



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Dorothy Wasko †
- Sunday**
8AM— Peggy & Gaylen Edwards
10:30AM— Mary Ellen Spilatro
12:30PM - Capt. Robert T. Gregory Jr., SC, (ret.) †
5PM - Phyllis Speir †
- Monday**
5:30PM - Negent Family
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Antonio Alonso †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM -Esteba Portella† and Rosemary Knecht
- Thursday**
7:00PM- All CC Members
- Friday**
7:00PM - Good Friday Service

Holy Week Schedule



- March 30– April 1,**
Monday - Mass 5:30PM
Tuesday - Communion Service 5:30PM
Wednesday - Confession 4PM
Mass 5:30PM
- Holy Thursday** Mass 7PM
- Good Friday** Stations of the Cross 3PM
Good Friday Service 7PM
- Holy Saturday** Blessings of the Baskets 12PM,
Easter Vigil Mass and Reception 8PM
- Easter Sunday** Mass 8AM & 10:30AM
(Mass will be held in the Chapel and Center Hall)
The Center Office will be closed April 2–April 6

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
12:30PM, & 5PM
Monday - Wednesday:
5:30 PM
Thursday & Friday:
7PM

Adoration:
Monday & Thursday:
9AM–5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday:
9AM–10AM

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

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

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday 3/29**
Palm Sunday
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
12:30PM Lepiz-Sandwich
Baptism
3:00PM OCIA
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner
7:15PM Discernment of Spirits
- Monday 3/30**
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
- Tuesday 3/31**
5:30PM Communion Service
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Immersion
- Wednesday 4/1**
12:00PM Staff Meeting
1:00PM Creative Hands
2:00PM Funeral for
Stephen Matt
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Easter Vigil Music
Rehearsal
- Thursday 4/2**
CC Office Closed
Holy Thursday
5:00PM Altar Server Rehearsal
7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass
- Friday 4/3**
CC Office Closed
Good Friday
5:00PM Altar Server Rehearsal
7:00PM Good Friday Service
- Saturday 4/4**
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
9:00AM Chapel decorating for
Easter
10:00AM OCIA Prayer
Breakfast
11:00AM OCIA Rehearsal
12:00PM Blessing of the
Baskets
3:00PM Altar Server Rehearsal
8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass
- Sunday 4/5**
Easter Sunday
8:00AM Masses in Chapel and
Center
10:30AM Masses in Chapel and
Center

A Message from Fr. Brian

Hey friends,

Join us Thursday and Friday to lead into Easter! We slow down the passion of Jesus and reflect on his life.

Holy Week also reminds us that every year holds seasons of trial and difficulty, and seasons of celebration and joy. Both belong. Good Friday and Easter Sunday show us that joy is not separate from the cross, but through it.

My birthday is this week on Tuesday. I am grateful for the opportunity to celebrate my life, my heart, my soul, my faith, my family, my community, and my priesthood. It is all a gift from God that I am humbled to receive. Thank you for your prayers, gifts, and blessings! In gratitude, I step forward into a new year of life. Each year brings new horizons, new meaning, renewed purpose, and deeper life with God!

Growing up in my family, we celebrated birthdays together with extended family, and with many kids; this meant many birthdays. For me, there is joy in celebrating the goodness of a thing, and a joy in celebrating the goodness of people and their presence.

The Catholic Center is a place where there is always a celebration! I get to be hospitable and host others, together with a team of staff, volunteers, students, missionaries, benefactors, and prayer warriors. We host people to spend quality time with God. It is Jesus we are ultimately dining with, and we try to take care of the logistics. We foster the space, and God tends to the hearts. It is fully made possible from your generosity and giving. Thank you.

We host every day, and for me it is a home, a home in God’s heart, with friends and family of all generations! We have people in our community who were present at the time of the signing of our deed in 1952, as well as new life sprouting forth in young families today, with baptisms taking place often.

Just the other day, after a penance service evening, I had dinner with our 10 most local priests in our home. It felt like one big family. Our dining room table has four chairs and a bench, we almost ran out of food, and we could have spent time together all night. A full evening of the sacrament of confessions followed, and conversions. God was present!

Next year we will celebrate our 75th anniversary. We signed the deed for the property in 1952, so we celebrate 75 years of God at work in this place. This calls us to remember, to give thanks, and to recognize that God has been faithfully present here. Let us celebrate all the goodness that has passed through this place!

On Tuesday I will be at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta for our annual Chrism Mass with our Archbishop. During Holy Week, we gather as priests for a day of reflection and prayer, renew our priestly promises at Mass, consecrate the year’s holy oils, and share a meal celebrating priest jubilee anniversaries. It is a day marked by camaraderie, prayer, and jokes, a true expression of joy and celebration.

Cheers,
Fr Brian



Announcements

CC Office Closure

The Catholic Center office will be closed Thursday, April 2nd— Monday, April 6th for Holy Week/ Easter. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th.

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.

Christians in the Holy Land

The Catholic Center will support Christians in the Holy Land through our Palm Sunday collection. With this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. If you would like to donate, please go to: lifeofthechurch.com/donate

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, April 1st

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, April 1st 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.

Palm Sunday and Easter 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.

Little Joe's Preschool is Hiring

St. Joseph's Preschool is currently seeking individuals who are Catholic, caring, and compassionate to fill caregiver positions for this summer and the fall. If you are interested in applying or have questions please contact Dr. Bangert at theresa.bangert@sjsathens.org.

Prison Ministry Jeans Drive

This weekend, the CC will host a jeans drive for people in prison in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. New and gently used men's and women's jeans are requested. 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!

Update on our Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event – Event Dates: May 15-17

Current donations: **\$75,107 vs. goal of \$114,000. 750 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of 1,375.** We're just 52 days before the event and we still have a long way to go on both goals! Please spread the word about our event and ask friends, family, and colleagues 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. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Easter Candy Donations Needed

The Catholic Center Members are helping with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Oasis Catolico on Saturday, April 11. We are asking for donations of Easter candy to put in the eggs. Candy can be dropped off in the Center Hall. Candy should be dropped off by Wednesday, April 8. Please avoid gum and hard candy.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

These events are fulfilled in the risen Christ, who has conquered death and lives within us through Baptism, for our salvation and the fullness of life. His grace illumines this world, which seems to constantly search for novelty and change, even at the cost of sacrificing important things — time, energy, values, affections — as if fame, material goods, entertainment and fleeting relationships could fill our hearts or make us immortal. It is a symptom of a longing for the infinite that each of us carries within us, a need that cannot be satisfied by passing things. Nothing finite can quench our inner thirst, for we are made for God, and we find no peace until we rest in him .” (From Pope Leo’s *Angelus on March 22*)

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at www.vatican.va.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Dan Lackey	Dolorus Pritchitt
Timothy A. Almy	Carol Douglas	Gene Larkin	Noah Quintanilla
Judy Balcomb	Claire Fetch	Lynn Langston	David & Maura Randol
Megan Barton	Pam Forker	Patti Law	Annette Richt
Erin Benbry	Luke Frankson	Tom Long	Bryan Rieken
Peter Bryan	Hersina Gomes	Elena Lyons	Sophia Rodriguez
Grace Burger	Jean Griffith	Rick Madera	Aeriel Ross
Grace Byrne	Cheri Griggs	Gina Maherka	Amy Scobey
Joanne Cabrera	Isaiah Harris	Daniel Matonak	Suzette Scobey
Jeanette Campbell	Bob Henry	Christian Matonak	Deborah Scott
Judy Balcomb	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Carol Mazurek	Christopher Shade
Lucille Carberry	Ryan Hughes	Amy McConnell	Cindy Shapland
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Ann Hunt	Marlyne McCullough	Derek Smith
Mollie Carow	Daniel Inman	Scott Melina	Eileen Speight
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Kelly Jordan	Bénédicte Milward	Alyssa Thomas
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Milton Jordan	Michael Olmert	Nile Thomson
Patti D'Avella	Peter Kalla	Dan Perrine	Natalie Vaughn
Joy Davis	Victor Kalla	Mary Pinto	Patsy Vickery
Tony DiPietro	Sarah Kurtz	Ed Powell	Mike Wasko

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially James Ledvinka and Stephen Matt.

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 15, 2026

\$ 23,727.11- Offertory

\$3,333.00 - Donation

\$1,254.00 - Alms

March 22, 2026

\$13,547.77 - Offertory

\$4,951.00 - Donation

\$485.00 - Alms

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