



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Vince Dooley †

Sunday
8AM - H.A. Brownlee †
10:30AM - Raymond Kopaniasz †
12:30PM - Cecilia Yang †
5:00PM - All Catholic Center Members

Monday
5:30PM - UGA Student Teachers

Tuesday
5:30PM - Communion Service

Wednesday
5:30PM - Thomas Michael Meagher †

Thursday
5:30PM - All Catholic Center Members

Friday
8AM - Good Friday

Holy Week Schedule

The Center Office will be closed April 17—April 21

April 14-16, Monday Mass 5:30PM;
Tuesday Communion Service 5:30PM;
Wednesday Confession 4PM, Mass 5:30PM
Holy Thursday Mass 7PM
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3PM,
Good Friday Service 7PM
Holy Saturday Blessings of the Baskets 12PM,
Easter Vigil Mass 8PM, Easter Vigil Reception
Easter Sunday Mass 8AM & 10:30AM
(Mass will be held in the Chapel and Center Hall)

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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

April 13, 2025 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 4/13
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
1:30PM Feed My Starving Children
3PM Men's Discernment Group
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner
7PM CSA Board Meeting

Monday 4/14
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 4/15
5:30PM Communion Service
6:30PM Holy Thursday/Good Friday Music Rehearsal

Wednesday 4/16
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Easter Vigil Music Rehearsal

Thursday 4/17
4PM Holy Thursday Rehearsal (Clergy & Altar Servers)
7PM Holy Thursday Mass

Friday 4/18
3PM Stations of the Cross
5PM Good Friday Rehearsal (Clergy & Altar Servers)
7PM Good Friday Service

Saturday 4/19
9AM OCIA Holy Saturday Retreat
11AM Easter Vigil Rehearsal (OCIA Candidates)
12PM Blessing of the Baskets
2PM Chapel Decorating
3PM Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Clergy & Altar Servers)
8PM Easter Vigil
11PM Easter Vigil Reception

A Message from Sr. Uyen-Chi

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Happy Palm Sunday! This week we begin Holy Week. It is a time for us to deeply reflect on the events of Jesus' final week, including his teachings, suffering, and death. It often evokes feelings of sadness, grief, and sorrow for the suffering of Jesus and the consequences of sin. Despite the somber nature of Holy Week, there is also a sense of hope and anticipation for the resurrection of Jesus, which marks the beginning of a new life and salvation for all of us believers.

I feel like I have been living this Lent as a long Holy Week with feelings of sadness, hope and joy; all held in tension. I think by now most of you have heard the announcement in the bulletin of the closure of Oasis and the departure of us Handmaid sisters (Sr. Margarita and myself) from Athens in June. This was one of the most difficult decisions made by us as a Province, but we need to consolidate our ministries (like the Franciscans). What makes this decision especially hard for me is because of the many relationships and friendships that have been formed here at the Catholic Center and at Oasis in the past 7 years. It is hard because of the privilege of walking with our brothers and sisters at Oasis when they feel vulnerable and when they are most in need. For the past 23 years of serving at Oasis, we sisters have witnessed how God has been at work in the hearts of so many people. Your generous donations have made an impact, especially in the lives of those who struggle to meet their basic needs. Our tutors, from UGA and the Catholic Center, have given hope to so many families as they help our young students learn and grow to their full potential. It has been a joy for us sisters to be part of these encounters and friendships. For all of these, my heart is full of gratitude even though I am also mourning as I say my farewell.

As we begin Holy Week, let us remember that in Christ Jesus we have the grace to hold sadness, hope and joy all together. Life has its joys and sorrows, but beyond the darkness we glimpse a light in the cross and resurrection of Christ. Christ's resurrection contains a vital power which has permeated this world. The cross and resurrection of Christ show us that God is mysteriously capable of intervening, that God does not abandon us and can bring good out of any situation by his power and infinite creativity. Therefore, as we say good-bye, we trust that our relationships are held in Christ and that we are always united in the Eucharist, the sacrament of love and unity.

Let us keep each other in prayers as we bid farewell!

United in Christ,
Sr. Uyen-Chi



Announcements

Second Collection: Holy Land

The Catholic Center will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Palm Sunday second collection. Through the Palm Sunday collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines, and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

Easter Candy Donations Needed

The Social Graces and the Catholic Center are helping with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Oasis Catolico. We are asking for donations of Easter candy to put in the eggs. Candy can be dropped off on the stage in the Center Hall. Candy should be dropped off by Wednesday, April 23. Please avoid gum and hard candy. Candy must be able to fit in the eggs.

Religious Education Update

Our Confirmation Class meeting has been changed from Monday April 14 to April 21, from 7:00-8:45PM. This will be our last Confirmation Class this year. YEAR 2 Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Friday, April 25 from 6:00-7:30PM in the Chapel with their sponsor. A reception for the sponsors and candidates will follow the rehearsal in the Center Hall. The Confirmation Mass is Sunday, April 27, at 1:00PM.

The First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 26 in the Center Hall starting at 8:30AM and ending at the Chapel at 11:30AM. Parents will need to be in the Chapel by 10:00AM.

The last Wednesday RE Class is April 23rd at 6:15PM in the Center Hall. The Sunday Pre-K and Kindergarten Class will meet for their last class on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30AM.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event Status:

Less than 2 weeks to go! Current donations: **\$60,949 vs. goal of \$65,000**. All packing sessions are currently full but we expect to get cancellations so please keep checking our website 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.

Are You Graduating This May?

The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family.

We will have a Baccalaureate Mass at 11:30 AM followed by lunch on Friday, May 9, for graduating seniors and graduate students.

Please RSVP by filling out the Google Form <https://forms.gle/UHtQwaeztb2m5GS3A>



1st Annual Sr. Uyen-Chi Ping Pong Tournament

We would like to bid farewell to Sr. Uyen-Chi in classic Catholic Center style with a Ping Pong Tournament on Friday, May 2 at 5PM. All CC members and students are invited to participate as a ping pong player or as a spectator. There will be prizes, refreshments and an opportunity to write a note to Sr. Uyen-Chi. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/MTfnwqVNghsm1RTg8>

PING PONG TABLES NEEDED

Ping Pong Tables are needed to have a successful tournament. We would like to borrow a few tables just for the evening in order to allow as many players to play as possible. Volunteers can pick up and return the tables. Please contact the CC office at 706-543-2293 if you can help with tables.

Easter Sunday Parking

Please allow extra time for traffic and parking this Easter. If you can arrive a few minutes earlier and walk a few steps farther, you can leave the spaces open for those who need to park close to the CC. No parking is allowed at Campus View Church or Cloverhurst Condos. Do not park in fire lanes, residential driveways, yards, or no parking zones. Towing will be enforced. You may park at the Catholic Center, Global Engagement Center, Barrow Elementary School or the UGA South Campus Parking Lot. Limited street parking is available around the Catholic Center.

Rice Bowls

Thank you to everyone who has filled their Rice Bowls this Lent. We will collect Rice Bowls until Sunday, April 20. You can return Rice Bowls to the Center Office, or count the money collected and write a check for the amount. Make checks payable to the Catholic Center at UGA and put Rice Bowl in the memo. Place the check in an envelope and write Rice Bowl on the envelope. You can put the envelope in the offertory basket or mail it. Thanks again for your 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
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 Jim Harris, Dorothy Wasko and Cecilia Yang.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 30, 2025

\$19,835.02 - Offertory
\$11,906.00 - Donation
\$533.00 - Alms

April 6, 2025

\$18,733.28 - Offertory
\$1,175.00 - Donation
\$2,718.69 - Alms

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