



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Eileen Sopera †
- Sunday**
8AM - Camilla Mims †
10:30AM - Hazel V. Dietzler †
12:30PM - Hedy Ramos de Sanchez †
5PM - OCIA Elect & Candidates
- Monday**
5:30PM - Laurette LaPrairie †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Fred Dapkus †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Isobelle Ellis †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Fr. Eric Meyer †
- Friday**
8:00AM - Martin Fenney †

Penance Service this Monday

The Catholic Center Lenten Penance Service will be held this Monday, March 23rd at 7pm.

We will gather in the Chapel for a brief service. Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael and visiting priests from around the Athens area will then be available to hear your confessions in the Chapel and Center Hall. In this sacrament, we grow closer to God especially as we move to Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

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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.

March 22, 2026 • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/22
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Religious Education
12:30PM Mass
1:30 PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
3:00PM OCIA
5:00PM Mass
5:00PM OCIA Third Scrutiny
6:00PM Student Dinner
7:15PM Senioritis

Monday 3/23
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7:00PM Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday 3/24
9:00AM Our Daily Bread
4:00PM Grief & Bereavement Group
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 3/25
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 3/26
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
5:30PM OCIA Handing on of the Lord's Prayer
6:30PM Collegiate Altar Server Training
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Full Initiation Meeting

Friday 3/27
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry
8:00PM CSA Formal

Saturday 3/28
9:00AM OCIA Retreat
10:00AM Walshe Family Baptism
3:30PM Reconciliation

A Message from Dorothy Ratcliff

Dear Catholic Center Members,
Today’s Gospel is the story of Lazarus of Bethany's resurrection. This is my third favorite bible story. (#1 is the Samaritan Woman at the Well and #2 is Mary and Martha- Lazarus’ sisters). This story displays so beautifully the love that Christ has for each one of us, and it shows the devotion that we can have towards him. It also is worth the mention that the house I live in now is named the Bethany house, after the same Bethany that Lazarus, Mary and Martha lived in!

A small detail of this story that always sticks with me is not the acute healing of Lazarus, as impressive and beautiful as that is, rather it is Mary and Martha’s reaction to seeing Jesus come to Bethany for Lazarus. You may or may not have caught this but Mary and Martha say identical statements towards Jesus as soon as he arrives:

Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

The faith that Martha and Mary are expressing to Jesus even after their brother is taken from this Earth is remarkable. They are so beautifully confident in Christ that they knew he could and would have saved Lazarus had Jesus been there. They love Christ and believe in Him so deeply they know that death is no match for the Son of God. Through their grief they show so much faith; this is remarkably impressive!

I find it often in my experience, when I go through hurt, grief, sadness, anger, I am quick to turn against Christ. I am quick to doubt my faith and turn away from Him. In times of trial I often find myself questioning God’s love for me: How could he do this to me? But Martha and Mary show us the beauty in trusting Christ in these times of peril.

Martha and Mary, through their hurt, through their grief, stick to Christ. And what does Christ say?

Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?

Their faith in God and Christ is what resurrects their brother and allows Lazarus to live another day!

This is the faith that I encourage you all to strive for. I know that I try every day to be a little bit more like Martha and Mary. Especially in these final days of Lent, remember that Christ is always there with you, whether you can feel him or not.

If you believe, you will see the glory of God.

As always I sign off with love,
Dorothy Clare



We are here to listen and take action.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

Click here for details on how to report.

Announcements

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, March 24th at 4PM. Everyone, including students and resident members, are welcome. No matter where you are in your journey you are invited to join us.

Prayers for our Conformation Students

Our Confirmation students are currently on their retreat Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Saturday. Please keep the high school Confirmation students in your prayers.

24th Annual Dooley Classic

Mark your calendars for our 24th annual Dooley Classic Golf tournament on Friday, September 4, 2026. More information will be available at a later date.

Welcome Burwell Cox

The Catholic Center extends its warm welcome to our newest staff member Burwell Cox. Burwell is our new Facilities Manager at the Catholic Center and we are so happy to be working with him.

Prison Jeans Drive

This year, on Palm Sunday weekend, the Catholic Center will host a jeans drive for people in prison in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. In the past, we have collected other items of clothing but this year the greatest need is jeans. Drop off your new or gently used jeans for the prison jeans drive after all Masses. Please put women's jeans in white plastic bags and men's jeans in black plastic bags. Thank you for your support and thank you to Tommy Smith for collecting and delivering the donations!

Feed My Starving Children

We need your help! We are tracking behind last year and not on pace to hit our goals. Current donations: **\$73,411** vs. goal of **\$114,000**. **564** volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of **1,375**. With less than **60 days before the event**, we have a long way to go! Please spread the word about our event and ask friends, family, and co-workers to join us in helping these kids have a chance at life. **Just 2 hours of your time will feed a child for 7 months!** 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. If you have any questions contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785.

Thank You!

The Catholic Center is very grateful for all the snacks that our members provided for this past weekend's CSA Retreat. All of the students are very grateful for both your support and prayers for them.

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

This is our last Fish Fry of the Lenten season, be sure to come out for a delicious, meatless dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus. The Fish Fry will be from 5-7pm this Friday. Reservations are not needed. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Pricing: \$7 light meal, \$11 full meal, \$30 family meal.

Parking Announcement

As many of you already know, parking is a major concern at the Catholic Center. We are working to find options to help with this problem. Please be respectful of our church neighbors. You may not park at Cloverhurst Apartments or Mi Casa Apartments at any time. You will be towed. Campus View Church is not open for parking at all on Sundays. Please remember to never park in private parking lots or driveways or places where the curb is yellow. Parking is available on the side streets around the Center and at the South Parking Deck and Carlton Parking Deck. Please help us to be good neighbors to our UGA and Athens community.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"[Jesus] He looks upon the blind man with love, not as an inferior being or a nuisance, but as a loved one in need of help. Thus their encounter becomes an opportunity for God's work to be revealed in everyone. In the "sign", in the miracle, Jesus reveals His divine power and the man, as if retracing the gestures of creation – the mud, the saliva – once again fully reveals his beauty and dignity as a creature made in the image and likeness of God. Thus, having regained his sight, he becomes a witness to the light." (From Pope Leo's Homily on March 15)

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 Patti D'Avella Joy Davis Tony DiPietro	Barton Elizabeth Dooling Carol Douglas Claire Fetch Pam Forker Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Isaiah Harris 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 Tom Long Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Daniel Matonak Christian Matonak Carol Mazurek Amy McConnell Marlynne McCullough Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Michael Olmert Dan Perrine Mary Pinto Ed Powell	Dolorus Pritchitt Noah Quintanilla 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 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 Marilyn Kehoe and Ricardo Iannone Tarcha.

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.

March 8, 2026 \$15,533.66 - Offertory \$18,052.68 - Donation \$376.00 - Alms	March 15, 2026 \$ 23,727.11 - Offertory \$3,333.00 - Donation \$1,254.00 - Alms
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