



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - All Mothers, living and deceased	Monday 5:30PM - No Mass
Sunday 8AM - Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler † All Mothers, living and deceased	Tuesday 5:30PM - No Mass
10:30AM - Tom Lauth † All Mothers, living and deceased	Wednesday 5:30PM - No Mass
	Thursday 5:30PM - No Mass
	Friday 8AM - No Mass

Foster Awareness Month

May is foster awareness month. The new Foster & Adoption Ministry (FAM) seeks to raise awareness and provide support for foster and adoptive families. FAM currently has a total of 25 ministry members, 12 of which are fully trained to be a part of a Care Community for a foster family. One Care Community consisting of 6 members has been formed and matched with a new foster family and will begin serving them soon with meal deliveries and other assistance. Anyone interested in joining the FAM can still do so by contacting Amanda Wilson at amandaandkevin@msn.com or 706-338-5753.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM No Daily Mass 5/13 - 5/17	Adoration: Holy Hour to Resume in August
	Confession: Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 5/11
11AM Zephania Martyr
Funeral
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 5/12
Mother's Day
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 5/13
NO MASS
10AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 5/14
NO MASS
12PM Silver Angels
4PM Grief Group

Wednesday 5/15
No Mass
4PM Reconciliation

Thursday 5/16
NO MASS
10AM Women's Bible Study
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 5/17
No Mass

Saturday 5/18
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 5/19
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 5/20
10AM Men's Bible Study
11:30AM Golf Tournament
Committee Meeting
5:30PM Mass

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,

So then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them, was taken up into heaven. -Mark 16
Two [angels...] said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? - Acts 1

Oftentimes there's a lament: "I wish I could just see Him, I wish I could just touch Him. I wish that God felt closer to me." There's something really fair about that ache; it's pretty simple: when God is close, God feels real. It's not too difficult to imagine how wonderful it would be if Jesus in His physical form were still here on earth performing miracles and teaching things.

The Ascension of Jesus, then, might be a confusing tactic or strategy, especially for a God who, in the incarnation and taking on a human nature, also wants to be close to humanity. In the Ascension, it appears as if God is leaving humanity, telling us, "good luck," as He abandons us. In fact, this dynamic of finding God then suddenly not feeling His presence might feel oscillating for us, here, still below. So, what is God up to?

Superficially, a reason why God did not remain below in His physical form, like His state pre-resurrection, was simply because people did actually have Him in His physical state and still rejected Him; simply speaking, having God on earth doesn't necessarily "work": it still takes faith to see God in the physical form of Jesus, much like in the Eucharist we are in the presence of in Mass.

The deeper reason, however, might be because when Jesus ascends into heaven, it might actually be the case that God gets closer to us. When Jesus ascends into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, one of the keys is this: He doesn't leave His humanity behind on earth, but takes it and sits at the right hand of the Father. Jesus takes the humanity of all, and places it in the Heart of the Trinity. And at the exact same time, much like He ascends, He will send the Holy Spirit and it will descend upon all humanity, and no longer will there be any space between God and I, because the Trinity will dwell within my heart (cf. John 14:23).

The Ascension is a move that reveals a God who wants to always be close to humanity. And the last thing to be aware of: this move reveals both from where I have come and to where my destiny calls: Love; I am made from Love and for Love. So, as we celebrate the Ascension, we look to God not in heaven, but here on earth - closer to me than my breath, closer to me than my heartbeat.

Jesus took His seat at the right hand of God. -Mark 16
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses. -Acts 1

God bless,
Fr. Michael

Announcements

Silver Angels Meets Tuesday

The Silver Angels will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 12PM in the Center Hall. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are invited for a fun filled afternoon. We will have lunch, fellowship and a special program. The Silver Angels meet on the second Tuesday every month.

Grief Group Meets Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 4PM. No matter where you are in your journey, you are invited to join us.

Deacon Colin Patrick's Ordination

Save the date! Deacon Colin Patrick's Ordination will be on Saturday, June 1st at 10AM at Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church in Norcross. His first mass will be that following Sunday, June 2nd at 1:30PM at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Peachtree Corners. Livestreams of these events will be available on the respective churches web-sites.

Our Daily Bread

The Catholic Center partners with Downtown Ministries to serve our neighbors through the vehicle of food. Meals are prepared at the Catholic Center and served to guests at First Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed each month. The sign-up can be found at ccatuga.org/volunteer.

GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council 17969 here at the Catholic Center would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support throughout this past year! In just our second year of existence as a council, it has been a pleasure to serve our students, parishioners, and Athens community. We look forward to building off of this year's blessings and successes as we continue to grow in charity and unity with all of you!

Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. Please see the instructions in the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>.

A Mother's Day Reflection

As a mother, I experience so much joy and beauty in life through my daughter, but I still feel pain when she is suffering- even from a scrape on the knee or having to say goodbye to her cousins after a visit. When I think about the possibility of her being put in grave danger, and I fear I would not be able to bear that, but then I look to our Blessed Mother who endured so much out of love for her son.

Mary was not unaware of the immense suffering Jesus would undertake, and even though she did not bear the stain of original sin and never did sin, she was not immune to sorrow, especially that which was distinctly maternal in nature. She suffered the worry of losing her son in the temple, having to flee to Egypt to protect her son from Herod, and remained with Jesus during his passion and death on the cross. If Mary had not done this, I wonder how I would view the suffering of my own children differently. If Mary remained at the foot of the cross for Jesus, and Jesus gave Mary as a spiritual mother to us as he was dying on the cross, imagine how she looks upon us in our moments of suffering as her spiritual children. I pray for all mothers on this Mother's Day, that you can place sorrows or worries that are on your heart at the foot of the cross like Mary did and entrust them to Jesus.

Suzie Blaydes



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year.



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We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Sally Allen
Melani Atmodjo
Megan Barton
Greg Bickley
Peter Bryan
Cindy Bullist
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
Lora Bernstein Cooley

Mike Deppe
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Jean Griffith
Jonathan Guerra
Victoria Guerra
Bob Henry
Tom Higgins
Margaret Jones
Sarah Kurtz
Doug Landrum
Patti Law

Marcia Lemmon
Michelle Linton
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Nathan Mills
Emeritea Morales
Al Mulhair
Rebecca Norris
Lou Perno
Harry Perrine
Josh Reams
Lou Richt

Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Deborah Scott
David Simmons
Bridget Teofilo
Alyssa Thomas
Gretchen Thomas
Bryan Vaughn
Amanda Wershing
Robin Yackley
Barbara Zanengo

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Patricia Davis Clifton, Rita Esparza Jimenez de Costilla and Tom Shuster

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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 28, 2024

\$10,631.17 - Offertory
\$2,243.00 - Donations
\$222.18 - Alms

May 5, 2024

\$21,151.33 - Offertory
\$7,268.00 - Donations
\$512.00 - Alms

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Congratulations Graduates!

Class of 2024

We are so proud of our graduates. Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued service. We can't wait to see all you accomplish. Go Dawgs!

Elena Acosta <i>Journalism</i>	Katelyn Castelli <i>Biomedical Physiology</i>	Joshua Halim-Rotinsulu <i>Management Information Systems</i>	Rafe Rynne <i>Management Information Systems</i>
Lleyton Aguilar <i>Exercise and Sports Science</i>	Giselle Chavez <i>Psychology</i>	Jack Koenig <i>International Business and Finance</i>	Eva Sell <i>Anthropology</i>
Nick Anderson <i>Exercise and Sports Science</i>	Naomi Chernowski <i>Mathematics</i>	Ana Hernandez Lozano <i>Elementary Education</i>	Coby Serifa <i>Public Relations</i>
Jennifer Arnoult <i>Audiology</i>	Jackson Coulter <i>Psychology</i>	Abbey Holmes <i>Atmospheric Science</i>	Olivia Theisen <i>Human Development and Family Science</i>
Catherine Arra <i>M.A. Nonprofit Management and Leadership</i>	Mary Elizabeth Crissy <i>Risk Management and Insurance</i>	Kylie Horgan <i>Exercise and Sports Science</i>	Emily Theisen <i>Biology</i>
Diana Avina <i>Public Relations</i>	Ethan Dawidowicz <i>Finance</i>	Kristy Maliakal <i>Computer Systems Engineering</i>	Valeria Valdes <i>Public Relations</i>
Elijah Banzon <i>Public Relations and Political Science</i>	Kayla Durthaler <i>Health Promotions</i>	Nolan McGinley <i>Advertising</i>	Claire Walker <i>Human Development and Family Science</i>
Abby Bernardo <i>Economics and Philosophy</i>	Johnny Ede <i>Management</i>	Nicholas Ohara <i>Biology</i>	Luke Watwood <i>Graphic Design</i>
Meg Boyle <i>Fashion Merchandising</i>	Anne Frain <i>Public Relations</i>	Melina Patterson <i>Human Development and Family Sciences</i>	Gretchen Wrobel <i>Psychology</i>
Rachel Brock <i>Biology</i>	Karim Garcia <i>Public Administration</i>	Dominic Piron <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	Joseph Zimmer <i>Electrical Engineering</i>
Morgan Carr <i>Hospitality and Food Industry Management</i>	Julia Gibson <i>Communication Studies</i>	MK Powell <i>Biochemistry and Molecular Biology</i>	
Carla Carrillo <i>Pharmaceutical Science</i>	Eleyna Gonzalez <i>Digital Marketing</i>	Lilian Rokosz <i>Dietetics</i>	
Evan Castellano <i>Exercise and Sports Science</i>	Sophie Gould <i>Communication Sciences and Disorders</i>	Chandler Gruener <i>PhD Crop and Soil Science</i>	



Happy Mother's Day!



Beginning on Sunday, May 12, we will remember all mothers living and deceased, especially:

In Memory of...

Jennie Alesi	Nancy Dempsey	Lela Matthews Keefer	Linda Purks
Trudie Amrich	Anna DeProspero	JoAnn Kerbs	Grace Rains
Anne Aronica	Josephine Doyle	Catherine Kimball	Maria Reyes
Helen Ashley	Isobelle Ellis	Sylvia Kimball	Norah Risher
Margaret Bilello	Edith Ellsworth	Julia Kubisch	Mary Sisco
Ottelia Bjorklund	Annette M. Fey	Annie Liss	Mary Ellen Spilatro
Gertrude Bonagura	Margaret Fey	Betty Lyness	Madeline Stanley
Harriet Brauckmann	Michele Flaherty	Patricia Masters	Vicki Tanzella
Debra Brock	Julia Flores	Charlene McArtor	JoAnn Toutkoushian
Peggy Burns	Alberta Foster	Bonnie Merritt	Alexandra Ulloa
Vicky Burns	Margaret Frankson	Tammy O'Brien	Emperatnz Ulloa
Anne M. Campbell	Maria Elia Fuentes	Eileen Sapera	Fina Urrutia
Pam Carson	Betty Goodbout	Margie Sapera	Constance Valeri
Anne Cavadel	Bunny Goodbout	O'Halloran	Joanne Waldron
Helen Purks Collins	Nellie Goodbout	Eileen Sinda	Mrs. Hylet Wattigny
Mary Jane Crawford	Catherine Grey	Jean Sinda	Gladys Whittington
Helen Dannenbaum	Cecilia Harris	Eulogia Silva Perez	Mary Ellen Wier
Rita Esparza Jimenez de Castilla	Helen Hudak	Ada Pester	Carolyn Zerwas
Matilde DeFroiese	Emma Sean Hutchens	Dierdre Anne Petley-Grower	All deceased women in families
Betty DeGuilo	Peggy Jackson	Dana Pothier	

In Honor of...

Charlotte Alesi	Keistin Fryman	Anna Miskimen	Jennifer G. Waring
Colette Alesi	Maria de Lourdes Vieira Galuch	Carol Moore	Kaitlin Waring
Jennifer Arnest	Terri Gardner	Emerita Morales	Cassandra Wentworth
Barbara Ashley	Margaret Harris	Melissa Grey Mosher	Megan Wentworth
Ann Broadway	Carolyn Hetrick	Melissa Newton	Alet Whittington
Caryl Chirello	Eleanor Hudak	Maria Mercedes Pinto	Nanette Whittington
Stephanie Chirello	Sara Jordan Hulett	Romelia Reyes	Linda Wiegert
Gay Chong	Lise Kalla	Aimee Sherman	All living women in families
Meridith Dannenbaum	Lois Long	Kristin Short	
Teddy Dempsey	Erica Matera	Nanette Smith	
Barbara Dooley	Kelly Maughan	Terasita, Hadley and Marianne	
Celeste Durasoff	Anna Mayer	Valerie Thrasher	
Carrie Falowski	Jennifer McArtor	Emily Toutkoushian	
Cherie Frankson	Katherine McEachern	Maria C. Vasconcelos	
Jamie Frankson	Anne McGovern	Mrs. Phillis Volz	
Sara Frankson	Elena Medina	Sarah Waldron	
Kathleen Fryman			