



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

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Marie Buckley † & Susan Lavelle †

Sunday
8AM - Eddie Smith †
10:30AM - Nancy Cunningham †
12:30PM - Kenneth Truitt Adams †
5PM - All UGA Graduates

Monday
5:30PM - Matilde Fernandez †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Margarita Carmona †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Dennis Kissel †

Thursday
5:30PM - Lou Richt †

Friday
8:00AM - Bert Adamo † & Dolores Rebellon †

Feed My Starving Children

Event Dates: May 15-17
 Current donations: **\$102240** vs. goal of **\$114,000**.
1,173 volunteers registered to pack vs. goal of **1,375**. We're making progress with fundraising but not there yet. However, with less than 2-weeks to go, **we still need 200 more volunteers** so we really need your help! **Just 2 hours of your time will feed a child for 7 months!** If you've already signed up, please ask friends, family, organizations you belong to, and work colleagues to join us in helping these kids have a chance at life. It's a fun volunteer opportunity for everyone including families with children as young as 5. Go to: give.fmssc.org/Athens to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 with questions.

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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.

May 3, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/3
 8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM KoC Donut Ministry
 9:30AM Baptism Prep Class
 10:30AM Mass
 10:30AM Tift Family Baptism
 11:00AM FOCUS Crawfish Boil
 11:30AM KoC Donut Ministry
 12:30PM Mass
 12:30PM CSA Service Event
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 5/4
 5:30PM Mass
 6:30PM Finals Week Food

Tuesday 5/5
 5:30PM Mass
 12:00PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday 5/6
 1:00PM Creative Hands
 4:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass

Thursday 5/7
 10:00AM Women's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass
 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 5/8
 12:00PM Baccalaureate Mass
 1:00PM Graduation Lunch

Saturday 5/9
 3:15PM Feed My Starving Children Meeting
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass



A Message from Dorothy

Dear Catholic Center members,

Happy Easter! While Easter Sunday was almost a month ago the season is not yet over, why should we limit the greatest event of all humanity to just one weekend? Christ has risen for our sake so that we may be saved - hallelujah!

As a few of you know I am a second grade catechist and (depending on when you are reading this) my students all just received their first communion! This is the greatest joy of the entire year. Walking with children who are discovering the very basics of the faith is so incredibly eye opening. A couple of weeks ago, before Easter we were discussing Holy Week; going through each of the days and why they were important. When we got to Good Friday I told the class this is when Jesus died and kept moving forward. I have known about Good Friday my whole life; I know what happens and why it is important. I was not learning anything new and kept powering through my pre-rehearsed dialogue about Holy Week. However, as I was moving on one of my students raised her hand and asked, "Why is it called Good Friday? How could the day that Jesus died be good?" What a question.

I looked around our overly filled room and something rare was happening, there was silence. (For those of you who do not have kids or are not around 7 and 8 year olds often, silence is rare...extremely rare.) I then paused. I had been reading out of a book and looked up. These kids have been taught their entire lives that Jesus is the son of God, that He is the savior and he loves them so much. How can you then explain to them that this man about whom we have been learning the whole year, call the day of his death "Good"?

As adults we know the answer, Good Friday is Good because it means that we have been saved. Christ offers himself as a sacrifice so that we may enter into heaven once more. This is a truth that we have known for a long time, but this was the first time that many of these children were hearing of Jesus' death as "Good".

There have been so many moments like these throughout the school year, so many moments where a simple question from a child has renewed my own faith. I have spoken about this before but growing up Catholic means that there are some aspects of the faith that become normal. The extraordinary becomes ordinary. However my RE students are seeing these extraordinary events for the first time, and they are reopening my eyes to the wonder that is Christ. Trying to convince twenty 7 and 8 year olds that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist is no battle for the weak, but it is a battle that I love fighting.

Next week (May 6th) I will begin a week-long pilgrimage on the Camino. I will be walking across Spain with friends and strangers praying and experiencing the walk of the Apostle St. James. I am filled with excitement and there are so many unknowns about my journey. Last year I had the opportunity to go on pilgrimage to France. While abroad I visited Paris, Lourdes, and Lisieux. It was such a prayerful and eye opening experience for me, I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for me this time around!

This being said, know of my prayers for each and every single one of you on my journey. While I may not know each of you individually I am praying unceasingly for our community. If you have any specific prayer intentions feel free to email them to me, I will gladly take prayers. There is no request too small or too large, lucky for me the Lord is on my side!

I return from my journey on May 14th and will be in Athens all throughout the summer, so if you ever see a red-haired girl in the back pew, know that it is me and know that I am praying for you.

With love,
 Dorothy

Announcements

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, May 6th

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, May 6th 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.

Friday's Mass

The Mass this Friday, 5/10, will be at 12PM instead of 8AM. This is our annual Baccalaureate Mass for our graduates. All are welcome to join us. Please keep all of our graduates in your prayers as they enter the "real" world!

Goodbye to Marissa

The Catholic Center says a heartfelt good-bye to Marissa Muenchen. Marissa is graduating this week and is leaving the Catholic Center staff. She will serve as a missionary this summer for Lifeteen and then go out into the workforce. It has been a joy having Marissa on staff this year. Please join us in wishing her well!

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, this is the last week of our 12:30PM and 5:00PM Masses. 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 cancellations. There will be lost of daily Mass changes throughout this summer so please be aware.

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.

Mother's Day Novenas

Mother's Day is coming up. 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.

KoC Donut Ministry

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be have donuts available after both the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses this weekend. Funds collected from the Donut Ministry are designated for the KOC Wheelchair Ministry.

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.



Pope Leo XIV Corner

"This Sunday is full of life! Although death surrounds us, Jesus' promise is already coming true: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). We see great generosity and enthusiasm in the willingness of these young men whom the Church calls today to be ordained as priests. As a numerous and diverse community gathered around the one Master, we feel a presence that renews us. It is the Holy Spirit, who unites people and vocations in freedom, so that no one lives for themselves any longer. Every Sunday calls us out of the "tomb" of isolation and seclusion, so that we can meet in the garden of communion where the Risen One is our guardian...Dear brothers, go out and discover culture, people and life! Marvel at the things that God makes grow without our having sown them." (From Pope Leo's Homily on April 26th)

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

Catholic Center at UGA

Office Hours

Monday: 10:00—4:00

Tuesday: 10:00—4:00

Wednesday: 10:00—4:00

Thursday: 10:00—4:00

Friday: CLOSED

Confessions

Wednesday: 4:00—5:00PM

Saturday: 3:30—4:30PM

*Confessions will be held in the offices.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) - 5:00PM

Sunday - 8:00AM and 10:30

Daily Mass

Monday - 5:30PM

Tuesday - 5:30PM

Wednesday - 5:30PM

Thursday - 5:30PM

Friday - 8:00AM

Adoration

Friday - 8:30—9:30AM

Daily Mass Cancellations

The following dates, our Daily Mass will be canceled:

June 4 & 5

June 18 & 19

July 2 & 3

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 6 & 7

You are welcomed and encouraged to come pray during these times instead.

First Communion

We are very proud of all of our Religious Education students who are making their First Communion this weekend. Thank you to the parents and catechists who guided these students on their faith journey.

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| Alexander Bergquist | Ila Edwards |
| Alexander Joseph Jones | John Yohnka |
| Amy Marie Nieto | Jonah Smilley Walker |
| Blakely Elizabeth Katz | Jude Gregory Grider |
| Cecilia Fontaine | Katherine Anne Pearson |
| Christian Matteo Paci | Leo Gregory Revak |
| Coraline Marie Hoorelbeke | Leonardo Suarez |
| Evelyn Lee Jones | Leonella Suarez |
| Evie Elizabeth Ulm | Liam Gonzalez |
| Gabriela Alvarado | Lucas Huddleston |
| Gaetano Gecsy | Lucas Raon Park |
| Grace Kelley Glenn | Lucy Raymond |
| Henry Jude Pearson | Mario Blanco |
| Henry Tift | Paulo Gerard Ortiz Almanza |



We Lift Up in Prayer

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| 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
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 |
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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 May

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 19, 2026

\$15,236.95 - Offertory
\$1,951.00 - Donation
\$584.00 - Alms

April 26, 2026

\$13,682.15 - Offertory
\$7,926.00 - Donation
\$655.00 - Alms

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