



# The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5PM - Jane Manas †  
& Diana Karolina

**Sunday**  
8AM - Mila Gros  
Gillardo †  
10:30AM - Mike Deom

**Monday - No Mass**

**Tuesday**  
5:30PM - Joe Forshaw †

**Wednesday**  
5:30PM - Family of  
Ascencio Lara

**Thursday**  
5:30PM - All CC  
Members

**Friday**  
8:00AM - Joanne  
Hammett

## 48th Annual 5K Human Race

Join us for our 48th Annual Human Race on Saturday, February 14 at Oconee Veterans Park. Registration is \$20 with proceeds benefiting campus ministry outreach and activities. Register by January 26th to guarantee a shirt on race day! Other ways to support the 48th Annual 5K Human Race:

- Be a Phantom Runner Sponsor! Phantom runner Sponsors can donate a registration fee for a student to run in their place.



Register Online at:  
<https://runsignup.com> or scan this QR code

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## Liturgical Schedule

**Mass:**  
Saturday: 5PM Mass  
Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM

Tuesday - Thursday:  
5:30 PM  
Friday:  
8AM Mass

**Adoration:**  
Adoration will resume  
after the break.

**Confession:**  
Wednesday:  
4:00PM-5:00PM  
Saturday:  
3:30PM-4:30PM  
\*Confession will be in the  
Center Office

## Weekly Calendar

### Saturday 1/03

3:30 Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass

### Sunday 1/04

8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass

### Monday 1/05

**No Daily Mass**  
**CC Office Closed**  
Center Tile Floor Cleaning

### Tuesday 1/06

12:00PM Staff Meeting  
5:30PM Mass

### Wednesday 1/07

4:00PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass

### Thursday 1/08

10:00AM Women's Bible  
Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6:00PM Women's Dinner  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 1/09

8:00AM Mass  
2:00PM EAP Meeting

### Saturday 1/10

3:30 Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass

### Sunday 1/11

8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
12:30PM Mass  
1:30PM Feed My Starving  
Children Meeting  
5:00PM Mass  
6:00PM Sunday Night  
Student Dinner

## A Message from Fr. Michael

"They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." -Mt 2

"God became human, so that humans can become god," this is a statement from the early Church. Upon initial glance it can seem uncomfortable, even heretical. But upon deeper examination, it reveals God's desire and intent. When a young man humbles himself, gets down on one knee, and proposes to the love of his life, he makes his intentions known. When God humbles Himself, takes on human flesh, He is making His intentions known.

It is not simply the rest of your life that God wants to spend with you: it is for all of eternity that He wants to be with you. This is why the early Church stating that humanity becomes eternal is so crucial for our lives here on earth: if we can view our lives in the analogy of an engagement and heaven is the everlasting marriage, then preparation becomes important.

There are a few ways to think about this. First, if God wants to spend an eternity with me, then I cannot simply love conditionally or for a temporary amount of time; something has to change within me so I can love God for all eternity. Another consideration, if God wants to spend an eternity with me, then I can't just pay attention to Him for a few minutes; something has to change within me so I can focus on God for all eternity. So, what we become aware of is that something must transform within me for me to love longer than I can now. Here is how this happens.

In today's celebration of Epiphany, there are three kings who receive in prayer the prophecy that the King of kings has been born. It is obvious to them: they are invited to bring Him gifts. Here is where our reflection begins: what if you were the fourth, what would you bring to Jesus?

As this unfolds it becomes important to anticipate His gratitude for whatever you desire to bring. In being aware of God's gratitude for desiring to spend more time with Him this year, don't be surprised if your heart becomes full from His gratitude for what you have given. Now we can begin to see how we are made eternal: our attention and our love.

The invitation from today's celebration is to consider that the only fulfilling way to live is to completely offer oneself to God. This is founded upon the fact that in His nativity, He has completely given Himself to us first. And it is upon that foundation that humanity finds the trust to offer themselves back to the Creator: placed into His hands, is how we become eternal.

## Announcements

### Social Graces Dinner on 1/8

The Social Graces Women's Dinner will be on Thursday, January 8. It will be wonderful to catch up with old and new friends. Please rsvp by Tuesday at 5PM. For more information, contact the CC office.

### 5K Human Race Sponsors

The Catholic Center is still looking for sponsors for our annual 5K Human Race. We appreciate any amount you can contribute to our 5K Human Race. Thank you for your support in making our annual event a success. Because of you the students at the Catholic Center have more opportunities to grow and share their faith. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni at 706.543.2293 or Kathy Bryan at [adminasst@ccatuga.org](mailto:adminasst@ccatuga.org).

### 5k Human Race T-Shirt 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 create a hand drawn design for our race tee-shirt. More information on the Tee-Shirt designs can be found on our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/5k-human-race-committee/>

### Silver Angels Meet January 13

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for lunch, fellowship and fun.

### 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. More information is on our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/job-openings/>

### Honoring the Lord with our Gifts

Just as the Magi paid Jesus homage, you too can bring your gifts to the Lord. Make a gift to your parish in your will or estate plans and create your own Catholic legacy with the help of the Catholic Foundation. For more information, visit [cfnga.org](http://cfnga.org) or call Juliet Greco at 404.497.9440

### Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. Please see the instructions in the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>.

### Schedule Updates

There will be no daily Mass this Monday (1/5) and the Center office will be closed for cleaning the entire day. Our office will reopen January 6th.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will resume this Thursday, January 8th at 10am in the TV room. All women are welcome to join.

### Weekend Masses

Our Sunday night masses will resume next week on January 11th. Starting next week our weekend mass times will be as follows:

Saturday:  
5PM (Vigil)

Sunday:  
8AM, 10:30AM,  
12:30PM, & 5PM

### Catholic Center Registration Updates

Welcome back to a new semester and new year for all of our returning students and families. If you are new to the Catholic Center, please complete the family registration form on the link below:

Member Registration: <https://ugacatholic.org/welcome/>

If you are a UGA student and have not completed the CSA Registration, follow the link below to register:

Student Registration: <https://ugacatholic.org/student-registration/>

If you are registered and need to update you contact information or wish to receive the bulletin to your email, email Jenni at [stewardship@ccatuga.org](mailto:stewardship@ccatuga.org)

### Pope Leo XIV Corner

"As Christmas approaches, we too want to embrace more strongly his dream, while being steadfast and faithful in our commitment. We know that even in the face of the greatest challenges, we are not alone: the Lord is near (cf. Phil 4:5), he walks with us, and with him at our side, something beautiful and joyful will always happen." (From Pope Leo's Homily on December 14th)

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

## 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  
Deana Dietzler Chiusano  
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  
Kelly Jordan  
Milton Jordan  
Peter Kalla

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

Michael Olmert  
Ed Powell  
David & Maura Randal  
Lynn Renna  
Annette Richt  
Bryan Rieken  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Ariel 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.

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 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.

**December 21, 2025**  
\$18,757.50 - Offertory  
\$64,801.00 - Donation  
\$6,805.00 - Alms

**December 28, 2025**  
\$29,235.00 - Offertory  
\$2,667.00 - Donation  
\$814.00 - Alms

### Clergy & Staff

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