



The Catholic Center
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Eileen Sapera †
- Sunday**
8AM– Edward Smith †
10:30AM– All CC Members
12:30PM - Robin Williams †
5PM - All UGA Students, Faculty & Staff
- Monday**
5:30PM - George & Helen Huban †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM– Gina Aldrete †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM – Ronald Severson †
- Thursday**
5:30PM- Ricardo Iannone Tarcha †
- Friday**
8:00AM - Clara Scheck Dietzler †

Green Mass

Please join us on **April 22nd at 5:30PM** for a "Green Mass" or mass for creation/Laudato Si Mass, in honor of Earth Day at the Catholic Center.

The following day, **April 23rd, at 6:30PM**, we will have a guest speaker, Kat Doyle, the Director of Justice and Peace ministries in the Office of Life, Dignity and Justice at the Archdiocese of Atlanta. She will give a brief overview of Catholic Social Teaching and discuss how the care of creation is grounded in both Catholic Social Teaching and Eco spirituality. All are welcome.

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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–9:30AM
Confession: Wednesdays: 4PM–5PM Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM	*Please note all confessions will be held in the office.

April 19, 2026 • Third Sunday of Easter

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday 4/19**
 8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
 10:30AM Religious Education
 12:30PM Mass
 12:30PM Baptism for the Thorn Family
 1:30PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
 2:00PM Baptism for the Rodriguez Family
 5:00PM Mass
 5:00PM KoC Star Award
 6:00PM Student Dinner

- Monday 4/20**
 10:00AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass

- Tuesday 4/21**
 4:00PM Grief & Bereavement Group
 4:00PM KoC Blessing Bag Assembly
 5:30PM Mass
 8:00PM Seeking Water

- Wednesday 4/22**
 4:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Green Mass
 6:15PM Religious Education
 8:00PM Ignite

- Thursday 4/23**
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30PM Holy Qurbana
 6:00PM CSA Service Event
 6:30PM CST Presentation
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

- Friday 4/24**
 8:00AM Mass
 5:00PM Discernment of Spirits
 6:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal

- Saturday 4/25**
 10:00AM Confirmation Mass
 2:00PM Confirmation Mass
 3:15PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Baptism for the Patton Family
 6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

A Message from Giao

Happy Easter to everyone.
 I chose the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians for my reflection. St. Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). In other words, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, everything we believe would be empty. Our faith would have no meaning. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead; He is our hope, our joy, and our peace.

First, our hope is in Jesus Christ. The world has many religions, thousands of them, but what makes Christianity unique is the Resurrection. Other religions may teach wisdom, morality, or spiritual practices, but they do not proclaim that their founder conquered death. Only Jesus Christ said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), and "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25). I attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The service was truly beautiful and overflowing with joy. At the beginning of the liturgy, darkness covered the entire space, both inside and outside the church. Everyone waited eagerly for the most sacred moment, the light from the Paschal Candle. The presiding priest blessed the candle and proclaimed solemnly, "The Light of Christ!" Everyone responded, "Thanks be to God!" Every face radiated joy; the joy of the Resurrection, the joy of being Christian, and the joy of children of God. Jesus has conquered death, and death no longer has power over Him. As He declared, "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25). This is our joy and the foundation of our hope.

Second, our peace is in Christ. During the Easter season, we often hear Jesus say, "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19). The peace of Jesus is unlike the peace the world gives. It is not artificial or temporary, based on material things. Rather, it is a deep peace of the soul, the peace of Christ. How truly blessed we are to live in His peace! Therefore, today is not a day of fear it is a day of joy, a day of victory, and a day of new life. Christ is risen! As St. Paul says, "If we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Rom 6:8). For we know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him (Rom 6:9–10). The joy of Jesus renews us and gives meaning to our lives. In the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelia Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis writes: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ's joy they are constantly born anew." (EG, no.1).

Dear brothers and sisters, we are truly blessed because we have Jesus Christ. We are not wrong when we follow Him. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). We believe that we live with Him and that we will share in His Resurrection in the last day.

To conclude my reflection, I invite everyone to join me in prayer:
O Lord Jesus, please help us keep the joy of Easter in our hearts each day and in every moment of our lives. We know that life is not always easy, but do not let us lose hope in You. O Mother Mary! You are Mother of God and Mother of us. Please walk with us in our faith as you walk with your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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Announcements

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, April 21st at 4PM. Everyone, including students and resident members, are welcome. No matter where you are in your journey you are invited to join us.

Holy Qurbana Mass

On Thursday, April 23rd from 5:30 - 6:30PM, we are celebrating the Holy Qurbana with a visiting priest and the Syro Malabar Church community with liturgy and Communion. Qurbana is an East Syriac word, which means "Offering". This refers to the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist of the Holy Catholic Church. All are welcome to celebrate!

Are You Graduating This May?

The Catholic Center would like to celebrate this milestone with you and your family. We will have a Baccalaureate Mass at 12PM followed by lunch on Friday, May 8, for graduates. Please RSVP by scanning this QR code.



Gianna's Hope

Have you or someone close to you experienced a miscarriage or infant loss? We are here to support you and your family. Gianna's Hope is a ministry dedicated to walking with moms who have experienced a loss at any point in their pregnancy or after birth. Please join us at St. Joseph's in the Guadalupe room, upstairs near the water fountain, Tuesday April 21st from 7-8pm. All are welcome! Email us at: GHopAthens@gmail.com

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all of you who have returned your appeal commitment for this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are very grateful for your generosity. To date, we are at 71% of our Parish's goal, which is \$88,900!

Our goal this year is to have 100% participation! Any funds raised more than the goal are returned right here to The Catholic Center!

If you have not yet returned your commitment card, or pledged online, we prayerfully ask you to do so. Pledge envelopes can be dropped in the offertory basket at any Mass, brought into our office, and pledges can be made securely online at <https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>. Please select "Annual Appeal" and remember also to select The Catholic Center as your parish.

Update on our Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event –

Event Dates: May 15-17

Current donations: **\$94,211** vs. goal of **\$114,000**. **1,153** volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of **1,375**. We're starting to make progress but with just **26 days** before the event, we still have a long way to go on both goals! Please spread the word about our event and ask friends, family, organizations you belong to, and work colleague 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.fmcs.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 with questions.

Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins April 29th. We will once again provide food to help our students power through finals. We are asking for homemade casseroles on 4/28, 4/29, 4/30 and 5/4. The casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery but should include directions for cooking. Please deliver them before 5PM on 4/28, 4/29, 4/30 and 5/4. Thank you for the support. Our students are so very grateful for the support of our awesome Catholic Center community.

Upcoming Concert

The Luke Bryan and Jason Aldean concert is April 25th at UGA Sanford Stadium. The Catholic Center will NOT be available for parking for concert attendees. Please expect extra traffic around Campus on this day. The Catholic Center will still have reconciliation at 3:30 as well as Vigil Mass at 5pm.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"Bear witness to the Gospel through simple gestures, genuine relationships and a dialogue lived out day by day: in this way, you bring flavor and light to the places where you live. Your presence in this country is like incense: a glowing grain that spreads fragrance because it gives glory to the Lord and joy and comfort to so many brothers and sisters." (From Pope Leo's Homily on April 14th)

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
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Ryan Hughes
Ann Hunt
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Milton Jordan
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Victor Kalla
Sarah Kurtz

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Elena Lyons
Rick Madera
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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
Cindy Shapland
Derek Smith
Eileen Speight
Mike Teofilo
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Natalie Vaughn
Patsy Vickery
Julie T. Wallace

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 April

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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.

April 5, 2026

\$26,030.00 - Offertory
\$11,368.00 - Donation
\$1,984.00 - Alms

April 12, 2026

\$13,271.08 - Offertory
\$3,413.00 - Donation
\$277.47 - Alms

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