



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sapera †

Sunday
8AM—Jack Graham
Roberts †
10:30AM—Lillian Yeatts†
12:30PM —Angeles
Rodriquez †
5PM— Rosemarie
Sienko † and All CC
Members

Monday—All Souls in
Purgatory

Tuesday
5:30PM— Mary
Edmonds

Wednesday
5:30PM - David Panter,
OFS †

Thursday
5:30PM- Rose & Mike
Thomas' 60th
Anniversary

Friday
8:00AM - Vivian
Edmonds

5K Human Race Sponsors

The 48th Annual 5K Human Race hosted by the Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is less than a month away. This year, our race celebrates love! It will be held on Saturday, February 14th, 2026, at Oconee Veterans Park. We are looking for runners/walkers, sponsors and volunteers to help support our Valentine's Day race. We appreciate your support and thank you for your sponsorship of the 5K Human Race!

If you have any questions, please contact Jenni at 706.543.2293 or Kathy Bryan at adminasst@ccatuga.org. You can also visit our website for more information.

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Adoration:
Monday—Thursday:
9AM—10AM

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

Monday - Thursday:
5:30 PM

Friday:
8AM Mass

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/18
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

Monday 1/19
MLK Day
CC Office Closed
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 1/20
4:00PM Grief & Bereavement
Group
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 1/21
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 1/22
10:00AM Women's Bible
Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Full Initiation
Meeting

Friday 1/23
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM Discernment of
Spirits
6:00PM CSA International
Food Potluck

Saturday 1/24
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass &
Potluck

A Message from Dorothy Ratcliff

Dear Catholic Center members,

If I have not gotten the chance to see you in person yet, happy new year! School started this past Monday for us UGA students and I am happy to be back.

This week is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time but the Baptism of the Lord takes over the first Sunday in Ordinary Time so really today feels like the first Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Last week my roommates and I took down all of our Christmas decor, our outdoor lights, advent candles, blowups, etc. I jokingly referred to this as us "decorating our house for Ordinary Time." In the following days the Church also began taking down the Christmas decor, stripping away the purple linens and Christmas trees for green linens and ferns. Everyone started going back to their "normal". But there is nothing "normal" or "ordinary" about our faith as Catholics, rather quite the opposite.

Each and everyday across the entire world there are millions of people who are praying in front of the very real and physical Jesus Christ. This is something that no other denomination of faith even has. Many of us have been Catholic for years, I myself was born Catholic. The consecration of Christ is not a foreign or new concept to me. In this normalcy and regularity of being exposed to the real life Christ day in and day out I have at certain points lost the miracle and wonder that is Christ in the Eucharist. It has simply become a normal expectation that I receive. But it should not be this way.

As Catholics we get the opportunity to become so very close to the same Man that created the entire universe. The same Man who chose you to be in existence and hand designed you as a child of God is available to us each and every Sunday- and we eat Him! The ridiculousness of this should not be lost on you. Each and every Sunday we all become vessels of the creator of the world.

I encourage you all to pray with this, allow for yourself to once again be wondered by the beauty and sacrifice of Christ. This Sunday (or Saturday for the vigil members) as you go up to receive communion, remind yourself that you are not just eating a random bland cracker, but rather the Son of God, creator of the World, Jesus Christ.

We have daily Mass Monday through Thursday at 5:30PM and at 8AM on Friday. This celebration of our Creator is not limited to just Sundays rather every day of the week we are able to partake in this intimate connection with Christ. I go to daily Mass most days of the week, so if you see a girl in the back few pews with red hair chances are it is me. Know that if you see me I am praying for you.

With love,
Dorothy

January 18, 2026 • The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Announcements

Urgent Job Hiring

The Catholic Center at UGA is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper is responsible for the accurate processing and record keeping of all collections, disbursements, payroll processing and supporting operations as needed. This role is ideal for a detail-oriented, organized professional who has experience in bookkeeping. For more information please visit our website, if interested inn applying please send your cover letter and resume to bulletin@ccatuga.org.

Upcoming Virtus Class

The Catholic Center will be hosting a Virtus Class on Saturday, January 31st at 9:00am in the TV Room. You can register online at www.virtus.org or see Lynn Renna.

Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our students who attend 5PM Mass and stay for dinner and fellowship. Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5! <https://tinyurl.com/studentdinner26>

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 Jan. 20th from 7-9pm. All are welcome. Email us at: GHopeAthens@gmail.com

Office Closure

The Catholic Center will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of MLK day. We will still have mass at 5:30pm.

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, January 20th 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.

UGA YACC Event

The UGA Young Adult Catholic Community is having an Ice Skating social next Saturday January 24th from 7-8:30PM. They will be meeting at the Classic Center and all grad students and young professional are welcome. You must purchase your own ticket online and can do so by searching “Athens on Ice tickets” or by scanning this QR code.



5k Human Race

Our 48th Annual Human Race is on Saturday, February 14th at Oconee Veterans Park. There is no better way to spend your Valentines day than by running a 5K!

Registration costs \$20 and all proceeds benefit our campus ministry outreach and activities. When you register by January 26th you are guaranteed a shirt for the race day! You can register by scanning the QR code or online at: <https://runsignup.com>

If you do not want to run and still want to support you can be a Phantom Runner. Phantom runners donate a registration fee so that a student can run in their place and allows for students to not worry about the registration fee.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“It is important that during this Eucharist, we place each of our hopes and ideas upon the altar. Together with the gift of our lives, we offer them to the Father in union with the Sacrifice of Christ, so that we may receive them back purified, enlightened, united and transformed by grace into one Bread.” (From Pope Leo’s Homily on January 8th)

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 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 Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Albert Hromalik, Sr. Ryan Hughes Ann Hunt Daniel Inman 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 Daniel Matonak Christian Matonak Carol Mazurek Amy McConnell Marlynne McCullough Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Dorothy Moore Wes Newcomb Michael Olmert Ed Powell	David & Maura Randol Annette Richt Bryan Rieken Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Amy Scobey Suzette Scobey Deborah Scott Christopher Shade Cindy Shapland Sr. Maria Suzanna 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 Elizabeth Cromer, Michael C. Fink, Fr. John T. Howren, and Bethany Matonak.

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.

January 7, 2025	January 11, 2025
\$19,392.00 - Offertory	\$13,963.00 - Offertory
\$12,292.00 - Donation	\$22,950.00 - Donation
\$1,366.00 - Alms	\$320.85 - Alms

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You're invited!!!
St. Joseph Catholic Parish School
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 24th from 10am to 12pm
Tuesday, January 27th from 10am to 12pm
Families are always invited to schedule a tour outside of these days and times! Please call any time!

At St. Joseph Catholic Parish School, we are a family of learners who model Christ in all that we do. We are happy, holy and helpful!





