



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Norma Cecchi

Sunday
8AM - Jon K. Lamb†
10:30AM—Bill & Cecelia Burden †

Monday
5:30 PM— Annette Congelosi †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM— Peter Congelosi †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Will & Bernadette McKinney

Thursday
5:30PM— Lucy Hill †

Friday
8:00AM - Henry Spark †

Father’s Day Novenas

Fathers, both living and deceased will be remembered at all of the Masses beginning on Father’s Day. Cards can be picked up in the chapel. Fill out the large envelope and return with your donation to the office by June 11th 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

Monday-Thursday
5:30 PM

Friday
8:00 AM

Confession:

Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM

Saturday:
3:30PM-4:30PM

*Confession will be in the
Center Office

June 1, 2025 • The Ascension of the Lord

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 5/31
2:00PM Nordwall & Wynn Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 6/1
8AM Mass
9AM KOC Donut Ministry
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM KoC Donut Ministry

Monday 6/2
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
5:00PM Mass

Tuesday 6/3
5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 6/4
10:00AM Moms & Tots
1:00PM Creative Hands
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 6/5
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday 6/6
8AM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

*He enjoined them to wait for the promise of the Father ...
The Angels said, “why are you standing there looking at the sky?” - Acts 1*

If you can see Him, if you can touch Him, then He’s not close enough to you.

What we believe about Jesus is that God became flesh, became human, taking on a human body and a human soul. The Ascension is the teaching and belief that Jesus Christ, a divine Person, took His human nature into heaven. And the Ascension might seem like a strange strategy on God’s part: when Jesus is walking on the earth, it seems so great to have God walking with us, and humanity already has a propensity to doubt, why take Himself and His presence from the earth only to seemingly hide it in heaven? What is God doing?

Here, might be one way to think about it: the best way to get someone to search for something you want them to find is to hide it in plain sight. This begins to reveal “where” God is, or “how” we find Him.

God wants Himself to be found, but the reason why He needs to be found is because He is inexhaustive, meaning there will always be more of God for us to find: even though we’ve found Him once, there is still more for us to find.

The second thing to consider is perception. Perception is the ability to become aware of something through the senses we have. But when Jesus Ascends into heaven, it is no longer our senses that can help us be aware of Him. And this is good news: my senses can be frail or mislead me, they are only relatively trustworthy. What God is hoping to do is give us something more secure in being able to find His Son, Jesus. We call this faith: faith can be understood as a “sixth sense” helping us perceive more than what our mere senses could.

Finally, it reveals how much God loves us, for two reasons. First, Jesus did not leave His humanity behind, which means He must not only like humanity or find it compatible, but it reveals if He’s willing to bring it into heaven then our relationship with Him is considered ‘inseparable.’ Because of Jesus’ Ascension, humanity lives as a promise in the Heart of the Trinity. Second, when the Descent of the Holy Spirit happens, it means that the Trinity lives in the heart of humanity; that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

There’s a recognition: finding God can be tough already. The mere fact that we desire to find God might be a recognition that we love God; afterall, someone doesn’t desire something they don’t want.

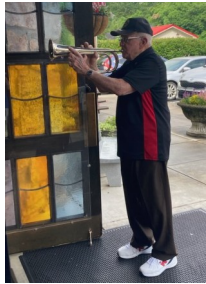
Announcements

Catholicism Inquiry Nights

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or baptized Catholic and desiring to complete your sacraments of Christian initiation? You are invited to the inquiry night on Wednesday, June 18th at 6:30PM (Center Hall) to learn about the process, meet other people interested, and ask any questions you have. Email Suzie at sacraments@ccatuga.org.

Memorial Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our Memorial Day Mass and brunch. A special thanks to Fr. Michael, Ellen Ritchey, Vincent Toner, Bob and Stephanie Chirello and Larry Dempsey for their work to make this a beautiful Memorial Day event. Thank you to all who provided the delicious food. Finally, we are so very grateful to the veterans who lost their lives in the line of duty.



KoC Doughnut Ministry

Knights of Columbus will serve donuts in the center hall after the 8:00am and 10:30 mass this weekend. All proceeds go to the wheelchair ministry.

No Social Graces Dinner in June

The Social Graces Women’s Dinner will be on break for the month of June. The July dinner will be on July 10.

Our Daily Bread

The Catholic Center partners with Downtown Ministries to serve our neighbors. Meals are prepared at the Catholic Center and served to guests at First Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed each month. The sign-up can be found at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/our-daily-bread/>.

Save the Date - 23rd Annual Dooley Classic

The 2025 Dooley Classic Golf Tournament will be held on August 29! More information coming soon!



Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, June 4

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, June 4 at 1PM in the Center Hall. All are welcome to join us.

Knights of Columbus

The Catholic Center Knights of Columbus Council 17969 proudly received two prestigious awards recognizing their outstanding recruitment efforts during the 2023–2024 academic year at both the state level and national level. These honors reflect the council’s commitment to growing its brotherhood and strengthening its impact through faith, service, and community engagement. Through dedicated outreach and a welcoming spirit, Council 17969 continues to thrive and inspire others to join in their mission.



Staff Good-byes and Hellos

We want to wish two staff members well as they move on to their next adventures. Sr. Uyen-chi will be going to Philadelphia to work at the retreat house for the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Vincent Toner will also be leaving the Catholic Center. Vincent graduated in May from UGA with his Masters Degree. Vincent was a vital support for all of the ministries at the CC as well as being a very friendly and helpful face in the Receptionist office. Both of these staff members will be greatly missed. We welcome two new staff members. Dorothy Ratcliff is a UGA student and will be working with Special Promotions and Projects. Paul DesPres is returning again this summer to help out as a Summer Assistant. We are happy to have them both on board.

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
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Jeff Donahue
Barton Elizabeth Dooling
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Patty Goodwin
Merrill Greene
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Cheri Griggs
Bob Henry

Tom Holmes
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Daniel Inman
Al Johnson
Margaret Jones
Victor Kalla
Dan Lackey
Doug Landrum
Patti Law
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Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Dorothy Moore

Harry Perrine
David & Maura Randol
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Len Saper
Deborah Scott
Cindy Shapland
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Bryan Vaughn
James Waring
Amanda Wershing
Fred Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Caryl Chirello and Michael Callinan.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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.

May 18, 2025

\$11,828.20 - Offertory
\$5,716.00 - Donation
\$147.00 - Alms

May 25, 2025

\$10,956.41 - Offertory
\$1,412.00 - Donation
\$455.51 - Alms

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