



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - No Mass

Sunday
8AM- Thomas Speight †
10:30AM - Dorothy Moore Fischer
12:30PM— Anthony Kuehler
5PM— Wes Newcomb

Monday
5:30PM— Dorothy Moore Fischer

Tuesday
5:30PM— Maria Gimenez †

Wednesday
9AM - Karla and Nadia Diaz

Thursday
9AM - CC Members

Friday
8AM - No Mass

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Catholic Center wishes you and your family a
Happy Thanksgiving!

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*
Philippians 4:6

Thanksgiving Schedule:

Wed: 9AM Mass
Thurs: 9AM Mass, Office
Closed All Day
Fri: No Mass, Office Closed
All Day



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Liturgical Schedule

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

Adoration:
Monday & Thursday
9AM - 5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday
9AM—10AM
Friday
8:30AM - 9:30AM

Confession:
Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM

***No Vigil Mass on Home
Football Game Days**

***Confession will be in the
Center Office**

November 23, 2025 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 11/22

NO Mass

Sunday 11/23

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 11/24

10:00AM Men's Bible Study
4:00PM KoC Assemble
Blessing Bags
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 11/25

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

Wednesday 11/26

9:00AM Mass

Thursday 11/27

Thanksgiving Day
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass

Friday 11/28

CC Office Closed
NO Mass

Saturday 11/29

9:30AM Advent Setup
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass &
Potluck

A Message from Fr. Brian

Hey friends,

Thanksgiving is coming up, and I have been sitting with a spiritual exercise that I wanted to teach you. It is an invitation to name three things you are thankful for and then to actually give thanks to God for them. Science says our brains like things in threes because it helps us think clearly and remember. We can identify things that are lighthearted, or we can go deep. Both are options and both have a place.

Here are three lighthearted things I am grateful for, three deeper ones, and then three ways to give thanks to God this season.

Lighthearted:

1. The warm weather. It has been enjoyable, stretching this season of flowers far into November.
2. Winter clothing and fashion. Vests, coats, scarves. I love colors and creativity.
3. The falling leaves. The browns, reds, oranges, yellows. I have been trying to slow down and watch them fall.

Three deeper things I am thankful for:

1. Friendship. My friends, old and new, who see me, support me, and let me be myself. They give me space to be real, silly, accepted. We need people like this in our lives.
2. Being invited into people's depths. As a priest, I get to walk with people in holy, messy, vulnerable places. It feels like Moses before the Burning Bush when God says, "Take off your shoes. You are on holy ground." That is what funerals, confessions, and pastoral conversations feel like to me. It is humbling and sacred.
3. My family. My parents, siblings, nieces, grandmother; I love being an uncle, a brother, a son, a grandson. I love being the priest in the family. They support me in ways they do not even realize. It is a real grace and blessing from God.

Three ways to give thanks to God:

1. Lay it on the altar. A simple prayer: "Lord, receive this," and trusting that He receives it. That's all. The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving.
2. Confession. Our penance service on December 1st or 2nd is a chance to lay down our baggage and let God lift us up. It's an expression of faith in God who loves us.
3. Reflect and journal. We are closing the calendar year and the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. We are stepping into winter. Looking back helps us see God's blessings clearly. Gratitude rises through remembering. Daily thanks creates a lifestyle of keeping our eyes on the blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr Brian

Announcements

Advent Penance Service Monday, December 1st

This year’s penance service will be on Monday, Dec. 1st, at 7PM. We will gather in the Chapel before heading to the Center Hall where Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael, and visiting priests will hear your confessions. In this sacrament, we grow closer to God especially as we enter this liturgical season of preparation before the celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas.

iGiveCatholic 2025

Giving Tuesday is on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving which is December 2nd this year.

Advanced Giving has already begun. Parishes and Catholic communities around the country will be participating in an effort to fundraise for important ministries. This year, the Catholic Center is raising funds for our counseling scholarship. The Catholic Center has sponsored dozens of students and non-students with mental health challenges, offering financial support for therapy.

<https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/ccatuga> using the QR code, or by using the iGiveCatholic envelopes in the back of the church. Thank you for your loving support!

Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins the week after Thanksgiving. We will once again provide food to help our students power through finals. We are asking for homemade casseroles on 12/3, 12/4 and 12/8, 12/9. The casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery but should include directions for cooking. Please deliver them before 5PM on 12/3, 12/4, 12/8 or 12/9. Thank you for the support. Our students are so very grateful for the support of our awesome Catholic Center community.

This Thanksgiving, make a gift in tribute to someone for whom you are thankful.

Consider making a gift to the parish endowment fund in memory of or in honor of someone who made a difference in your life. A gift to the parish endowment fund in their name will benefit the parish forever. For more information, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440



Catholic Center Trivia

Which is NOT an official title of the pope?

- A) Vicar of Christ
- B) Keeper of the Keys
- C) Bishop of Rome
- D) Patriarch of the West

Save the Date for the 48th Annual 5K Human Race

The 48th Annual 5K Human Race will be at Oconee Veterans Park on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Make plans to join us for a fun, fast, community event. If you are interested in volunteering at the race or helping us with the planning, please contact Kathy Bryan at adminasst@ccatuga.org.

Upcoming Virtus Class

If you are interested in becoming Virtus trained the Catholic Center is holding a class on Saturday, December 6, from 9AM to 12PM. You can register at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> or contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

Advent Wreath Making

Please mark your calendars for the 1st Sunday in Advent, November 30th. After the 12:30PM Mass (around 1:30PM), the RE Ministry will be hosting a delicious Chili/Hotdog lunch and Advent wreathmaking, all for \$20. The Catholic Center RE community is invited to attend Mass and to participate in this event, as we prepare ourselves for the Advent Season and the birth of baby Jesus. This is a wonderful way for your family to begin the Advent season. Please pick up a form in the back of the Chapel and return to the RE office.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“While awaiting the Lord’s glorious return, we must not live a life closed in on ourselves, in a religious seclusion that isolates us from others and from history. On the contrary, seeking the Kingdom of God implies the desire to transform human coexistence into a space of fraternity and dignity for all, without exception. There is a constant danger of living like distracted wanderers, unconcerned about the final destination and uninterested in those who share the journey with us.” (From Pope Leo’s Homily on November 16th)

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

Trivia Answer!

B) Keeper of the Keys



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2025 Christmas Schedule

December 24th, Christmas Eve
4PM, 6PM & 8PM Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25th, Christmas Day
9AM Mass

December 26th
9AM Daily Mass

December 28th, Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday 5PM Vigil Mass; Sunday 8AM & 10:30AM Mass

December 29th & 30th
9AM Daily Mass

January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday 5:30PM Vigil Mass; Thursday 9AM & 12PM Mass

January 2nd
No Daily Mass

January 4th, The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday 5:00PM Vigil, 8 AM, 10:30 AM Mass

January 5th
No Daily Mass, Office Closed

January 11th, The Baptism of the Lord
Saturday 5PM Vigil Mass, 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 5PM Mass





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2025 Advent Schedule

First Week of Advent

Saturday, November 29 - 3:30PM Reconciliation & 5PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 30 - 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 5PM Mass;

1:30PM Advent Lunch & Wreath Making

Monday, December 1 - 7PM Advent Penance Service

Friday, December 5 - 7PM Advent/Christmas Concert and Reception

Second Week of Advent

Saturday, December 6 - 3:30PM Reconciliation & 5PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 7 - 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 5PM Mass

9AM, 11:30AM Breakfast with Santa

Monday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8AM, 12PM & 5:30PM Mass

Third Week of Advent

Saturday, December 13 - 3:30PM Reconciliation & 5PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 14 - 8AM & 10:30AM Mass

Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, December 20 - 3:30PM Reconciliation & 5PM Mass

Sunday, December 21 - 8AM & 10:30AM Mass

December 22 - January 5 - CC Office Closed



We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Timothy A. Almy
Kathy Allison
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
Peter Bryan
Grace Burger
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson
Mollie Carow
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Elizabeth Cromer
Patti D'Avella

Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Claire Fetch
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Luke Frankson
Hersina Gomes
Patty Goodwin
Jean Griffith
Cheri Griggs
Bob Henry
Albert Hromalik, Sr.
Ryan Hughes
Ann Hunt
Daniel Inman
Al Johnson
Milton Jordan
Peter Kalla

Victor Kalla
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Dan Lackey
Gene Larkin
Lynn Langston
Patti Law
Debbie Long
Elena Lyons
Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Marlynne McCullough
Scott Melina
Bénédicte Milward
Dorothy Moore
Wes Newcomb
Rebecca Norris

Michael Olmert
Ed Powell
David & Maura Randol
Annette Richt
Bryan Rieken
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Suzette Scobey
Deborah Scott
Christopher Shade
Cindy Shapland
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Natalie Vaughn
Patsy Vickery
James Waring
Mike Wasko

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially, Terry Doyle, Sue Gunning, Michael Risher and Thomas Speight.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

November 9, 2025

\$14,861.00 - Offertory

\$6,310.00 - Donation

\$514.37 - Alms

November 16, 2025

\$14,927.41 - Offertory

\$2,000.00 - Donation

\$409.00 - Alms

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