





The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Dr. Jim Shanni †	Tuesday 5:30PM - No Mass
Sunday 8AM - Wes Newcomb †	Wednesday 5:30PM - No Mass
10:30AM - Esteban Portella	Thursday 5:30PM - Esteban Portella †
Monday 5:30PM - No Mass	Friday 8AM - No Mass

Backpacks for Oasis Católico

We are collecting new backpacks for the students at Oasis Católico. Each year, our generous Catholic Center members donate backpacks to help the students at Oasis get their new school year off to a great start. Please deliver new backpacks to the Center Hall by Monday, July 27.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful tradition!



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM	Friday No Mass
Monday - Wednesday No Mass	Confession: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM
Thursday: 5:30PM	*Note Confession will be in the back of the Chapel.

July 26, 2026 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 7/25
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 7/26
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
1:00PM Chapel Linen Meeting

Monday 7/27
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
11:30AM Golf Tournament Meeting
No Mass

Tuesday 7/28
9:00AM Our Daily Bread
4:00PM Grief & Bereavement Group
No Mass

Wednesday 7/29
No Mass

Thursday 7/30
1:00PM Virtus Class
5:30PM Mass

Friday 7/31
No Mass

Saturday 8/1
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

Message from Rachel

Dear Catholic Center Community,

Something is better than nothing.

Lately, I have been trying to shift into this mindset as I realize the limits of my humanity and how spiritually poor I am.

I wake up groggy. I groan at the condition of my hair, and yet I am too lazy to style it. In a hurry, I get ready for the day, work, work some more, and by 5pm, my brain is tired. I plop myself in the chapel and attempt to gather myself before Mass, but my thoughts return to the to-dos still left in the office or the chores waiting for me at home.

I squeak out a petition, intercession, or praise of gratitude in between all the distraction. But I wish I could be more focused, more intentional, more present.

But then again... something is better than nothing.

In lamenting to a mentor about how frustrated I was about my current prayer life, she reminded me to "go to Jesus in your poverty."

Going to Jesus is our something when we feel like we have nothing to give.

It is fully offering our poverty to Him, even if it is not perfect or pretty. It is entrusting that He can use our small efforts and our messes for His glory, to transform our hearts, and to extend grace.

Where are you noticing your poverty? Are you a parent whose whole day revolves around taking care of your children, which fills your cup but leaves you feeling spent once you put them to bed? Are you a student juggling school, a job, friends, and faith, trying to invest in all four but disappointed that you do not have it all together? Or maybe your story resonates with mine.

I want to always eat healthy. I want to work out every day. I want to have awesome daily prayer. I want to be patient and charitable with each person I encounter. But sometimes, I fail, or I feel "not enough."

If you have felt the same way, in the moments where we come face-to-face with our littleness, let us invite God into that place. Yes, He sees your desire for more, to do more, to give more, to be more. But for now, act out of your poverty, however you can.

Smiling at your coworker when you would rather not. One more diaper explosion to clean. A Hail Mary in the car. Something is better than nothing. There is no deed, sacrifice, or prayer too small that God cannot bring forth fruit.

Peace,

Rachel Lichtenwalner



Announcements

Fr. Jim Stormes Returns

We welcome back Fr. Jim Stormes to celebrate our Masses this weekend!

Fr. Jim was here to celebrate the 4th of July with our community and to celebrate Mass, we are happy to have him back this weekend.

For those of you who did not get to meet him, Fr. Jim is a Jesuit priest originally from Massachusetts and has taught all over, including Nairobi, Kenya! He currently serves as the Senior Priest at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Decatur.

Upcoming Virtus Class

The Catholic Center will be hosting a Virtus Class **THIS** Thursday, July 30th at 1:00PM in the TV Room. You can register online at www.virtus.org or email Lynn Renna at lrenna@ccatuga.org

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, July 28th at 4PM. Everyone, including students and resident members, are welcome. No matter where you are in your journey you are invited to join us.

Religious Education Registration

RE Registration is ongoing. There is only a month left before RE begins. If you are interested in being a catechist for the RE ministry for K-12th grade, contact Lynn Renna at lrenna@ccatuga.org. Please see Fr. Brian's letter and new registration information at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/>.

A Note About Online Giving

The Catholic Center is incredibly grateful for your financial stewardship. Did you know that in the last fiscal year, the Center paid approximately \$11,000 in credit card processing fees? While these fees are a common cost of online giving, they reduce the amount of each donation that can be used to support our students and ministry programs. There are two ways you can help ensure 100% of your gift goes to the Center: consider covering the fee by opting to add the transaction fee to your credit card donation or switch to direct bank drafts (ACH), which carry significantly lower processing costs than credit card transactions. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org. Thank you for helping your support go even further!

We Wish Giao Well

Please join Fr. Brian and the Catholic Center staff in saying farewell to Giao, our seminarian. Giao has been at the Catholic Center since January. In addition to taking classes at UGA, he has served the Catholic Center community in many different ways. He has served at Mass and Communion Services, cooked a delicious Vietnamese meal for the staff and even helped with the power washing around the Center, among other things. Thank you to Giao. We will keep him in our prayers.

A Farewell Note from Giao

On June 28, we gathered to say goodbye to Fr. Michael. I know that we all miss him and love him very much. Today, I stand before you to say goodbye as I continue my journey. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you.

First of all, I would like to thank God for His many blessings throughout my life and especially during my time here. Second, I would like to thank Fr. Brian and Fr. Michael. Although they are not with us today, I believe they are united with us in prayer during this Mass.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone in our community, especially the staff members I had the privilege of working with. Every one of you has been a gift from God to me. During these six months, you welcomed me with kindness, encouraged me, and helped me grow in many ways. My time with you has been a precious and unforgettable part of my formation, and I will always cherish these memories.

Finally, I humbly ask you to keep me in your prayers as I continue to follow God's call to my vocation. I also promise to remember all of you in my prayers.

Thank you all and goodbye all!
In Christ,
Giao Nguyen

Military Services Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Their mission is to ensure that faithful Catholics be able to seek sacramental preparation, benefit from consultation with a priest and receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights and face constant transition and uncertainty. For more information, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Timothy A. Almy
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
Pam Bickley
Dan Bloor
Peter Bryan
Grace Burger
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson
Deana Dietzler Chiusano
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Kevin Cutler
Patti D'Avella
Joy Davis

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Tony DiPietro
Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Carol Douglas
Claire Fetch
Rob Flemming
Pam Forker
Luke Frankson
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Hersina Gomes
Jean Griffith
Cheri Griggs
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Rick Madera
Gina Maherka
Amy McConnell
Marlynne McCullough
Marie McDonald
John McMillan
Tim McNally
Scott Melina
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Bryan Rieken
Sophia Rodriguez
Aeriel Ross
Amy Scobey
Suzette Scobey
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Sue Sinksen
Derek Smith
Eileen Speight
Mike Teofilo
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Natalie Vaughn
Patsy Vickery

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Amy Bloor and Cecile Maher.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you 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.

July 12, 2026

\$10,416.00 - Offertory
\$1,988.00 - Donation
\$188.00 - Alms

July 19, 2026

\$17,686.00 - Offertory
\$2,851.00 - Donation
\$284.00 - Alms

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