



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

- Saturday**
8PM - All Catechumens & Candidates
- Sunday**
8AM - All CC Members
10:30AM - All CC Members
- Monday**
5:30PM - Frederick G. Dietzler †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Diane Ambrose † & Sr. & Br. of St. Damiano
- Wednesday**
5:30PM - Dr. Santaefemia †
- Thursday**
5:30PM - Dawn Capone
- Friday**
8:00AM - Rory McKinney

Happy Easter!

*A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life
have contended in that combat stupendous: The
Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring.
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of
Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes
before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our
new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever
reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.*

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 8PM
Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM

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

Confession:
Wednesdays: 4PM-5PM

Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

Monday - Thursday:
5:30 PM

Friday:
8AM

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 4/5
Easter Sunday
8:00AM Masses in Chapel
and Center
10:30AM Masses in Chapel
and Center

Monday 4/6
Easter Monday
CC Office Closed
5:30PM Mass
5:30PM Reindl Family
Baptism

Tuesday 4/7
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 4/8
11:00AM Funeral/Reception
for James Ledvinka
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 4/9
10AM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Golf Tournament
Meeting
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM Women's Dinner
6:30PM Wedding Rehearsal

Friday 4/10
8:00AM Mass
3:15PM Discernment of
Spirits
5:00PM Orlando/Colon
Wedding

Saturday 4/11
10:00AM CSA Senior Retreat
11:00AM Oasis Easter Egg
Hunt
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Go and check your tomb. Go, run. Feel alive in the process of recognizing that you are alive. As a reminder, check your pulse: Jesus' Heart is beating, pounding on the drums of creation - God is alive, and so are you. The places that you thought were dead, marked with the tombstone titled: "here lies my loveliness," "my forgiveableness," "my relationshipableness" - nothing actually lies there, but pure truth, it is awoken in my heart, rising to new life, a proof, a realization, "I am lovable," "I am forgiveable," "I am worth being in relationship with the One."

And when the tomb is scoured, with not a single hint of melancholy left, leave behind the linens that held you bound believing in a Love that is limited. All those moments that were defined by a love thought lost will be left behind, and all of those moments simultaneously transformed: Love has always been with me, this is the life-breath of that Love. Those moments are brought out of the dark tomb, given air and light, and now nothing can be the same.

There is no limit to Love. No limit to where Love can find you, and no limit to where Love can take you. No limit to when Love has loved you, how It has loved you, why It has loved you - no need to justify anymore or rationalize or reduce why Love has loved you: it's just what It does. It is just what He does, as He never stops loving you.

There is no condition that Love will not love. The greatest Saint? Easy to love. The greatest Sinner? Easy to love. The greatest indifference? Easy to love. Everything in between? Easy to love. There is no condition, no qualification. It is easy, just like the married spouse the day after the wedding: pure excitement, pure joy.

This Love offered Himself to all of humanity for one simple goal: to offer Himself. The hope and desire of reciprocity that God holds to every one of His people to Love back is freely ached for and held in His own Heart, with no disdain or disappointment when not returned to Him. Why? Because this Love is free, cannot be held down by anything.

If we check our pulse, recognize we are alive, find the courage to allow ourselves to be loved in the numbness or chaos of our lives, then this is how we will Love back, and pay attention and gaze upon God without blinking or flinching for all an eternity - in the exact same way He loves us. When He transforms your love, He will transform your life. Your love is better than life; literally, your love will outlast life; this is why people are willing to die for Love. And when your love is transformed to Love, it will be an ache that wakes you up from the most inevitable of all the human limits, Passed Over easily.

When Jesus rises from the tomb in a relationship with humanity, humanity rises too. Happy Easter.



April 5, 2026 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Announcements

CC Office Closure

The Catholic Center office will be closed this Monday in observance of Easter Monday.

Update on our Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event –

Event Dates: May 15-17

Current donations: **\$82,354** vs. goal of **\$114,000**.

968 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of **1,375**.

We're starting to make progress but with just **45 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.

Second Collection

This Easter, 3,442 men, women and children entered the Catholic Church in our archdiocese—a powerful sign of God's grace at work among us. Our parishes are growing, and more souls than ever are seeking Jesus Christ. This growth is a gift, and an invitation to rise to the moment. Today's second collection for Archdiocesan Seminarians is our opportunity to ensure the Church can continue to serve our people—today and for generations to come. We are blessed that a surprising number of men are applying to our seminarian formation program thanks to the recommendation and participation of pastors and people in our parishes. They have heard God's call and are eager to say yes. This is where your prayers and your generosity make all the difference. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers and your commitment to the future of the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. <https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>.



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.

Silver Angels Meet Tuesday 4/14

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, 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 4/9

The Social Graces Women's Dinner will be on Thursday, April 9th. It is wonderful to catch up with old and new friends. Please rsvp by Monday at 5PM. For more information, contact the CC office.

KoC Blessing Bags

Our collegiate Knights of Columbus men are collecting materials for blessings bags for the homeless. They are asking for toiletries, socks, water and granola bars to pass along to the homeless of Athens. They will be collecting items from November 16th until November 23rd. Donations can be dropped off at the office or after this weekend's masses.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Congratulations OCIA Candidates

Please join us as we welcome our OCIA candidates into the Church. Congratulations to everyone who is receiving the sacraments this Easter season.

“Rejoice in the Lord always!” Phil 4:4

Elect:

Daniel Bartello

Parker Blankenship

Clara Grace Coker

Elaine Duan

Carter Hamby

Jonathan Hanson

Aidan Hanson

Emory Hux

Zach Morin

Cole Ruff

Téa Sibert

Confirmation & Eucharist:

Sam Hogan

Nicholas Goldfarb

Lisa Mason

A Prayer for Our OCIA Candidates:

Life-Giving Father, you desire that we may be one in Christ so that all creation may give you praise. Look kindly upon the catechumens and candidates you have called to the table of your Word. Through the power of your Word, our life of prayer, and the example of Christ's love, help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties.





Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to decorate our chapel with Easter flowers.

In Memory Of:

Trudie Elliott Amrich	Duane Gamble	Thomas Lauth, Jr.
Rita Arnold	George Gardes	Thomas Lauth, Sr.
Victor & Helen Ashley	Angelo Gargano	Jim Law
Edith M. Bickford	MayBelle Gargano	Charles & Jo Lupsha
Anna & Thomas Bird	Dolores Geary	Betty Lyness
Barbara Bohorfoush	John Geary	Chet Malanoski
John Bohorfoush	Earl & Edwina Ginter	Sam & Mildred Marra
George T. Boyle	Goodbout Family	Neil & Doris McAllister
George R. Boyle	Michael T. Grey	Con McGregor
Barbara Brown	Michael Grey	James McNamara
Hope Marie Brown	John & Ann Halper	Gene Merry
Roy F. Brown	Joan Halper	Marge McGregor Merry
Mr. & Mrs. Burns	Jack & Elsie Horton	Tee Meshad
Anne M. Campbell	Richard J. Howard	Wallace Meshad
Paul R. Campbell	Marilyn L. & Peter J. Hoy	Bob & Marge Miller
Shannon Campbell	Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins	Leta Halper Miller
Suzette Tallarico Carroll	Marguerite E. Jackson	Camilla Mims
The parents of Mary Anne & Ron Charron	Allan Johnson II	Val & Anita Montoya
Joey Costyn	Karen Johnson	Frank Morris
Martha & Ted Dann	Mary J. Johnson	Al Orillion
Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler	Ed & Betty Jones	Betty Orillion
Sean F. Dooley	Edward L. Kacmar	Amelia Orlando
Norah Dowd	Colette V. Kalla	Carl Orlando
Carmen Drake	Paul J. Kalla, MD	Deidre Petley-Gower
Barb Eza	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Kaniowski	Kathleen R. Petrocco
Earl & Urma Fales	Lloyd & Catherine Kimball	Louis & Irene Przeslawski
The Fey Family	Sylvia Kimball	John R. Quattrocchi
Michele Flaherty	Richard & Mary Kirchner	Lawrence A. Quattrocchi
Paul & Jeanne Flemming	Ray Kopaniasz	Samuel & Louise Quattrocchi
Dorothy Forsyth	Bea & Charles Kotzan	Mike Quinn
Donn Fryman	Jeff Kotzan	Tom & Babe Quinn
	Stanley & Michalina Kuchcinski	Patricia Raffaniella
	Ted Larson	Lymon Rains
	Mary Lauth	Timon & Grace Rains

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	Cindy Shapland
Lucille Carberry	Ryan Hughes	Amy McConnell	Derek Smith
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Ann Hunt	Marlynne McCullough	Eileen Speight
Mollie Carow	Daniel Inman	Scott Melina	Mike Teofilo
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	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.

March 22, 2026

\$13,547.77 - Offertory

\$4,951.00 - Donation

\$485.00 - Alms

March 29, 2026

\$12,382.50 - Offertory

\$5,404.76 - Donation

\$226.97 - Alms

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