



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5PM - Eileen Sapera †

Sunday

8AM - The Homeless of Athens

10:30AM - Charles & Colette Alesi

Monday

5:30PM—No Mass

Tuesday

5:30PM—Students, Teachers, & Staff at St. Josephs Catholic School

Wednesday

5:30PM— Anne DesPres †

Thursday

5:30PM— Leroy Rebellon

Friday

8AM - No Mass

Backpacks for Oasis Católico

We are collecting new backpacks for the students at Oasis Católico. Each year, our generous CC members donate backpacks to help the students at Oasis get their new school year off to a great start. Please deliver new backpacks to the Center Hall by Sunday, July 20.

Thank you for helping us continue this lovely tradition!



Office

Hours:

Tues–Thurs:10AM- 4PM

Office Closed Monday

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:

Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,

Monday - **No Mass**

Tuesday - Thursday
5:30 PM

Friday - **No Mass**

Confession:

Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM

Saturday:
3:30PM-4:30PM

*Confession will be in the
Center Office

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 7/5

3:30PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass

Sunday 7/6

8:00AM Mass

9:30AM Baptism Prep
Class

10:30AM Mass

Monday 7/7

CC Office Closed for
Floor Cleaning

NO Mass

Tuesday 7/8

5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 7/9

10:00AM Moms & Tots

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:30PM Mass

Thursday 7/10

NO Women's Dinner

2:00PM Virtus Class

5:30 Mass

Friday 7/11

NO Mass

5:30PM Wedding

Rehearsal

Saturday 7/12

10:00AM Funeral for
Julia Slade

1:00PM Wedding

2:45PM Wedding
Rehearsal

3:30PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

May I never glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

- Galatians 6

Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven

- Luke 10

A couple days ago, in the U.S., we celebrated Independence Day. And it's a time to reflect on "from what" we have declared our independence. But the invitation isn't simply to reflect on "from" but also "for" what we have declared our independence; but even more so, "on what" we are declaring our dependence.

When Ancient Israel is freed from Egypt, that is only one half of the picture. For what they are freed becomes even more important. The image is clear: imagine they are only freed from Egypt, then their wandering around aimlessly in the desert becomes just as enslaving as Egypt. To recognize for what a person is freed becomes the more important consideration. And in this case they are freed for the promised land.

This can be an invitation of awareness in our lives: I can name probably a million things I would like to be free from, but how many can I name that I'd like to be freed for? I want to be free for loving my neighbor, I desire to be free for more peace in my life, etc.

Finally, declaring independence can be an important, necessary, freeing thing to do - but only if it is oriented in a way that will lead to true freedom. If I declare independence for my own sake, then I will inevitably become a tyrant to others seeking only to free myself from the shackles of those around me. Also, if there is nothing upon which I depend, then I will always hold on to myself, and because I cannot give what I do not have I will never be truly free.

The word 'depend' has its etymology from the Latin: de (from) pendere (to hang) - therefore, "to hang from." So the second consideration is, from what have I been hanging recently? We look to the Cross to see how our Savior hung from that tree, it's a true symbol of freedom - that He is able to love, free to love even in life's difficult circumstances. Not hanging from a torture device, but hanging on to the very God for His own dear life. Jesus is free, and teaches us to hang from God, too.

Announcements

Catholic Center Closed Monday July 7th

The CC office will be closed Monay July 7th for office and chapel maintenance. There will be no daily mass on Monday as well. Thank you for understanding!

Upcoming Virtus Class

If you are interested in becoming Virtus trained the Catholic Center is holding a class on July 10th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. If interested you can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> or by contacting Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org for more information.

2025-2026 Religious Education Registration Open

RE Registration for 2025-2026 is live on our website at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/> Have a safe and blessed summer, and we'll see you in a few months! If you are interested in becoming a Catechist for RE please email Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

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 Thursday, July 17th 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.

No Social Graces Dinner in July

The Social Graces Women's Dinner will be on break for the months of June and July. The August dinner will be Thursday, August 7.

Now Hiring...Facilities Manager

The Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is seeking a part-time Facilities Manager. The Facilities Manager would oversee the maintenance, safety, and functionality of our facilities and grounds. This is an ideal position for a hands-on, detail-oriented professional with experience in facilities management and a passion for maintaining a welcoming and safe environment. Please send your resume and a cover letter to bulletin@ccatuga.org.

Catholic Center Triva

What year did the first marriage recorded at the Catholic Center take place?

- A) 1953 B) 1960
C) 1958 D) 1965

23rd Annual Dooley Classic Golf Tournament Sponsors!

Thank you to all the eager golf players who have already registered for this year's tournament. Player registration has currently reached capacity for teams, however w are still looking for sponsors for this years tournament. We thank you for your support! For more information, please go to the website below or scan the QR code.

<https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/golf-committee/>



New CC Staff Member

We welcome Julie Thompson to our Catholic Center Staff! Julie recently moved to Athens from Atlanta after serving as a long-time ministry leader for Habitat for Humanity as well as a Eucharistic minister and women's bible study leader at Christ the King Cathedral. Julie will be serving as our ministry assistant to the director. We are happy to have her on board.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“In this age of vast and devastating conflicts, that the love of God has no limits. We are called to let ourselves be embraced and shaped by that love, and to realize that in God's eyes – and our own as well – there is no place for division and hatred of any kind.” (Pope Leo XIV, Homily, Saint Peter's Basilica, Altar of the Confession, Friday, June 22, 2025)

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at www.vatican.va.

Trivia Answer!

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy Sally Allen Kathy Allison Judy Balcomb Megan Barton Erin Benbry 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 John English Sonny Fincher Sylvia Floyd Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Patty Goodwin Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Ryan Hughes	Daniel Inman Al Johnson Margaret Jones Victor Kalla Dan Lackey Doug Landrum Patti Law Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Callum Matonak Carol Mazurek Nathan Mills Dorothy Moore Wes Newcomb	Rebecca Norris Harry Perrine Ed Powell David & Maura Randol Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Len Sopera Deborah Scott Cindy Shapland Alyssa Thomas Nile Thomson James Waring 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 Caryl Chirello.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.

June 22, 2025	June 29, 2025
\$10,022.00 - Offertory	\$9,329.00 - Offertory
\$720.00 - Donation	\$4,788.00 - Donation
\$234.00 - Alms	\$101.00 - Alms

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