

Mass Intentions

Portella

Saturday 5PM - Carvl Chirello †

Sunday 8AM - Catherine Pfeiffer Shershin †

10:30AM - Tom Holmes
12:30PM - Bill Griggs †

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Monday 5:30PM— Juan Pablo

Tuesday
5:30PM—Lou Richt †

Wednesday 5:30PM - Julie Kuehler

Thursday 5:30PM - John & Noleen Casey †

Friday 8AM - Olivia Portella

All Saints' and All Souls' Schedule

Saturday, November 1- All Saints' Day

This year All Saint's day falls on a Saturday therefore the Church has granted dispensation for this feast and it is not a holy day of obligation.

Sunday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

Mass 5PM (Vigil), 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, and 5PM

All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. The Church globally will celebrate All Souls Day at all our Sunday Masses. It is a sacred time to pray for our loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Mass

Saturday: 5PM Mass Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

Monday -Thursday 5:30 PM Friday

*No Vigil Mass on Home Football Game Days

8AM Mass

Adoration: Monday & Thursday 9AM - 5PM

9AM - 5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday
9AM—10AM
Friday
8:30AM - 9:30AM
Confession:

Wednesday: 4:00PM-5:00PM

*Confession will be in the Center Office

October 26, 2025 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 10/25

10:00AM CSA Women's Sabbath 3:30PM Reconciliation 5:00PM Mass

Sunday 10/26

8:00AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

10:30AM Religious Education

12:30PM Mass

12:45PM Apologetics Course

3:00PM OCIA

3:00PM CSA Service Event

5:00PM Mass

6:00PM Sunday Supper

Monday 10/27

10:00AM Men's Bible Study 5:30PM Mass 7:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday 10/28

9:00AM Our Daily Bread 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 5:30PM Mass 6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting 8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 10/29

10:00AM Tot Time 4:00PM Reconciliation 5:30PM Mass 6:15PM RE Carnival 8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 10/30

5:30PM Mass 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/31

8:00AM Mass 1:00PM CSA Service Event



A Message from Fr. Michael

The one who serves God willingly is heard ...

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.

- Sirach 35

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- Psalm 34

for the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

- Luke 18

"Can you hang with me?" This phrase is an idiom: it is asking, "can we spend time together?" Or, in a little bit more intense of a proposal, it is asking, "Do you know what it is like in my shoes ... or sandals? Can you keep up?" Ultimately, "Can you understand what I am going through?" That question is a way for a person to come to the conclusion if another can understand them or not. I wonder how many times we ask this of God? "God, do You know what my life is like, can You hang with me?"

This is an important question, and in fact a necessary one to ask God; equally important, to give Him space to respond. The readings today all revolve around God hearing the prayers of the lowly. Sirach points out that the person who serves God willingly is heard, and the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds. In the Psalm, it's the Lord hearing the cry of the poor. In the second reading, Paul is in chains, presumably about to be executed soon, and he writes the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, implying that God heard Paul's prayer and answered it. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus reverences the prayer of the tax collector which came from his heart.

God responds to our prayers, and it is only in poverty that we can perceive Him answering our prayers.

If there was not All Souls day on November 2nd, then we would have heard from Luke 19 a wonderful story of a man, a tax collector named Zacchaeus. It says he was a chief tax collector in a big town, which means that he was really good at what he did: take money from people. It also says that he was short in stature, which means that people looked down on him. When he ascended his customs post, he would in turn look down on people. And Jesus finds him in a tree, looking down on people.

But I think that for the first time, when Jesus saw Zacchaeus in that tree and told him to come down, someone saw eye-to-eye with him, on the same level. That Jesus actually understood what Zacchaeus was going through, and most importantly that Zacchaeus knew that Jesus knew what he was going through. And Zacchaeus might have been praying to God, lowly, asking, "God, can you hang with me?" And something about meeting Jesus, who is on His way to Jerusalem to be crucified in a tree, looks Zacchaeus in the eye and gives him the answer.

Announcements

In Memory of Our Loved Ones

We will remember and honor our deceased with a Novena beginning on November 1st for All Souls Day. Pick up an envelope in the back of the Chapel. You may add the names of your deceased loved ones and return it in the offertory basket or in the Center office by November 1st. Please take the All Souls Day prayer card out of the envelope before you return it. The suggested donation is \$10.

Coats for Kids

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council 17969 is hosting a Coats for Kids drive until November 2nd. We are collecting jackets, sweaters, and coats of all sizes to help those in need. Donations can be dropped off after weekend Masses or in the center hall. If you would like to contribute financially, cash or checks can be made out to Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus with the memo Coats for Kids and left in the office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Formed

The Catholic Center now has an active Formed subscription! It is a website and app that streams Catholic video and audio for all ages with featured content every week in sync with the liturgical year. Sign up for free using our parish subscription (use zip code 30605) at signup.formed.org.

Shroud of Turin Class

On November 16th at 12:45PM we will be hosting a class on the Shroud of Turin, the most studied artifact in history. Is it the burial cloth of Christ? Does it provide physical evidence of His resurrection? This class examines the unique characteristics of the Shroud; the scientific efforts to unravel the mystery and why the answer to the question of how the image was formed is important. You can sign up at the back of the chapel or contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340 -3785 to sign up.

Catholic Center Food Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the UGA Catholic Center is offering Need-Based Food Scholarships specifically for Catholic students at UGA. The application can be found on our website. For more information, please contact our Ministry Assistant to the Director, Julie Thompson at JulieThompson@ccatuga.org. All communication is strictly confidential.

Casserole Thank You

Thank you to all the members who prepared and cooked casserole dishes for our students last Sunday. We had around 30 casseroles and served around 200 hungry students.

Annual RE Carnival

The annual RE Carnival is this Wednesday, October 29th at 6:15PM. We look forward to seeing all of the children in their best costumes, ready to eat lots of sweets for a spooky fun night! All families are welcome to attend.

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week, celebrated November 2-8, 2025, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Join us in celebrating NVAW with a Holy Hour on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30PM.

Support for your Church

A charitable gift annuity is a fund that provides you with fixed, guaranteed payments for life. At your passing, the remainder is given to the parish endowment fund, allowing your generosity to continue forever. For current rates or a custom illustration on starting one using your IRA, contact Juliet Greco at jgreco@cfnga.org

Annual Artist & Craft Fair 11/8

We will be holding our annual Artist and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, from 9AM-1PM. Artists and Crafters from the CC community and beyond are welcome.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"Dear friends, this is precisely why Christ speaks to his disciples of the "need to pray always, and not to lose heart" (Lk 18:1). Just as we never grow weary of breathing, so let us never grow weary of praying! Just as breathing sustains the life of the body, so prayer sustains the life of the soul: faith, in fact, is expressed in prayer, and authentic prayer lives on faith." (From the homily of Pope Leo on October 19th)

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

We Lift Up in Prayer

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I	Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Patti D'Avella	Peter Kalla	Michael Olmert
	Timothy A. Almy	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Victor Kalla	Kurt Pieper
	Kathy Allison	Terry Doyle	Sarah Kurtz	Ed Powell
	Judy Balcomb	Sylvia Floyd	Dan Lackey	David & Maura Randol
	Megan Barton	Pam Forker	Gene Larkin	Annette Richt
	Erin Benbry	Luke Frankson	Lynn Langston	Sophia Rodriguez
	Peter Bryan	Hersina Gomes	Patti Law	Aeriel Ross
	Grace Burger	Patty Goodwin	Debbie Long	Suzette Scobey
	Grace Byrne	Jean Griffith	Elena Lyons	Deborah Scott
	Joanne Cabrera	Cheri Griggs	Rick Madera	Christopher Shade
	Jeanette Campbell	Bob Henry	Gina Maherka	Cindy Shapland
	Lucille Carberry	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Carol Mazurek	Alyssa Thomas
	Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Ryan Hughes	Bénédicte Milward	Nile Thomson
	Mollie Carow	Ann Hunt	Dorothy Moore	Natalie Vaughn
	Lora Bernstein Cooley	Daniel Inman	Wes Newcomb	James Waring
	Elizabeth Cromer	Al Johnson	Rebecca Norris	Mike Wasko
				Julie Williams

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially, Lillian Yeatts, Maria Gimenez, Robert Pintar and Trevor Sellers.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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.

October 12, 2025

\$12,069.74 - Offertory \$7,325.00 - Donation \$10,189.69 - Alms October 19, 2025

\$13,191.00 - Offertory \$5,680.00 - Donation \$969.00 - Alms

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