



# The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5PM - Carol Garbin †

**Sunday**  
8AM - Eileen Sinda †  
10:30AM - Michael Adams †

**Monday**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**  
No Mass

**Wednesday**  
No Mass

**Thursday**  
No Mass

**Friday**  
No Mass

### Mass Changes

Please keep our UGA students, faculty and staff in your prayers as they travel for Spring Break. We especially pray for our students, Focus missionaries and priests who are traveling to Peru on a mission trip.

This Sunday we will not have the 12:30PM and 5PM Masses as well as the daily Masses this week. Next Sunday, March 15, we will resume our normal Mass schedule.

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### Liturgical Schedule

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

Daily Mass will resume  
Monday, March 16th at  
5:30pm

**Confession:**  
Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

**Adoration:**  
Will resume Monday,  
March 16th from 9am-  
5pm

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

March 8, 2026 • The Third Sunday of Lent

### Weekly Calendar

**Sunday 3/8**  
8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM OCIA First Scrutiny  
12:30PM KoC "PB&J"  
1:30PM Feed my Starving Children Meeting

**Monday 3/9**  
10:00AM Men's Bible Study  
NO Mass

**Tuesday 3/10**  
12:00PM Silver Angels  
NO Mass

**Wednesday 3/11**  
NO Mass

**Thursday 3/12**  
10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
6:00PM Women's Dinner  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
NO Mass

**Friday 3/13**  
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry  
NO Mass

**Saturday 3/14**  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass

**Sunday 3/15**  
8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Baptism for the Talaske Family  
12:30PM Mass  
12:30PM Baptism for the Powell Family  
5:00PM Mass

### A Message from Fr. Brian

Hey friends,

This weekend, Father Michael and I head to Arequipa, Peru for a mission trip with 20 of our students. I am excited to return to the developing world, where the sights, smells, and people are unique, important, and hold a special place in my own heart.

As we journey through Lent, the Catholic Center is blessed to welcome Father Lijo, a Franciscan priest who serves in homeless ministry full-time. He prays, lives in community with his fellow Franciscan brothers, and dedicates his life to serving the poor.

As we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi this year, Father Lijo's presence among us is especially meaningful. In many ways, he brings us the living witness of St. Francis. Through his life and ministry, he shows us a particular side of the heart of Christ... a heart turned toward the poor, the forgotten, and those on the margins.

Over the next few weeks, Father Lijo will be part of our community, sharing his ministry, prayer, and presence with us. I hope you will take the opportunity to meet him, hear his story, and be inspired by the Franciscan spirit he brings.

Please keep our students and leaders in your prayers as we travel to Peru and serve alongside our brothers and sisters there during this Lenten season. Please be encouraged by the 65+ individuals who are becoming catholic this Easter season. We are working very hard to get them ready! God is alive in our community and I give thanks to everybody who is volunteering serving and investing in the life of this place.

Please continue to pray for our world as we go through a period of violence and war. Pray that Mary and St Francis will be with us all during this time. Amen.

Ft Brian

### Family Weekend

The Catholic Center's Annual Family Weekend for our students was a huge success! We welcomed around 300 students and family members to the Catholic Center this past Saturday (February 28th) and celebrated Mass together as well as a family lunch.



## Announcements

### Second Collection

This week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. If you would like to donate, please go to: [lifeofthechurch.com/donate](http://lifeofthechurch.com/donate)

### Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

We are in the middle of Lent, and our Fish Frys are still serving many happy Catholics! 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. Our prices are \$7 light meal, \$11 full meal, \$30 family meal.

### Lost & Found

Spring is upon us which also means spring cleaning! The Catholic Center is going through our Lost & Found, if you have recently lost an item be sure to check out the table in the center hall, maybe you will find it! You have until this Wednesday (March 11th) to collect your items before they are donated.

### The Way for Women

This is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program on April 10-12, 0226 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is March 30, 2026. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404.920.7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:sstubbs@archatl.com) for more information.

### Update on Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event

Current donations: **\$54,809** vs. goal of **\$114,000**. **501** volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of **1,375**. With just over two months before the event, we have a long way to go on both goals! Please spread the word about our event and ask friends and family 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](http://give.fmssc.org/Athens) to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspencer44@gmail.com) ; 706-340-3785 with questions.

### Silver Angels Meet Tuesday 3/10

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, March 10th, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older are invited for lunch, fellowship. After lunch we will go to the Chapel for the Stations of the Cross.

### Social Graces Dinner on 3/12

The Social Graces Women's Dinner will be on Thursday, March 12th. It is wonderful to catch up with old and new friends. Please rsvp by Monday at 5PM. For more information, contact the CC office.

### 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.

### Walking with Moms in Need

St. Joseph Catholic Parish has its own local Walking with Moms in Need ministry to help women in their Parish and community, as well as support other local resources, such as St. Joseph Charities and Athens Area Diaper Bank. We would like to extend these opportunities to the Catholic Center community too. Walking With Moms in Need provides supplies for mothers in need at a playdate at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 9-11am on the second weekend of every month. For more information on Walking with Moms' resources, please our website at <https://stjosephathens.com/ministries/>, or contact us at [wmnathens@gmail.com](mailto:wmnathens@gmail.com).

### Pope Leo XIV Corner

"The light of the Transfiguration is already present in this community, because the Lord works here and because many of you believe in his gentle power that transforms everything. When we realize that many things around us are not right, we sometimes wonder: will what we are doing mean anything? We can succumb to the temptation of discouragement, losing our motivation and enthusiasm. Instead, it is precisely in the face of the mystery of evil that we must bear witness to our identity as Christians, as people who want to make the Kingdom of God perceptible in the places and times in which they live." (From Pope Leo's Homily on March 1)  
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  
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  
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  
Elena Lyons  
Rick Madera  
Gina Maherka  
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  
Ariel 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 Ray Kopaniasz and Lou Richt.**

### 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 22, 2026

\$13,538.25 - Offertory  
\$6,978.76 - Donation  
\$1,461.00 - Alms

### March 1, 2026

\$19,490.00 - Offertory  
\$5,348.01 - Donation  
\$1,748.00 - Alms

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