



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - Dorothy Peltier †

**Sunday**  
**8AM**– John Cunningham  
**10:30AM**–Mary Mokris †

**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Ma Luisa Diaz  
 Celario Family †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM**– Patricia Smith †

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM**–Bernadette &  
 Will McKinney

**Thursday**  
**No Mass**

**Friday**  
**No Mass**

**Father's Day Novenas**

Fathers, both living and deceased will be remembered at all of the Masses beginning on Father's Day.  
 Cards can be picked up in the chapel. Fill out the large envelope and return with your donation to the office by June 16th and then give the card to



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 10AM-4PM

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**Liturgical Schedule**

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

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

Monday– Wednesday  
 5:30 PM

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

May 31, 2026 • The Most Holy Trinity

**Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday 5/30**  
 3:30PM Reconciliation  
 5:00PM Mass

**Sunday 5/31**  
 8:00AM Mass  
 10:30AM Mass

**Monday 6/1**  
 10:00AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:30PM Mass

**Tuesday 6/2**  
 12:00PM Staff Meeting  
 5:30PM Mass

**Wednesday 6/3**  
 1:00PM Creative Hands  
 4:00PM Reconciliation  
 5:30PM Mass

**Thursday 6/4**  
 NO Mass

**Friday 6/5**  
 NO Mass

**Saturday 6/6**  
 3:30PM Reconciliation  
 5:00PM Mass

**Pope Leo's Message**

On May 15, 2026 Pope Leo XIV released and published his encyclical letter entitled Magnifica Humanitas, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. This is Pope Leo's first encyclical letter since becoming Pope.

What is an encyclical letter?  
 An encyclical letter is an official teaching document. An encyclical defines doctrine, the things that Catholics believe. Popes have been writing them for centuries. Initially, encyclicals were letters directed only to bishops and they were intended to bind the whole Catholic Church together under a coherent, shared teaching. Often, the teaching related to internal theological matters such as the duties of bishops or the interpretation of Scripture. With Pope Leo's predecessor, Pope Leo XIII in 1891, the church began to address important social questions with encyclicals.  
 It is encouraged for everyone to take some time to read Pope Leo's encyclical . To get you started here is a excerpt from his introduction:

“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible. Yet every era also runs the risk of creating an inhumane and more unjust world. Whenever humanity is in danger of marring its true identity, we Christians lift our eyes to the Incarnate God, knowing that it is “only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear.” [1] In Jesus Christ, this humanity in its grandeur becomes the Way, the Truth and the Life, opening the path for each of us to grow toward fullness.

Founded on Christ, the living stone, we experience the powerful and mysterious action of the Holy Spirit, and we believe that every authentic human effort to cooperate with him for the good will be blessed by our heavenly Father, in whom we place our hope. For this reason, we can diligently contribute to every initiative that builds a more just world, and we can call others to collaborate in promoting the integral development of every human being. We wish to engage in dialogue with all men and women of our time, with whom we share in the events, questions and aspirations of humanity. [2] Together with them, we seek to identify new paths for the common good and for promoting a dignified life for all. Indeed, openness to dialogue is an integral part of the Church's vocation because, constituted in Christ as “a sacrament... of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race,” [3] she recognizes history as the place where the Gospel challenges and directs human experience.”

To read the rest of Pope Leo's encyclical go to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) and look for Pope Leo XIV's encyclical.



## Announcements

### Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, June 3rd

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd 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.

### Welcoming New Staff

The Catholic Center is pleased to announce that Rachel Lichtenwalner is starting this week as our Associate Director of Mission Advancement. Rachel, a 2025 UGA graduate who has worked here at the Catholic Center since 2024, will lead our advancement efforts by strengthening community outreach, enhancing donor engagement, and building long-term strategies to support our campus ministry. We are also excited to welcome Ava Doyle this summer. Ava is a UGA undergraduate student who will serve as our Marketing & Communications Student Intern. Please join us in welcoming both Rachel and Ava to their new roles!

### 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!

### 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!

### No Reconciliation Wednesday & Communion Service

This Wednesday we will not have Masa and will instead host a communion service, it will still be held at 5:30pm. In addition we will not be offering reconciliation on Wednesday, we apologize for this change in schedule.

### Chapel Closed Thursday

Our Chapel will be closed this Thursday due to our semi-annual floor and carpet cleaning. We apologize for the closure.

### 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/>.

### 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/>

### Athens Feed My Starving Children Recap

Thank You! The Athens Feed My Starving Children Event held May 15 – 17 was a great success! The Catholic Center was a sponsor for the event and our members were essential to its success. In a challenging year for volunteer recruiting, you stepped up to (again) have a major impact. We have now exceeded our fundraising goal of \$114,000 and were able to pack over 256,000 meals for children who desperately need them. Thanks to everyone who contributed and/or volunteered – you are all amazing!

## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy Judy Balcomb Megan Barton Erin Benbry Pam Bickley 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 <b>Patti D'Avella</b> Joy Davis	Barton Elizabeth Dooling Carol Douglas Claire Fetch Pam Forker Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs John Hamby Mike Hamby 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 Carol Mazurek Amy McConnell Marlynne McCullough John McMillan Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Michael Olmert Dan Perrine Mary Pinto Ed Powell	Noah Quintanilla David & Maura Randol Annette Richt Bryan Rieken Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Amy Scobey Suzette Scobey Deborah Scott Cindy Shapland <b>Sue Sinksen</b> 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.

<b>May 10, 2026</b> \$14,465.89 - Offertory \$3,034.40 - Donation \$156.00 - Alms	<b>May 17, 2026</b> \$18,866.00 - Offertory \$2,553.00 - Donation \$1,168.00 - Alms
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## Clergy & Staff

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