



# The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia  
Communities Since 1952.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday**  
**5PM** - Lewis Morrell †

**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Vince Dooley †  
**10:30AM** - Cyril Derek †  
**1PM** - Dorothy Wasko †  
**5PM** - All CC Members

**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Gerri Balliet
- Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** – Ellen Hoover

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Joe Krewer †  
& Luke Frankson

**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** -Donald Evans †  
Dolores Rebellon †

**Friday**  
**8AM** - UGA Graduates  
& Elizabeth Portella

### Mother’s Day Novena

Mother’s Day is coming up. We have Mother’s Day cards for a Mother’s Day Novena. Mothers, both living and deceased will be remembered at 7 Masses beginning on Mother’s Day. Cards can be picked up in the chapel and in the front office. Fill out the large envelope and return with your donation to the office by Friday, May 9 and then give the card to your loved one! The suggested donation is \$10.



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### Liturgical Schedule

**Mass:**  
Saturday: 5PM  
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,  
12:30PM, 5PM  
Monday-Thursday  
5:30 PM  
Friday  
11:30AM  
Baccalaurete Mass

**Summer Schedule  
Begins May 11**

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

May 4, 2025 • Third Sunday of Easter

## Weekly Calendar

- Saturday 5/3**  
11AM First Communion &  
Reception  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass
- Sunday 5/4**  
8AM Mass  
9AM KOC Donut Ministry  
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class  
10:30AM Mass  
11:30AM KOC Donut Ministry  
12:30PM Mass  
3PM KOC Meeting  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner

- Monday 5/5**  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Finals Week Food

- Tuesday 5/6**  
11AM Funeral/Reception for  
James Wilson  
5:30PM Mass

- Wednesday 5/7**  
10AM Moms & Tots  
1PM Creative Hands  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass

- Thursday 5/8**  
**UGA Graduate  
Commencement**  
10AM Women’s Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

- Friday 5/9**  
**UGA Undergraduate  
Commencement**  
**NO 8AM Mass**  
11:30AM Baccalaureate Mass  
12:30PM Graduation Lunch

## Congratulations Graduates!

Graduates!

We are so proud of you.

You came to the Catholic Center and made a real commitment to this community. You have shown up, participated, engaged, listened, and walked through life with us. You’ve wrestled, questioned, grown. You’ve tried to integrate what is good into your life and to follow Jesus as best you can. This is impressive, inspiring, and humbling.

My role has been to walk with you in this. To help guide you toward the mystery of God. To lead you deeper into your soul. And to remind you again and again: God is near, and you are not alone. I hope you carry that with you into whatever comes next—that you feel equipped, loved, and supported. The Spirit is alive in your life. That’s what we’ve been learning together in this community every single week.

During this Easter season, we have witnesses to walk with us. There are saint statues on our property: Saint Paul, who proclaimed boldly, Saint John the Beloved, who stayed near, Mary, Mother of Jesus, who carried the unthinkable with grace. These have been your companions! Pray to them. Stay close to them.

The laity—you—are called to be leaven in the world. The Church is a field hospital—for you, and for every soul you will meet. Be leaven. Bring life. Be light to the nations. Support those who feel unseen. Love those God longs to reach. And let God love you. Let Him grow your heart. Let Him strengthen your mind and teach you how to love with courage.

Remember: God is closer to you than you know. You are more loved than you can understand. You are held, seen, called *beloved*. Be strong—not just outwardly, but in spirit. Be resilient. Be courageous. And never forget: there is healing, freedom, life, and love in this world.

Don’t let any person, any voice, any moment, or any season tell you otherwise!

Don’t be afraid of the dark. Let the light of Christ shine into it. Face it with truth, with hope, with love. With God, you truly can do all things. Love you all.

Cheering for you all. Keep us updated where you go and stay connected as best you can! Visit us for mass!

- Fr Brian



# Announcements

## May is National Foster Care Awareness Month!

The Catholic Center's Foster & Adoption Ministry is hosting a supply drive for local foster families:

**What?** New socks and underwear for boys and girls up to a children's size XL

**When?** May 10-18

**Where?** Drop off on the stage in the Center Hall

**Questions?** Contact Amanda Wilson - [amandaandkevin@msn.com](mailto:amandaandkevin@msn.com)

Scan the QR code to learn about other ways you can support local foster families [chosenforlifeminisries.org](http://chosenforlifeminisries.org)



## Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event Recap

Thank you Catholic Center! With your great support, we packed **186,624 meals** last weekend for children in desperate need! Over 100 volunteers from the Catholic Center helped pack and many donors helped us exceed our fundraising goal (current donations: **\$68,610 vs. goal of \$65,000**). This was the maximum amount we can pack with one tractor/trailer load so next year we'll be going to two tractor/trailer loads and will pack 250,000 meals. Any additional donations will give us a head-start for next year.

Go to: [give.fmsc.org/athens](http://give.fmsc.org/athens) to donate. Please contact Tom Spencer at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspencer44@gmail.com) ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

## Young Catholic Professionals

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Atlanta is a network of like-minded Catholics ages 20-39 in the Atlanta area working in witness for Christ. YCP fosters spiritual and professional growth through networking events, social gatherings, and mentorship. Interested in learning more? Visit <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/> to find a chapter and join today!

## Vidalia Onion Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Vidalia Onions after the Masses on May 9 and 10. The cost of onions will be \$12 per bag.

## Online Giving

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/>

## Summer Mass Schedule

Our summer mass schedule will begin on Sunday, May 11. There will be no 12:30PM or 5PM Sunday masses during the summer schedule.

## Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, May 7

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, May 7 at 1PM in the Center Hall.

## Grateful for Your Ministry

Please join us in thanking the following staff members for their service at the Catholic Center. We are so grateful for all that they have done for the Catholic Center students and members. Sonny Fincher, Facilities Manager, will be retiring effective May 9. Caroline Passaro has been responsible for our bulletin, special projects and more. She will be moving on to an internship in her major. Sr. Uyen-Chi, our CSA Administrator, will be moving to Philadelphia at the end of May. It is always bittersweet to say good-bye to these wonderful staff members but we wish them well on their next adventures.

## Congratulations to our First Communion Candidates

We are very proud of all of our Religious Education students who are making their First Communion this weekend. Thank you to the parents and catechists who guided these students on their faith journey. Asher Albert, Juan Bahena, Helen Bellew, Matthew Boenig, Evie Carr, Leland Carr, Iley Cruse, Charlie Edwards, Joey Edwards, Ember Etheridge, Hinton Garrett, Brooklyn Gecsy, 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, Odin Welborn, Charlie Wicker, Thomas Williams.

## All are invited to Oasis for a Sunday's Spanish Mass on May 18 at 1pm

- Celebrate St. Rafaela Maria, Foundress of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Give thanks to God for the ministry of Oasis
- Say farewell to Sister Margarita Martin and Sister Uyen-Chi Dang
- Welcome the NEW sisters of Missionaries of the Mission of the Redeemer to Athens and Oasis

# We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy 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 Sylvia Floyd Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Patty Goodwin Merrill Greene Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs	Bob Henry Tom Holmes Ryan Hughes Daniel Inman Margaret Jones Victor Kalla Dan Lackey Doug Landrum Patti Law Elena Lyons 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 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 Virginia Lillian Cone, Dr. Luther Frary Elrod, III, Steve Pittman and Bill Zavarello.**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society must be humanized.

## 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.

April 20, 2025	April 27, 2025
\$18,222.26 - Offertory	\$12,342.37 - Offertory
\$795.00 - Donation	\$2,323.00 - Donation
\$1,152.00 - Alms	\$485.00 - Alms

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