



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Theresa Nguyen †

Sunday
8AM- Michael King †
10:30AM - Terry Doyle †
12:30PM— Joel Alesi
5PM— All CC Members

Monday
5:30PM— Issac Tan †

Tuesday
5:30PM— Nick Humphries

Wednesday
5:30PM - Mary Humphries

Thursday
5:30PM - Harold Eugene Whittington †

Friday
8AM - Liliana Ascencio

Advent/Christmas Concert

We are excited to announce our first-ever Advent Concert on Friday, December 5 at 7PM!

Our talented choir members and instrumentalists will help us ring in the Advent season with song as they perform a mix of traditional carols, classical and contemporary music, and even some pieces from the 15th century!



Mark your calendars and experience this beautiful night as we prepare room in our hearts for our newborn King! There will be a reception in the Center Hall following the concert.

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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:
Monday -Thursday 5:30 PM
Friday 8AM Mass
Wednesday: 4:00PM-5:00PM

*Confession will be in the Center Office

November 30, 2025 • First Sunday of Advent

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 11/29
9:30AM Advent Setup
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 11/30
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
1:30PM RE Advent Wreath/
Chili Lunch
1:45PM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM YACC Advent Party
5:00PM Mass

Monday 12/1
10:00AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Advent Penance Service

Tuesday 12/2
10:00AM Piano Tunings
12:00PM Staff Lunch
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 12/3
1:00PM Creative Hands
3:00PM CSA Service Project
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Finals Dinner
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 12/4
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Finals Dinner

Friday 12/5
8:00AM Mass
7:00PM Advent Concert/
Reception

Saturday 12/6
9:00AM Virtus Class
2:00PM Funeral for Terry Doyle
And Reception
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain ... All nations shall stream toward it. - Isaiah 2

I am no physicist, but I am pretty sure that rivers do not stream up mountains, that rivers do not flow upwards against gravity. But maybe there is a force stronger than gravity at work here.

Welcome to the season of Advent. It is a season the Church gives to us to be mindful of the reality of waiting and preparation: basically, as we wait for the promise of God's infinite Love to be fulfilled, we are invited to examine: how are we preparing? Specifically, how we cooperate and pray with salvation history before Jesus first coming in the flesh as a little baby at Christmas will be a microcosm of how we are living our life preparing for the second coming of Christ.

In a sense, we are evaluating: how am I at waiting? Paul, in today's second reading, "*It is the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*" (Rm 13) One of the main invitations is to be able to admit that waiting for God can sometimes be difficult and exhausting, and I have fallen asleep in waiting for Him - perhaps even fearful of disappointment, turned to darkness.

But this river will stream up mountains past any resistance. There is something that cannot be stopped in my heart, that cannot actually be extinguished, that cannot actually grow dim or dark: it is an ache for God. Thankfully, my ache for God is fueled by His ache for me: basically, God will not be satisfied until I am - but even to intensify the awareness: that God will not be completely satisfied until I am completely satisfied.

It is only in a promise that the waiting becomes bearable, possible, realistic to live this way. This God we believe in will not simply wait for us, but will help us by waiting with us. So, this Advent, we are invited to reflect and to repent from all the things I have used to put in His place waiting for Him. And all of it is fueled by a growing awareness of the ache He has to fulfill the promises, for the ache He has for me.



Announcements

Advent Penance Service Monday, December 1st

This year’s penance service will be this Monday, December 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.

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, December 3

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, December 3rd at 1PM in the Center Hall. All are welcome to join us. Bring a project to work on or work on blankets for the Linus Project.

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.

5K Human Race Design Contest

For this years 5K Human race we are asking our talented and younger members to design our Tee-Shirt! We encourage all children to design a tee shirt for our race. More information on the Tee-Shirt designs can be found on our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/5k-human-race-committee/>

Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins this Wednesday. 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.

Mass Changes

After next Sunday, 12/7 we will be pausing our 12:30PM and 5PM Sunday Masses. They will resume again on Sunday, January 11th.

iGiveCatholic 2025

Giving Tuesday is on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving which is December 2nd this year. Advanced Giving has already begun. This year, the Catholic Center is raising funds for our Need Based Food Scholarship, to help those students who are in need.



<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!

Catholic Center Job Opening

The Catholic Center at UGA is seeking a full-time Business Manager. The Business Manager is the financial administrator in support of the Director and his team. You can find more information by going to our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/job-openings/>

Breakfast With Santa at the CC on December 7

Our Catholic Center Knights of Columbus invite you to have Breakfast with Santa after the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses on December 7. Everyone is invited to join us. Breakfast will be a choice of pancakes or scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and a visit from Santa. Pricing for this event is \$30 for families of all sizes or \$8 for

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.

Oasis Giving Tree

During this Advent season, we are supporting Oasis Catolico with our Giving Tree. Each tag has an item that will go to the children and families at Oasis. Please return all gifts unwrapped to the office by Monday, December 15. Thank you for your loving support of the families at Oasis.

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 Sarah Kurtz Dan Lackey Gene Larkin Lynn Langston Patti Law Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Carol Mazurek Amy McConnell 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
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially, Terry Doyle and Sue Gunning.

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 16, 2025	November 23, 2025
\$14,927.41 - Offertory	\$14,012.45 - Offertory
\$2,000.00 - Donation	\$6,321.15 - Donation
\$409.00 - Alms	\$216.00 - Alms

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