



The Catholic Center
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Mass Intentions

48th Annual 5K Human Race

The 48th Annual 5K Human Race at Oconee Veterans Park has been moved to Saturday, **February 14, 2026**. Make plans to join us for a fun, fast, community event. If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering at the race or helping us with the planning, please contact Kathy Bryan at adminasst@ccatuga.org.

In addition, 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/>

- Saturday**
5PM - Robert Harris †

Sunday
8AM— Carol Garbin

10:30AM - Vince & Cherie Frankson and Clara Ignatius †

Monday
8AM— Joel Alesi
- Tuesday**
5:30PM— Jack Horton †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Fr. Brian & Fr. Michael

Thursday
5:30PM - Carmen Lara

Friday
8AM - William “Bill” Keleher †

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Monday –Thursday:
5:30 PM

Friday:
8AM Mass

Adoration:
Friday:
8:30AM - 9:30AM

Confession:
Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM
*Confession will be in the Center Office

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/13
2:00PM Langan/Damigella Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
5:00PM Rojas Family Baptism
6:30PM Kinsey Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday 12/14
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
2:00PM Just Faith Meeting
3:00PM Kinsey/Sebring Wedding
3:00PM KoC Council Meeting

Monday 12/15
9:00AM Kitchen Power Washing
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 12/16
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study
4:00PM Grief & Bereavement Group
5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 12/17
10:00AM Tot Time
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Filipino Mass/ Reception

Thursday 12/18
9:00AM Our Daily Bread
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 12/19
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 12/20
9:00AM Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:30PM Wedding
3:30 Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Wedding Rehearsal

A Message from Suzie Blaydes

Advent greetings and happy Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice!” Whether you prefer the term rose or pink, the priest will be donning this cheery color at Mass and this sight alone is enough to turn some frowns upside down. It is not that it is silly for a man to wear pink, but that something about it seems uncommonly festive and joyful. Why pink for only two days out of the whole liturgical year? Pink symbolizes Christian hope and joy in the birth of Jesus and also in his Resurrection (hence why the priest also wears pink two weeks before Easter). It seems like just yesterday the inside of our chapel was cloaked in purple (the color of penance and preparation) after a long season of green for ordinary time. In just a few short weeks it will be adorned in the radiant white vestments of joy, light, and glory. Maybe we are caught a bit off guard in Advent because the time seems to pass twice as fast as Lent, but nonetheless, it is a reminder that we are to remain joyful and hopeful even in seasons of penance and preparation.

God has given us these seasons of preparation through his Church to remind us to stay awake because Christ will come again at a time unknown to us. We celebrate the great solemnity of Christmas to remind us that God has come to us as a man so that we can share in the blessed life of the Trinity (CCC 460). Every Mass reminds us that he comes to us now in the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit dwells in us. The season of Advent, the start of a new liturgical year, renews our hope as we await the coming of Christ at the end of time. Brothers and sisters may rejoice in Christ, no matter our season in life or whether we are in the midst of trial or consolation.

“The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.” Isaiah 35: 1-2

Advent blessings,
Suzie

Announcements

Oasis Giving Tree

Thank you for your loving support of the families at Oasis. As a reminder please return all gifts unwrapped to the office by Monday, December 15.

Women’s Bible Study

The final Women's Bible Study of the Fall Semester will be Tuesday, 12/16. Beginning in January, the Women’s Bible Study will be meeting on Thursdays at 10AM. This is a change from this semester. All are welcome to join.

Gianna’s Hope

Have you or someone close to you experienced a miscarriage or infant loss? We are here to support you and your family. Gianna's Hope is a ministry dedicated to walking with moms who have experienced a loss at any point in their pregnancy or after birth. Please join us at St. Joseph's in the Guadalupe room, upstairs near the water fountain, Tuesday Dec. 16th from 7-8pm. All are welcome. Email us at: GHopeAthens@gmail.com

2025 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal Update

Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael and the Catholic Center staff thank you for your generous participation in the 2025 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. We are so very grateful for your generosity. Every gift is important and appreciated. Remember, once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all additional funds are returned to our church for use in our ministries and our endowment fund.

Church Goal: \$72,700
Amount Pledged: \$78,020
Amount Paid: \$74,077

Remaining Balance of Pledges: \$3,943

Please visit the Archbishop's Annual Appeal website at archatl.com/appeal for more information or to donate on-line. Appeal envelopes can be picked up in the back of the Catholic Center Chapel or in the Center office.

Online Giving

Forgot your checkbook or cash? As a reminder, for your convenience, online giving is available. This can be used for regular tithes and offerings or one-time donations. Visit our website at

<https://ugacatholic.org/online-giving/>

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, December 16 at 4PM. Everyone, including students and resident members, are welcome. No matter where you are in your journey or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

Poinsettia Donations

To make our church beautiful during this holiday season, we will be decorating with poinsettias. If you would like to participate by donating a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone, please complete the form in the back of the Chapel or the Center Office, by December 17th. The suggested donation amount is \$20. We will recognize all those being honored or remembered in the bulletin.

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/>

Thank You for Feeding our Students During Finals Week

Thank you to everyone who delivered delicious homemade casseroles and baked goods to our students to nourish their bodies as they study for finals. Our students are very, very grateful for your support during finals week.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“The reason Jesus gives thanks to the Father is not for his extraordinary works, but because he reveals his greatness specifically to the little ones and to the humble, to those who do not attract attention and seemingly count for little or nothing and have no voice. The Kingdom that Jesus comes to inaugurate is marked, in fact, by the very characteristic described by the prophet Isaiah: it is a shoot, a small branch sprouting from a trunk. It is a small sign of hope that promises rebirth when everything else seems to be dying. ” (From Pope Leo’s Homily on December 2nd)

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at 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 McConnell Marlynne McCullough Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Dorothy Moore Wes Newcomb Rebecca Norris	Michael Olmert Ed Powell David & Maura Randol Lynn Renna 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 December

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 30, 2025	December 7, 2025
\$12,489.82 - Offertory	\$19,138.50 - Offertory
\$838.00 - Donation	\$3,015.00 - Donation
\$1,369.44 - Alms	\$2,733.00 - Alms

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