



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Caryl Chirello †

Sunday
8AM—Korean Catholic Community
10:30AM - Mary Ann Deom †

Monday
9:00AM— Hylan Scott †

Tuesday
5:30PM— Portella Family

Wednesday
5:30PM - Esteban & Dolores Portella †

Thursday
9:00AM - CC Members

Friday
No Mass

Solemnity of Mary Schedule

December 31 (Vigil):

5:30PM

January 1:

9AM and 12PM

This Thursday, 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.

Office



Hours:
CC Office will be closed until January 6, 2026.

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Adoration:
Will resume after the UGA Break.

Monday & Tuesday:
9AM Mass

Wednesday:
5:30 PM

Thursday:
9AM & 12PM Mass

Confession:
Wednesday:
4:00PM-5:00PM
Saturday:
3:30PM-4:30PM
*Confession will be in the Center Office

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 12/28
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 12/29
CC Office Closed
9:00 AM Mass
10:00AM CC Carpets Cleaned

Tuesday 12/30
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass

Wednesday 12/31
New Years Eve
CC Office Closed
1:00PM Johnson Family Baptism
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Vigil Mass

Thursday 1/01
New Years Day
Solemnity of Mary
CC Office Closed
9:00AM Mass
12:00PM Mass

Friday 1/02
CC Office Closed
No Mass

Saturday 1/03
3:30 Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

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

A Message from Fr. Brian

Friends

I hope you had a merry Christmas! Jesus was born in a manger for humanity. God pursues all of us endlessly, and when we pray we can sense God's presence and receive God's love.

Mary and Jesus are two individuals who were a hundred percent committed to God. I am sure there was hesitation, difficulty, and intimidation, yet their witness lasts for all of time. They were and are dedicated to God. They were great parents for this single reason. They raised Jesus to be a virtuous and single-hearted Jew and a healthy human being.

The Holy Family is a family that knows dedication, commitment, and loyalty. They also know pain, suffering, loss, and persecution. From the very beginning of Jesus' life to his Passion and crucifixion, the holy family has witnessed a fidelity and a single-hearted faith.

May their witness inspire us, affirm us and challenge us.

I spent this Christmas here with our community and then I visited with family in the metro-Atlanta area. This next week I am taking a hundred students to Columbus, Ohio for a Catholic young adult conference. Please keep us in your prayers.

As we look ahead to the new year, please be assured of my prayers. I especially want to remember those who have passed and all those who are grieving and mourning during this holiday season. As well as all those in pain and those who feel alone. The Lord is with us always.

I give thanks to God for this past year, for our hardworking staff, for our dedicated volunteers, for our local community members, and for all of our beloved students who teach me so much about God.

Let us keep each other in prayer,

Fr Brian

Announcements

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/>

2026 Catholic Foundation Investment Forum

All members 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/>

Hearing Assistance

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

Online Giving

Forgot your checkbook or cash? As a reminder, for your convenience, online giving is available. This can be used for regular tithes and offerings or one-time donations. Visit our website at

<https://ugacatholic.org/online-giving/>

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 all throughout this week and will reopen again on Tuesday, January 6th. The CC Staff wishes you and your a Happy New Year.

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/>

Catholic Center Food Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the UGA Catholic Center is offering Need-Based Food Scholarships specifically for Catholic students at UGA. The application can be found on our website. For more information, please contact our Ministry Assistant to the Director, Julie Thompson at JulieThompson@ccatuga.org. All communication is strictly confidential.

Parish Endowment Fund

As Christians we know we take nothing with us after we are gone. Making or updating your will would be a good New Year's resolution to ensure your possessions provide for good. After taking care of family and loved ones, please remember to make room for your parish endowment fund in your will or estate plans. Plan your will online at cfnga.org. Contact Juliet Greco jgreco@cfnga.org.

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
Timothy A. Almy
Kathy Allison
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
Peter Bryan
Grace Burger
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson
Mollie Carow
Deana Dietzler Chiusano
Lora Bernstein Cooley
Elizabeth Cromer
Patti D'Avella

Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Claire Fetch
Sylvia Floyd
Pam Forker
Luke Frankson
Hersina Gomes
Patty Goodwin
Jean Griffith
Cheri Griggs
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
Elena Lyons
Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Carol Mazurek
Amy McConnell
Marlynne McCullough
Scott Melina
Bénédicte Milward
Dorothy Moore
Wes Newcomb
Linda Nibert
Rebecca Norris
Michael Olmert

Ed Powell
David & Maura Randol
Lynn Renna
Annette Richt
Bryan Rieken
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Suzette Scobey
Deborah Scott
Christopher Shade
Cindy Shapland
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Natalie Vaughn
Patsy Vickery
Al Walker
James Waring
Mike Wasko

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially, Hylan Scott.

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 14, 2025

\$12,316.12 - Offertory
\$19,498.56 - Donation
\$2,178.05 - Alms

December 21, 2025

Updated in next week's bulletin.

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