



# The Catholic Center

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5PM - Chet Malanoski †

**Sunday**  
8AM - Hank Marcacci †  
10:30AM - Patsy Marcacci †  
12:30PM - Michael C. Fink †  
5PM - Greg Powell †

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

**Tuesday**  
5:30PM - Dorothy Fischer †

**Wednesday**  
5:30PM - Angelo Maisto †

**Thursday**  
5:30PM - Mila Gardo Gillardo †

**Friday**  
8:00AM - Isabella Ellis †

The deadline to register for this year's love filled 5K Human race is approaching fast! This is an event you do not want to miss. All humans are invited to come walk, jog, or run with us at Oconee Veterans Park on February 14th.

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>



## Office

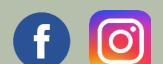
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## Liturgical Schedule

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

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

**Adoration:**  
Monday - Thursday:  
9AM - 10AM

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

Saturday:  
3:30PM-4:30PM

\*Confession will be in the Center Office

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday 1/25**  
8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Religious Education  
12:30PM Mass  
5:00PM Mass

**Monday 1/26**  
10:30AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
7:00PM Conformation

**Tuesday 1/27**  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting  
8:00PM Seeking Water

**Wednesday 1/28**  
4:00PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM Religious Education  
8:00PM Ignite

**Thursday 1/29**  
10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM Full Initiation Meeting

**Friday 1/30**  
8:00AM Mass  
5:00PM Senioritis

**Saturday 1/31**  
9:00AM Virtus Class  
11:00AM Baptism for Dooley Family  
2:00PM Edwards/Meyran Wedding  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass

## A Message from Fr. Michael

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." -Is 8  
"Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." -Mt 4  
"So that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning." -1 Cor 1

Today Jesus is starting a new business. He encounters Peter, Andrew, James, and John - all who are fishermen, making a business by catching fish. The intersection now comes between the life that these men live and Jesus. In today's first reading, there is a prophecy given by God to Isaiah that the two tribes of Israel that were destroyed first, around 700BC, will actually be the first to receive light. The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy is when Jesus invites these men into a new business, in the exact same place where the decimation happened comes a new beginning. Will this be a new fishing business? Kind of. Will this be a new light business? Kind of.

The fact that Jesus enters right into that region to restore that region is the understanding of what sort of business Jesus is up to. Jesus lives with an ache in His Heart for More: so, the way this plays out is that when Jesus sees these men fishing, He wants them to receive more. If you go to Luke 5, it gives more particular details of Peter's own decimation in his life: not able to catch a single fish. Jesus meets Peter right there and restores Him with a miracle catch of fish. Jesus is basically saying, "your life is decent right now, but how about better?" not to serve as a hypothetical but as a sincere and real invitation.

More particularly, when Jesus enters into a person's life, I can't help but ponder that when Jesus asks someone to follow Him, He knows what He is asking people to give up. Today He looks at these four men, knows full well that they will give up nets, boats, and family for the sake of Jesus. But it doesn't end there: three of the four will give up their lives as martyrs to follow Jesus, and John will be sent into exile. Jesus knows the cost each of these men will pay to follow Him.

So, what sort of business this will be will hinge on what Jesus will give: His own Life. The fishermen did not know about Jesus' mission to enter into all human darkness, decimation, and dysfunction called the Cross. However, they must have seen something in His Eyes: He would not ask something of them that He Himself is not willing to do. It is only from this spot that Jesus' new business will make any sense: He is in the business of giving to the people He Loves -- everything. All He is asking in return is everything. It is only in seeing the sincerity in His Eyes that allows a person to live joyfully and purposefully in this new Covenant He has given.

## Announcements

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This year the theme of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is "We are One Body in Christ-Called to Serve." The theme of this year's annual appeal was chosen to remind us that we, as members of the Church, are called to work together for the common good, each of us playing a vital role in the mission of Christ. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal enables our collective witness to Christ's love. Through it, the ministries of our Church reach the hungry and the homeless, support the formation of seminarians and deacons, accompany the sick and the elderly, and educate young hearts and minds in the light of the Gospel. Each gift offered is an act of mercy; each act of service is a beatitude lived. To donate online: [lifeofthechurch.com/donate](http://lifeofthechurch.com/donate)

### Job Openings

The Catholic Center is currently hiring for a couple of jobs around the center. All jobs are part-time and have different qualifications. We encourage all members to visit our website for more information, if any jobs interest you please send your resume and a cover letter to [bulletin@ccatuga.org](mailto:bulletin@ccatuga.org).

### 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/>

### 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/>

You're invited!!!

St. Joseph Catholic Parish School

### OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Thank You!

The Catholic Center students want to express their gratitude to the Busy Hands Group from St. Catherine Laboure' Catholic Church for making hats as well as rosaries for our students. They came in perfect time for our upcoming ice storm!



### 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 [ad-minasst@ccatuga.org](mailto:ad-minasst@ccatuga.org). You can also visit our website for more information.

### Pope Leo XIV Corner

"When we know that something is essential, we immediately seek it for those we love. Indeed, who among us would leave newborn infants without clothing or nourishment, waiting until they are grown to choose how to dress and what to eat? Dear brothers and sisters, if food and clothing are necessary for life, faith is even more vital, because in God, life finds salvation. God's providential love is made present on earth through you, the mothers and fathers who ask for faith for your children. Certainly, the day will come when they will be too heavy to carry in your arms; and the day will also come when they will be the ones to support you." (From Pope Leo's Homily on January 11th)

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  
Judy Balcomb  
Megan Barton  
Erin Benbry  
Peter Bryan  
Grace Burger  
Grace Byrne  
Albert Hromalik, Sr.  
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Hersina Gomes  
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Cheri Griggs  
Bob Henry  
Ryan Hughes  
Ann Hunt  
Daniel Inman  
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Milton Jordan  
Peter Kalla  
Victor Kalla  
Sarah Kurtz  
Dan Lackey  
Gene Larkin

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Patti Law  
Debbie Long  
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Gina Maherka  
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Christian Matonak  
Carol Mazurek  
Amy McConnell  
Marlynne McCullough  
Scott Melina  
Bénédicte Milward  
Dorothy Moore  
Wes Newcomb  
Michael Olmert  
Ed Powell  
David & Maura Randal

Annette Richt  
Bryan Rieken  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Ariel 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

**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 11, 2025**  
\$13,963.00 - Offertory  
\$22,950.00 - Donation  
\$320.85 - Alms

**January 18, 2025**  
\$14,490.75 - Offertory  
\$ 6,275.00 - Donation  
\$438.78 - Alms

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