



The Catholic Center
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 Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Carina Madsen †

Sunday
8AM - Eric Doyle
10:30AM - Mary DeCicco †

Monday
5:30PM - Gertrude Laszewski †

Tuesday
5:30PM - Txani Duke & Ion Duke †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Luke Frankson

Thursday
5:30PM - Marie McDonald

Friday
8AM - No Mass

Farewell to Fr. Michael

The Catholic Center is grateful for Father Michael's, four years here at UGA. Father Michael has been such a beautiful testament to following the Lord's will and has been a wonderful spiritual mentor to all members.

Join us in saying farewell to Father Michael after all Masses in the center hall!

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Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Monday– Thursday:
 5:30 PM

Friday
 No Mass

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

June 28, 2026 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Farewell from Fr. Michael

Saturday 6/27
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Farewell Reception
 Fr. Michael
 6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 6/28
 8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM Farewell Reception
 for Fr. Michael
 10:30AM Mass
 11:30AM Farewell Reception
 for Fr. Michael
 5:30PM Baptism for the Pulido Family

Monday 6/29
 10:00AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30PM Mass

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

Wednesday 7/1
 1:00PM Creative Hands
 4:00PM Reconciliation
 5:30PM Mass

Thursday 7/2
 5:30PM Mass

Friday 7/3
CC Office Closed

Saturday 7/4
Independence Day
 3:30PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass



"Do not be afraid to fall in love." If I could summarize what I have been proposing during my time here at the CC as the heart of Trinitarian Love and the primary movement of Christianity, it is this phrase. To be free to have our hearts open is what gives life; to be closed means darkness and death. And there is an option we have: God actually gives us an option, a way to become free. "Free to love" and "not being afraid to love" are just two different ways to express the same invitation, since fear is the opposite of freedom.

Do not be afraid, be free to fall in love with God; this is the first as well as the last movement. Authentic Love - God - will ask everything of the beloved - us. 'Everything' can be intimidating. How do we find freedom? If not, how will I survive an eternity where Everything is provided for me?

Do not be afraid, be free to fall in love with those around me - friends, family, and strangers - more. Authentic Love has no limit: there is always more. 'More' can be scary. How do we find freedom? If not, will life not simply fall into a complacency?

Do not be afraid, be free to fall in love with those around me - especially my enemies. Authentic Love recognizes the goodness inherent to all who exist. 'All people,' literally 'every person,' can be inconceivable. How do we find freedom? If not, as myself and my enemy each approach God (and each other) more closely, how can my heart remain open to God and closed to my enemy?

Do not be afraid, be free to fall in love with myself (without being self-centered, conceited, or spoiled). Authentic Love enjoys humility, which is relishing in the truth. 'Enjoyment' can be vulnerable. How do we find freedom? If not, will I not deny my own lovability?

The only example, the only model, the only starting point for the answer of finding freedom in the face of the fear of falling love with any one of these possibilities is the God who was not afraid to fall in love with us. God understood the vulnerability of creating humanity, the possibility of having His Heart broken when He gave His humans free will. God continued to not be afraid and remained faithful to His promise, sent us the prophets. But most of all, as the sincerest proposal of not being afraid to fall in love with humanity - actually became a human Himself, not simply to reveal compatibility between the Divine and human, but inseparability. The only place to receive the confidence of not being afraid to fall in love, the only place to receive that freedom is from the God who is free to fall more in Love with us.

Please know of my gratitude for these four years here, one of the most important things I learned was how to be a priest. Words cannot express how thankful I am for the community here, and for the God who gave me the gift of this time and place.

Thank you!

Announcements

Catholic Center Schedule

We will have Daily Mass at 5:30PM Monday through Thursday this week. There will not be Daily Mass on Friday. Reconciliation will be Wednesday at 4:00PM and Saturday at 3:30PM. Additionally the office will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, July 1st

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, July 1st 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.

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. Inquiry nights will be July 9 and Aug 27 at 6:30 pm. Email Suzie at sacraments@ccatuga.org with any questions!

24th Annual Dooley Classic Golf Sponsors!

Thank you to all the eager golf players who have already registered for this year's tournament. Player registration has currently reached capacity for teams, but you can still register to join the waitlist. If a registered team drops out of the tournament, the next team on the waitlist will be automatically added to the tournament. We are still looking for Sponsors for this year's tournament. For more information, please go to the website below or scan the QR code.



St. Joseph's Athletics

St. Joseph Catholic School in Athens is looking for a 4th-6th grade cross country coach for the upcoming school year. The team practices 2-3 days a week immediately following dismissal (time depends on the day) and attends several meets throughout the season which runs from mid August-mid October. Some cross country coaching experience is preferred, but is not mandatory. Please email Chris Moore at chris.moore@sjsathens.org for more information. Go, Knights!

Peter's Pence, Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Peter's Pence collection, a worldwide collection that uplifts our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Your generosity will support the work of the Universal Church, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. For more information, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

A Note About Online Giving

The Catholic Center is incredibly grateful for your financial stewardship. Did you know that over the last fiscal year, the Center paid approximately \$11,000 in credit card transaction fees? Most credit card companies charge a fee of 2.5% to 3% per donation, which directly reduces the funds available for our mission. There are two ways you can help ensure 100% of your gift goes to the Center: cover the fee by opting to add the transaction fee to your credit card donation, or switch to direct bank drafts, which incur zero fees for you or the Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org. Thank you for helping your support go even further!

Religious Education Registration

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/>.

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"We must not think that contemplation is an exclusive experience, reserved only for a few saints or for monks and hermits. We can all do it, by striving to set aside, amidst the commitments of our daily lives, quiet moments in which to enter into silence before God, to listen to his voice, to entrust our joys and concerns to him and to review our lives with him. This helps us to have a more firm and conscious faith, and consequently to be credible and free disciples, men and women capable of reflecting the light of the Gospel in every setting and every situation of life, and of bearing witness to it even where its value is not understood or accepted." (From Pope Leo's Angelus on June 21st)

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

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Tony DiPietro	Sarah Kurtz	Dan Perrine
Timothy A. Almy	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Dianne Kwashnak	Mary Pinto
Judy Balcomb	Carol Douglas	Dan Lackey	Ed Powell
Megan Barton	Claire Fetch	Gene Larkin	David & Maura Randol
Erin Benbry	Rob Flemming	Lynn Langston	Bryan Rieken
Pam Bickley	Pam Forker	Patti Law	Sophia Rodriguez
Dan & Amy Bloor	Luke Frankson	Tom Long	Aeriel Ross
Peter Bryan	David Giannasi	Elena Lyons	Amy Scobey
Grace Burger	Hersina Gomes	Rick Madera	Suzette Scobey
Grace Byrne	Jean Griffith	Cecile Maher	Deborah Scott
Joanne Cabrera	Cheri Griggs	Gina Maherka	Sue Sinksen
Jeanette Campbell	John Hamby	Carol Mazurek	Derek Smith
Lucille Carberry	Mike Hamby	Amy McConnell	Eileen Speight
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Bob Henry	Marlynne McCullough	Mike Teofilo
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Marie McDonald	Alyssa Thomas
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Ryan Hughes	John McMillan	Nile Thomson
Patti D'Avella	Ann Hunt	Scott Melina	Natalie Vaughn
Joy Davis	Peter Kalla	Bénédicte Milward	Patsy Vickery
Andrea Dibling	Victor Kalla	Michael Olmert	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Thomas Foley and Wayne Martin.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

For the values of sports: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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.

June 14, 2026

\$13,097.25 - Offertory
\$4,114.00 - Donation
\$5,213.12 - Alms

June 21, 2026

\$12,124.00 - Offertory
\$1,503.00 - Donation
\$182.00 - Alms

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