



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Eileen Sopera †

Sunday
8AM—Frank D’Amato Sr. †
10:30AM - Joel Wier †

Monday
5:30PM — Ricardo Iannone Tarcha †

Tuesday
5:30PM— Portella Family & Don Desmond †

Wednesday
4:00PM - CC Members
6:00PM - CC Members
8:00PM - CC Members

Thursday
9:00AM - CC Members

Friday
9:00AM - Amy McConnell

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24:
4:00 PM (Chapel & Hall)
6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25:
9:00 AM



Office



Hours:
Closed until January 6th

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Adoration:
Will resume after the Winter Break.

Confession:
Saturday:
3:30PM-4:30PM

Monday & Tuesday:
5:30 PM

Wednesday:
4PM, 6PM, & 8PM

Thursday & Friday:
9AM Mass

*Confession will be in the Center Office

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/20
9:00AM Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:30PM Franz/Derochers Wedding
3:30 Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday 12/21
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Brown Family Baptism
3:00PM Prologo/Layfield Wedding

Monday 12/22
CC Office Closed
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 12/23
CC Office Closed
9:30AM Christmas Decorating
5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 12/24
Christmas Eve
CC Office Closed
4:00PM Mass
6:00PM Mass
8:00PM Mass

Thursday 12/25
Christmas Day
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass

Friday 12/26
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass

Saturday 12/27
3:30 Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

***The CC Office will be closed from December 22nd and will reopen on January 6th.**

A Message from Fr. Michael

"The Lord spoke:

'Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God;

let it be deep as the netherworld, or as high as the sky!' " - Isaiah 7

The dream no one dared to dream is happening: it is actually happening. The darkest part of the night is giving way to the promise of light. All of creation can feel this promise in its heart, to its core. In the darkness of humanity, even though God's promise has echoed since before the world was created, humanity's back turned, eyes cannot see, ears cannot hear. The streaks of dawn appear, and the dream is happening.

Humanity's imagination will always be limited by its fear: there's direct inverse proportionality between fear and imagination. The greater the imagination, the greater the need for audacious hope in the face of a possible disappointment. The greater the imagination, the greater the need for courage to believe in the face of fear.

Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, God has promised He would come; humanity's imagination limited by fear and despair of how that God might come: as a powerful tyrant, as a frivolous ATM. The darker the night, the greater the projection of humanity's insecurities and imperfections on this God. But thankfully, God is not limited by His imagination, nor is He limited by ours.

And since God cannot be limited, even by our limits: even His imagination becomes real, becomes true. The dream that no one dared to dream has come true: and God has come to humanity not simply as God, but as both God and human. In this Jesus, One Divine Person, two natures wedded by the God of Love that is not against His creation, but with it and for it. Not in a fierce competition, but in a peaceful marriage. The dream of God has come true, the promise has been fulfilled: after the Fall out of Love, comes a God who fell to earth in Love to reunite what was separated. Not simply coming to us, but becoming one of us, one with us.

Out of Love, God has tasted our frailty - our hunger, thirst, cold, suffering, and eventual death - that in this Union, we might begin to taste Divinity: love, mercy, forgiveness, compassion, paying attention in prayer - all of these not just temporarily but unconditionally, becoming like the One who became like us - Eternal. As Advent comes to a close, so does our darkness: wake up, the dream has come true.

Announcements

Oasis Giving Tree

Thank you to the many Catholic Center members who donated gifts through the Giving Tree for Oasis Catolico. The sisters at Oasis were so thankful. Thank you for your generosity and help in making Christmas bright for the families at Oasis.



The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Next week on January 1st, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, exactly an octave after Christmas, we honor Mary as the Mother of God, "Theotokos". This solemnity affirms that Mary bore Jesus, who is one divine person with both a human and a divine nature, not just the human part. The Catholic Center will have a Vigil Mass on December 31st at 5:30PM, and then Masses on January 1st at 9AM, 12PM.

5k Human Race T-Shirt Contest

For this years 5K Human race we are asking our talented and younger members to design our Tee-Shirt! We encourage all children to create a hand drawn design for our race tee-shirt. More information on the Tee-Shirt designs can be found on our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/5k-human-race-committee/>

2026 Catholic Foundation Investment Forum

All parishioners are invited to attend this free event on Wednesday, February 4 at Dunwoody Country Club. Brent Meyer, Assistant Vice President and Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker this year, presenting "National Economic and Policy Outlook." Learn more and register online at <https://cfnga.org/investment-forum/>

Winter Break Schedule

As a reminder will not have the Sunday 12:30PM or 5PM Masses until Sunday, January 11. There will also be changes to the daily Masses through the month of December and January. Be sure to check each week's bulletin or the CC calendar on our website for all updates. In addition the CC office will be closed starting this Monday, December 22nd and will reopen again on Tuesday, January 6th. The CC Staff wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Catholic Center 5K Human Race Registration is open!

Join us for our 48th Annual Human Race on Saturday, February 14 at Oconee Veterans Park. Registration is \$20 with proceeds benefiting campus ministry outreach and activities. Register by January 26th to guarantee a shirt on race day! Other ways to support the 48th Annual 5K Human Race:

- Be a Phantom Runner Sponsor! Phantom runner Sponsors can donate a registration fee for a student to run in their place.
- Be a Sponsor! Sponsors will be recognized on race day. The deadline to become a sponsor is January 26th.



Register Online at: <https://runsignup.com> or scan this QR code

Catholic Center Job Opening

The Catholic Center at UGA is seeking a full-time Business Manager. The Business Manager is the financial administrator in support of the Director and his team. You can find more information by going to our website: <https://ugacatholic.org/job-openings/>

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"As Christmas approaches, we too want to embrace more strongly his dream, while being steadfast and faithful in our commitment. We know that even in the face of the greatest challenges, we are not alone: the Lord is near (cf. Phil 4:5), he walks with us, and with him at our side, something beautiful and joyful will always happen." (From Pope Leo's Homily on December 14th)

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

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Victor Kalla	Michael Olmert
Timothy A. Almy	Claire Fetch	Sarah Kurtz	Ed Powell
Kathy Allison	Sylvia Floyd	Dan Lackey	David & Maura Randol
Judy Balcomb	Pam Forker	Gene Larkin	Lynn Renna
Megan Barton	Luke Frankson	Lynn Langston	Annette Richt
Erin Benbry	Hersina Gomes	Patti Law	Bryan Rieken
Peter Bryan	Patty Goodwin	Debbie Long	Sophia Rodriguez
Grace Burger	Jean Griffith	Elena Lyons	Aeriel Ross
Grace Byrne	Cheri Griggs	Rick Madera	Suzette Scobey
Joanne Cabrera	Bob Henry	Gina Maherka	Deborah Scott
Jeanette Campbell	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Carol Mazurek	Christopher Shade
Lucille Carberry	Ryan Hughes	Amy McConnell	Cindy Shapland
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Ann Hunt	Marlynne McCullough	Alyssa Thomas
Mollie Carow	Daniel Inman	Scott Melina	Nile Thomson
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Al Johnson	Bénédicte Milward	Natalie Vaughn
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Kelly Jordan	Dorothy Moore	Patsy Vickery
Elizabeth Cromer	Milton Jordan	Wes Newcomb	James Waring
Patti D'Avella	Peter Kalla	Rebecca Norris	Mike Wasko

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially, Terry Doyle and Sue Gunning.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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.

December 7, 2025	December 14, 2025
\$19,138.50 - Offertory	\$12,316.12 - Offertory
\$3,015.00 - Donation	\$19,498.56 - Donation
\$2,733.00 - Alms	\$2,178.05 - Alms

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Poinsettias

In Memory of . . .

Trudie Elliott Amrich	Michele Flaherty	Betty Lyness	Al Rittle
Victor & Helen Ashley	Paul & Jeanne Flemming	Chet Malanoski	Martha Sambonanga
Barbara Bohorfoush	Dorothy Forsyth	Divia & Angelo Maisto	Venance Sarbul
John Bohorfoush	Donn Fryman	Kang Mao	John Semali
Bobbie & Tom Brockbank	Mike & Kay Glenn	James McNamara	Dorothy Smith
Hope Brown	Deidre Anne Petley Gower	Sam & Mildred Marra	The Family of Ed & Eleanor Smith
Gene & Germaine Buarne	Michael Grey	Neil & Doris McAllister	Ed Smith
Anne Campbell	John Michael Halligan	Con McGregor	Eddie Smith
Shannon Campbell	Shelly Hoddeson	Bonnie Merritt	Margaret Smith
Pamela Carson	Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins	Buddy Merritt	Peter R.T. Smith Sr.
Parents of Tom & Chris Cavinder	Margueritte E. Jackson	Marge McGregor Merry	Jim, Nora & Dan Spratt
Caryl Chirello	Karen Johnson	James McNamara	Terry & Ben Stephens
Yvonne Choubah	David Alexander	Tee Meshad	Brook Thomas
Agnes Coppinger	Johnstone	Wallace Meshad	Martha Ann Thomas
Joey Costyn	Sandy Kayton	Jerry Mills	John Toutkoushian Jr.
Alan A. Culbertson	Catherine Kimball	Shirley Mills	John & JoAnn Toutkoushian
Edward Dieringer Sr.	Lloyd Kimball	Camilla Mims	Mary Townsend
Margaret R. Dieringer	Michael King	Frank Morris	George & Marie Walsh
Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler	Richard & Mary Kirchner	Cassian Mosha	Annie Watwood
Sean Dooley	Ray Kopaniasz	Brian Mullen	Mary Ellen & Joel Wier, Jr.
Elizabeth Edwards	The Parents of Mary Jane Lakatos	John Mullen Sr.	Fred Wilhelm
Craig Elliott	Paul Lakatos	Joseph, Clare & Mary Oesterle	David Williams
Evans Grandparetns	Mary Lauth	Ostrander Grandparents	Susan Zdencanovic
Barb Eza	Thomas Lauth Sr.	Irene Przeslawski	
Dr. Bill Feltner	Thomas Lauth Jr.	Louis Przeslawski	
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Fernald	Jim Law	Lymon Rains	
	Bette Lind	Caroline Daniels Ramsey	
		Maria & Victor Reyes	

In Honor of . . .

Ashley & Arnest Families	The Kalla Family	Charles & Lois Long	Catholic Center Members
Turk Brawner	Sr. Catherine Kirwin-Avilla	The Waring Family	Fr. Brian McNavish
Fr. Frank Critch, OFM		Fr. Fred Wendel	Fr. Michael Bremer
Sr. Uyen-Chi Dang	The Leitch Family	John Worthen	

Thank you to all who donated to help make our Chapel beautiful this Christmas season!