



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Greg Powell †
- Sunday**
8AM - Fr. Eric Meyer †
10:30AM - Angelo & Diva Maisto †
12:30PM - Patricia Cosban †
5PM - Fr. Manuel Lopez Orozco †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Cole Mantas †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Dawson Family
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - William Shenkel †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Eve Carson † & Antonio Alonso †
- Friday**
8:00AM - Gerald McArtar †

First Reconciliation

The Second Grade Sacramental Class and Basic Faith Year 2 students are making their First Reconciliation this Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers:

Gabriela Alvarado, Alexander Bergquist, Ila Edwards, Cecilia (CeCe) Fontaine, Guy Gecsy, Grace Glenn, Liam Gonzalez, Jude Grider, Coraline Hoorelbeke, Lucas Huddleston, Evelyn Jones, Alexander Jones, Blakely Katz, Amy Nieto, Henry Pearson, Katherine Pearson, Lucas Parks, Paulo Ortiz, Cristian Matteo Paci, Leo Revak, Lucy Raymond, Leonardo Suarez, Leonella Suarez, Henry Tift, Evie Ulm, Jonah Walker, and John Yohnka.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, & 5PM
Monday - Thursday: 5:30 PM
Friday: 8AM

Adoration:
Monday & Thursday: 9AM–5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9AM–10AM
Friday: 8:30AM-9AM

Confession:
Wednesdays: 4PM–5PM
Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

*Please note all confessions will be held in the office.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/1
8:00AM Mass
9:00AM KoC Donut Ministry
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Cooper Family Baptism
10:30AM Religious Education
11:30AM KoC Donut Ministry
12:30PM Mass
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 3/2
10:00AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Confirmation

Tuesday 3/3
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 3/4
1:00PM Creative Hands
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 3/5
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Full Initiation Meeting

Friday 3/6
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry

Saturday 3/7
8:30AM Focus Mission Trip Talk
9:00AM Focus Mission Trip Mass
9:30AM Focus Mission Trip Holy Hour
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

"And He was transfigured before them;
His Face shone like the sun" -Mt 17

There are sincere moments in life where someone looks at us and our face changes. When we might have disappointed someone, our face might become sad or hopeless. When someone is indifferent to us, our face might become frustrated or confused. But more positively, when a bride walks down the aisle for her wedding and she sees her groom's jaw drop, her face becomes more joyful and delighted. When a child returns home from school to the loving welcome of a parent, the child's face glows with a grateful smile.

In today's Gospel, Jesus receives the full gushing of the Father's delightful love, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased", and Jesus' "Face shone like the sun," His face changes in response to His Father's love of Him. The second Sunday of Lent is always devoted to the Transfiguration; it's important not simply because it's a reminder that as we climb the mountain to heaven there will be moments of joy - but more deeply, we are reminded of the relationship we share with God.

The word for face is 'prosopon' (Greek); the etymology is "toward (pros-), the eyes (-opon)." The popular use of this word was in Greek tragedies, an actor would use many "prosopons" to serve as different characters in the play, a mask. The early Church began to use this word to denote personhood: a person's face is the sincerest revelation of their personhood. When I look someone in the eyes - actually, truly look them in the eyes - it becomes a reminder for me that they are like me.

The word for transfiguration is 'metamorphosis' (Greek); the etymology is "after (meta-) transformation (-morphosis)," or to change to a new form. It is the process caterpillars undergo to become a new form of the butterfly. If you look it up, metamorphosis is a pretty messy process, like Lent, but it forms something new and wonderful, like Lent.

So, the Transfiguration becomes a set of invitations: to allow God to brag to the world about us - "This is My beloved son; this is My beloved daughter." One way we repent is because we have not taken God at His word that we are beloved, we have been resistant to His love; there have been many faces that have proposed to us that we are not, but it is God's Face alone that has the final say, as we will see on the Cross. The first invitation is to allow God to love us.

The second invitation of repentance is that sometimes we look into the face of our brothers and sisters and we fail to see their humanity, their dignity, and their belovedness. As I see God look at me with love - whether in compassion or pure delight - something about my face begins to change: my smile will physically change my eyelids, hopefully to see the whole world and my brother and sister in a new light.

Announcements

Mass Changes

UGA's spring break begins this Saturday and our Priests will be heading to Peru to serve on mission with our students. As a result we will be canceling our 12:30PM and 5PM Masses, next Sunday, March 8th as well as canceling our daily Masses and Reconciliation for the week of 3/9 to 3/13.

KoC Donut Ministry

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be have donuts available after both the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses this weekend. Funds collected from the Donut Ministry are designated for the KOC Wheelchair Ministry.

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

Lent has officially started. This also means that our annual Lenten Fish Fries are back! Come out for a delicious, meatless dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus, every Friday during Lent from 5PM until 7PM. Reservations are not needed. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Pricing: \$7 light meal, \$11 full meal, \$30 family meal

Update on Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event

Current donations: **\$53,047 vs. goal of \$114,000. 424 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of 1,375.** We are off to a good start but have a long way to go on both goals. Achieving our volunteer goal will present an extra challenge since we'll be losing a large number of student volunteers due to our dates being moved to after UGA's term. We also need more sponsors and other churches so please contact Tom Spencer if you have contacts for either of them.

Go to: give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 with questions.



This week our during Religious Ed our 7th and 8th grade students made brown bag lunches for the homeless in Athens.

Grateful for Bob Chirello

Bob Chirello has retired from his position as Business Manager at the Catholic Center. We are so very grateful for the many, many hours he has spent ensuring that the CC finances and building operations are in the best shape possible. Most recently, Bob has been the key person in the remediation and renovation of the Upper Room, even checking in on the crew in the middle of the night. A special thanks to Bob's wife Stephanie for her support. Both Bob and Stephanie will continue volunteering with our CC ministries. We will miss Bob's business and management skills as well as his sense of humor (!)?

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, March 4th

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th 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.

Easter Flower Donations

Forms can be picked up in the Center Office or Chapel to donate a flower in honor or memory of a loved one. Please return the form by Tuesday, March 31. The suggested donation is \$20.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"In this time of grace, let us therefore practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy. Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and cell phones for a while. Let us meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart. Let us also listen to one another — in our families, workplaces and communities. Let us dedicate time to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick. By giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need. Then, as Saint Augustine taught, our prayer offered in this way — "in humility and charity, by fasting and giving, by restraining ourselves and pardoning, by paying out good deeds and not paying back bad ones, by turning away from evil and doing good" (Sermons, 206, 3) — will reach heaven and give us peace. " (From Pope Leo's Angelus on February 22)

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
Judy Balcomb
Lucille Carberry
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson
Mollie Carow
Deana Dietzler Chiusano
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Elizabeth Cromer
Patti D'Avella
Joy Davis

Tony DiPietro
Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Claire Fetch
Pam Forker
Luke Frankson
Hersina Gomes
Jean Griffith
Cheri Griggs
Bob Henry
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Ryan Hughes
Ann Hunt
Daniel Inman
Kelly Jordan
Milton Jordan
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Sarah Kurtz
Dan Lackey

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Patti Law
Debbie Long
Elena Lyons
Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Michelle Maner
Daniel Matonak
Christian Matonak
Carol Mazurek
Amy McConnell
Marlynn McCullough
Scott Melina
Bénédicte Milward
Michael Olmert
Dan Perrine
Mary Pinto
Ed Powell

Dolorus Pritchitt
David & Maura Randol
Annette Richt
Bryan Rieken
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Amy Scobey
Suzette Scobey
Deborah Scott
Christopher Shade
Cindy Shapland
Derek Smith
Eileen Speight
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 Father Manuel Lopez Orozco.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.

February 15, 2026

\$14,211.15 - Offertory
\$3,288.00 - Donation
\$1,521.00 - Alms

February 22, 2026

\$4,521.00 - Offertory
\$6,978.76 - Donation
\$1,461.00 - Alms

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