if you live near a waterfall for a week, you'll no longer hear its rumble." (pp. 94-96)

What Lent is meant to point out is how often I've lived life on my own reliance. And as it points toward Easter, specifically the Resurrection, it offers humanity the solution that because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, nothing can actually separate me from Him - showing that life is meant to be lived in a togetherness. So, the repentance Lent proposes is leaving behind a life lived on my own reliance, a life lived alone.

So, what makes a good Lent? Not if I'm successful. But how about if I become a better friend of Jesus, allow Him into my life a bit more, get to know who He actually is, allow Him to help me in the day to day and with my burdens - in a word, fall more in Love with Him.

Fr. Michael



Announcements

Second Collection For Catholic Relief Services

This week, the second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. If you would like to donate, please go to: lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

Silver Angels Meet March 11

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 12PM in the Center Hall. Join us for lunch and fellowship. After lunch we will have a special Stations of the Cross for Seniors in the Chapel. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for lunch and fellowship.

Social Graces Women's Dinner Thursday 3/13

The Social Graces, the Catholic Center women's dinner group, meets this Thursday at 6PM. Please RSVP by 5PM on Monday at the very latest by contacting the office at 706-543-2293 or stewardship@ccatuga.org. It is important to RSVP so that our committee can plan.

Toni's Camp Retreat

This camp is for individuals with disabilities organized by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Activities will be 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. 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/disabilities-ministry/tonis-camp-retreat/>.

Hearing Assistance

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

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 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.

Easter Flower Donations

Help make our Catholic Center chapel beautiful with Easter Flowers. Starting on Ash Wednesday, 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.

Religious Education

All RE Classes will be taking a Spring Break starting this weekend, but will resume 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. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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

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 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 23, 2025

\$14,715.94 - Offertory
\$2,916.00 - Donations
\$305.00 - Alms

March 2, 2025

\$17,527.29 - Offertory
\$7,601.82 - Donation
\$634.00 - Alms

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