



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - Eileen Sapera †

**Sunday**  
**8AM**– Daniel Verbeke †  
**10:30AM**–Eric Doyle †

**Monday**  
**9AM** - All Veterans Living & Deceased and Mary Page Sims †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM**– Austin McGrath †

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM**–Don Desmond †

**Thursday**  
**5:30PM**- Florencio Bilbao †

**Friday**  
**8:00AM** - Mary Jane McGraw †

**Memorial Day Mass and Brunch**

Tomorrow, Monday, May 25, the Catholic Center will have a Memorial Day Mass and brunch at 9AM. All are welcome to join us to honor those who lost their lives while defending our country. If you are able, we welcome you to bring a dish to share at the brunch after the Mass but it is not necessary.



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**Liturgical Schedule**

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

**Confession:**  
 Wednesdays: 4PM–5PM  
 Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

**Adoration:**  
 Friday:  
 8:30AM–9:30AM

Monday– Thursday  
 5:30 PM  
 Friday  
 8 AM

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

May 24, 2026 • Pentecost Sunday

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday 5/24**  
 8:00AM Mass  
 10:30AM Mass

**Monday 5/25**  
**Memorial Day**  
**CC Office Closed**  
 9:00AM Mass  
 Memorial Day Brunch

**Tuesday 5/26**  
 9:00AM Our Daily Bread  
 5:30PM Mass

**Wednesday 5/27**  
 10:00AM Tot Time  
 4:00PM Reconciliation  
 5:30PM Mass

**Thursday 5/28**  
 5:30PM Mass

**Friday 5/29**  
 8:00AM Mass

**Saturday 5/30**  
 11:00AM Rodriguez/Pena Wedding  
 3:30PM Reconciliation  
 5:00PM Mass  
 6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

**A Message from Fr. Brian**

Hey friends,

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is missionary. The Church is always looking outward, toward the ends of the earth. Jesus tells us, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Holy Spirit is God with us always. The Spirit is within us, guiding us, strengthening us, and even praying within us when we do not know how to pray.

This past week, we received disappointing news about Father Michael’s departure. He has been asked to serve at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia, where they are in need of a bilingual priest to serve with Father Joe Wagner and assist with a campus outreach to West Georgia that is just getting off the ground.

We are sad to see him go, and we give thanks for the love, service, and faithful work he has given to our community over these past four years. This news came abruptly, and we will not receive a replacement priest until next summer. That is difficult, but I am hopeful. I am hopeful in the priests around the area and from Atlanta helping us continue our mission here at the University of Georgia. More importantly, I am trusting in God who leads us and guides us.

As we move through transitions and continue our mission here at UGA, we trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding us, strengthening us, and leading us forward.

This weekend I am in New Orleans celebrating a wedding at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and I am looking forward to being back in Athens throughout the month of June.

In July, I am hoping to take some vacation and spend time with family and friends. The goal is to rejuvenate before the new academic year. At the moment, I am working to find coverage since I did not expect to not have another priest here in July for me to get away. So that is my current situation, and I appreciate your prayers and support.

As we celebrate Pentecost, I want to invite each of you to be open to stepping up and serving however the Spirit leads you. We do not necessarily need more things going on, but we always need more help, more assistance, more care, and more love. It is a very generous community as it is. The Spirit leads all of us in different ways. Follow your instinct.

Thank you, Father Michael, for your service to our community.

And thank you all for your prayers, your support, and your love for this place.

Love,  
 Fr Brian



## Announcements

### Office Closure

The Catholic Center will be closed this Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Have you made your commitment for this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal? Thank you to all of you who have returned a pledge. We are very grateful for your generosity. To date, we are at 77% of our Parish's goal, which is \$88,900! Our goal this year is to have 100% participation by everyone, no matter the amount pledged! Any funds raised more than the goal shall be 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 or brought into the office. Pledges can also be made securely online at <https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>. Please select "Annual Appeal" and remember also to select The Catholic Center!

### 24th Annual Dooley Classic Golf Tournament Registration Open!

The Registration for the 24th Annual Dooley Classic is now open. The Golf tournament will be held on September 4, 2026. Registration for the tournament MUST be completed online through the Catholic Center website. Please be aware that there are only 32 team spots available and registration fills up quickly. If all spots fill up there will be a waitlist for teams to join. You can register by scanning the QR code or typing in the website link below.



<https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/golf-committee/>

### A Note from Dorothy

I am back from hiking the Camino! I prayed for our entire community while hiking and I thank you for all your prayers, it was a beautiful time and such an amazing opportunity to walk with the Lord.



### 2026-2027 Religious Education Online Registration Now Open

As was announced in previous bulletins, there are some important registration changes this year that families will need to know before registering. Please see Fr. Brian's letter and new registration information at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/>.

### Catholic Inquiry Nights

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or baptized Catholic and desiring to complete your sacraments of Christian initiation? Learn about the process of sacramental preparation, meet other people interested, and ask any questions you have about the Catholic faith. Future inquiry nights will be June 11, July 9, and Aug 27 at 6:30 pm. Email Suzie at [sacraments@ccatuga.org](mailto:sacraments@ccatuga.org) with any questions!

### Feed My Starving Children Recap

Our Feed My Starving Children event went great! We had many volunteers from the Catholic Center come and help pack meals for children. The sisters from Oasis also came out to show support for FMSC! Thank you to all those who volunteered, sponsored, and helped make this event possible, we are so grateful.



### Pope Leo XIV Corner

"As Saint Paul says, we must focus on whatever is true, just and loveable (cf. Phil 4:8), and put into practice, with God's help, all that we have "heard and seen" (v. 9). In this way, the divine life, which we received in Baptism and which constantly draws us to the heights, toward the Father, can grow in and around us and spread the precious fruits of communion and peace in the world.

May Mary, the Queen of Heaven, who illuminates and guides us in every moment, support us on our path." (From Pope Leo's Angelus on May 17th)

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	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Sarah Kurtz	Noah Quintanilla
Timothy A. Almy	Carol Douglas	Dan Lackey	David & Maura Randol
Judy Balcomb	Claire Fetch	Gene Larkin	Annette Richt
Megan Barton	Pam Forker	Lynn Langston	Bryan Rieken
Erin Benbry	Luke Frankson	Patti Law	Sophia Rodriguez
Pam Bickley	Hersina Gomes	Tom Long	Aeriel Ross
Peter Bryan	Jean Griffith	Elena Lyons	Amy Scobey
Grace Burger	Cheri Griggs	Rick Madera	Suzette Scobey
Grace Byrne	John Hamby	Gina Maherka	Deborah Scott
Joanne Cabrera	Mike Hamby	Carol Mazurek	Cindy Shapland
Jeanette Campbell	Bob Henry	Amy McConnell	<b>Sue Sinksen</b>
Judy Balcomb	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Marlynne McCullough	Derek Smith
Lucille Carberry	Ryan Hughes	John McMillan	Eileen Speight
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Ann Hunt	Scott Melina	Mike Teofilo
Mollie Carow	Daniel Inman	Bénédicte Milward	Alyssa Thomas
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Kelly Jordan	Michael Olmert	Nile Thomson
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Milton Jordan	Dan Perrine	Natalie Vaughn
Patti D'Avella	Peter Kalla	Mary Pinto	Patsy Vickery
Joy Davis	Victor Kalla	Ed Powell	Julie T. Wallace

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.

#### May 10, 2026

\$14,465.89 - Offertory  
\$3,034.40 - Donation  
\$156.00 - Alms

#### May 17, 2026

\$18,866.00 - Offertory  
\$2,553.00 - Donation  
\$1,168.00 - Alms

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