



The Catholic Center
 Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
 Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
5PM - Cleveland & Margaret Burns †
- Sunday**
8AM - Angelo & Diva Maisto †
10:30AM - David Albares †
12:30PM - Dr. Jim Shanni †
5PM - Eric Doyle
- Monday**
5:30PM - Jane Indruk † & Tom Lauth †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Shirley Teofilo †
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Margarita Cazmona †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Carol Takken †
- Friday**
8:00AM - Maria Mendes †

Finals Week Meals Needed

UGA Finals week begins this Tuesday, April 28th. We will once again provide food to help our students power through finals. We are asking for homemade casseroles on **Tuesday, 4/28; Wednesday, 4/29; Thursday, 4/30; Monday, 5/4.** The casseroles do not need to be fully cooked before delivery but should include directions for cooking. Disposable trays can be picked up the Center entryway. 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.

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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 26, 2026 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday 4/26**
 8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
 10:30AM Hill Family Baptism
 12:30PM Mass
 12:30PM Cullom Family Baptisms
 1:00PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
 2:30PM KoC Exemplification
 3:00PM KoC Council Meeting
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Student Dinner
 6:00PM New CSA Board Meeting

- Monday 4/27**
 10:00AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 7:00PM CSA End of Year Party

- Tuesday 4/28**
UGA Reading Day
 9:00AM Our Daily Bread
 5:30PM Mass
 5:30PM Blessing of the Brains
 6:15PM Finance Committee Meeting
 6:30PM Finals Week Food

- Wednesday 4/29**
 4:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass
 6:30PM Finals Week Food

- Thursday 4/30**
 5:30PM Mass
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
 6:30PM Finals Week Food

- Friday 5/1**
 8:00AM Mass
 6:00PM First Communion Prep

- Saturday 5/2**
 10:00AM First Communion & Reception
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

"By His wounds you have been healed."
 - 1 Peter

Healing is when something that has been ill, broken, or imperfect, is restored to its proper function. Healing is when a broken ankle can walk again, when eyes can see again - or ultimately when God and I can be friends again. The way by which this happens makes all the difference. Imagine if a doctor forced the patient to limp all the way to the hospital; instead, what if the doctor went to the patient right where the misery was. In treatment, the healer will oftentimes go right into the wound, in a certain sense become one with it (without forgetting or compromising their own identity). When the healer enters into the wound of the patient, that's where union is found, when a patient feels seen and known - when healing ultimately happens. From there, it becomes a time of recovery, and the healer will now become the caretaker.

A frequent dynamic of treatment and healing is the resistance the patient has to the healer: it can be difficult to allow the healer in. Some sort of promise of gentleness of delicacy is necessary for the patient to be free to receive healing. For us, this image is in Jesus Crucified, who shows humanity the vulnerability of His Heart when He shows us His wounds, communicating to us, "I know how you feel." Something about that promise doesn't simply open us to allow Him in, it's a subtle distinction that we actually come to realize He has already been in: already been in my darkness and brokenness.

So, all the things that procure a resistance to the One who loves is in fact borne by Him, and from that spot becomes the place of caretaking. The irony about the Easter season is that as we've reached the promised land after Lent, which for the Easter People is a symbol that God has been faithful to His promise, the invitation is not to give up on dependence on Him, but an invitation from God that we never outgrow dependence on Him. The Easter season ultimately gives us permission: you are allowed to be in Love with God. When God heals us, takes care of us, it's in that spot that we come to realize the freedom of dependence on Him. And it gives us permission to be more in Love with Him.

PROMISE TO PROTECT
 PLEDGE TO HEAL

We are here to listen and take action.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

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Announcements

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.



Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Home Missions. Nearly 40 percent of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories as they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs. If you would like to donate, go to: lifeofthechurch.com/donate

Feed My Starving Children

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

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 74% 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.

Foster Care Awareness Month

The Catholic Center's Foster & Adoption Ministry is hosting a supply drive for local foster families:

What? New socks and underwear for boys and girls up to a children's size XL

When? May 9-17

Where? Drop off on the stage in the Center Hall

Questions? Contact Amanda Wilson: amandaandkevin@msn.com

Scan the QR code to donate online through the Amazon Wishlist or go to chosenforlifeminisries.org to learn about other ways you can support local foster families.



Mother's Day Novenas

Mother's Day is coming up. We have Mother's Day cards for a Mother's Day Novena. Mothers, both living and deceased will be remembered at 7 Masses beginning on Mother's Day. Cards can be picked up in the chapel and in the front office. Fill out the large envelope and return with your donation to the office by Friday, May 8 and then give the card to your loved one! The suggested donation is \$10.

Summer Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule will begin on May 10th. There will not be a 12:30PM and 5:00PM Mass on Sundays throughout the summer. The Fall Semester schedule will resume on Sunday, August 16th.

Throughout the summer please make sure to check our website and bulletin for daily Mass changes and cancelations. Thank you.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"As Christ himself said, "No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God" (Jn 6:46). In the Son, the Father himself reveals his glory: God makes himself seen, heard and touched. Through the actions of Jesus, the Redeemer, he brings to fulfilment what he has always done: giving life. He creates the world, saves it and loves it forever. Jesus reminded those who listened to him of a sign of this constant care: "Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness" (v. 49). He is referring to the experience of the Exodus: a journey of liberation from slavery that nonetheless turned into a grueling forty-year period of wandering." (From Pope Leo's Homily on April 23rd)

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

We are very proud of our high school candidates who have completed their 2-year sacramental preparation in order to be Confirmed by Bishop John Nhân Trần.

Mia Adamari Almanza Hernández

Traye Rival Bernt

Josef Boenig

Matthew John DiPalma Jr.

Andreas Augustin Dillies

Alexander John DiPalma

Virginia Dugas

Isabella Sophia Hammock

Harlin Jackson

Mavis Jones

Tyler Harrison Elway Katt

Smith Douglas Larrison

Justin Juhyoung Lee

Charles Mathews Raerber

William Donnelly Ridley

Congratulations as well to our Adult Confirmation Candidates. These candidates have been preparing since January to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Aaron Donaghy

Abi Wilson

Angelo Vallecillo

Augustine Amam

Autumn Stringer

Bella Barber

Ben Cook

Chad Hawkins

Chigekwu Chukwuezi

Christian Djalali

Daniela Botello

Dominick Sama

Emily Gulick

Emily McNeice

Eric Arteaga

Ethan Watson

Gabbi Riley

Gabrielle Aron

Grace Tozer-Rich

Harrison Lowe

Isa Padilla

Izalou Morecraft

Jessi Raines

Jessica Doyle

Joselyn Sarabia

Kadyn Wuest

Kate Lamb

Kathryn Spinks

Katie O'Leary

Katie Woodman

Kiersten Geis

Konner Barrett

Lauren Fairleigh

Lea Smith

Lucy Moon

Luis Penaloza-Cortes

Madeline Mayo

Marianne Trumpy

Mary Burke

Natalia Mia Jimenez Gali

Natan Costa Oliveira da Silva

Norma Jarillo Silva

Patrick McGowan

Preston Edmonds

Rachelle Reekers

Ryan Fairman

Sara Kells

Sofia Barrientos

Sydney Berkman

Trevor Coning

Tyler Garrett

William McCleary

A special thanks to their Sponsors for their guidance, love, and support in ensuring they live as faithful witness to Christ and fulfill their obligations. We also pray that the Saint whom they chose as a spiritual guide and intercessor will help deepen their faith and strengthen ties to the church.

** The bolded names are people who are coming into full communion.*

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 Aerial 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
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones.

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 12, 2026

\$13,271.08 - Offertory

\$3,413.00 - Donation

\$277.47 - Alms

April 19, 2026

\$15,236.95 - Offertory

\$1,951.00 - Donation

\$584.00 - Alms

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