



The Catholic Center
 Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
 Communities Since 1952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Fr. Tom Vigliotta†

Sunday
8AM - Carole DePasquale and Terry Stephens †
10:30AM - Charle Alesi and Dan & Amy Bloor

Monday
5:30PM - Communion Service

Tuesday
5:30PM - Communion Service

Wednesday
5:30PM - Communion Service

Thursday
5:30PM - Lou Richt † and Matilde Fernandez †

Friday
8AM - No Mass

Our Visiting Priests

We welcome Fr. Jim Stormes, SJ and Fr. John Bender, LC to celebrate Mass with us this weekend.

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.

Fr. John is a Legionary of Christ originally from Pittsburgh. He has served as a mentor, formation director and professor for the Legionaries of Christ and now serves in Atlanta as the superior for the Atlanta community and the chaplain for the Regnum Christi young men's section.

We thank Fr. Jim and Fr. John for celebrating with us this weekend!

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Liturgical Schedule

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

Confession:
 Our confessions are currently on hold.

Monday– Thursday:
 5:30 PM

Friday
 No Mass

July 5, 2026 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 7/5
 8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass

Monday 7/6
 10:00AM Men's Bible Study
 11:30AM Golf Tournament Meeting
 5:30PM Communion Service

Tuesday 7/7
 5:30PM Communion Service

Wednesday 7/8
 5:30PM Communion Service

Thursday 7/9
 10:00AM Funeral for Todd Pendergast
 5:30PM Communion Service
 6:30PM Catholicism inquiry Night

Friday 7/10
 No Mass

Saturday 7/11
 5:00PM Mass

Message from Giao

Happy Sunday, everyone!

As we reflect on the Word of God for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, please allow me to share with you these words. How blessed are we that we can proclaim that God is our Father, Jesus Christ is the way of the Truth, and Jesus Himself shares our burdens and hardships by taking them upon His shoulders.

First, we are blessed as the children of God living in the Church. Deep in our hearts, there are questions that are very difficult to answer completely with full understanding: Who am I? Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What will happen after this life? Sometimes, we do not want to pay attention to it, but life requires us to focus on it. So, in the words of God today, we will find the direction of our life. Every day, we pray the Our Father. In other words, we call Abba, Father! That relationship is not something we achieve by ourselves, but by redemption by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross for us. It is so valuable, but not everyone knows it. In the Gospel today, the Lord Jesus said that:

I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will (Mt 11:25-30).

Brothers and sisters in Christ! We are happy because we are little ones of God. We have what many people do not have. We believe what many people do not believe. We hope what many people cannot dare hope. What greater happiness could there be? When we call God our Father, we know who we are. We know the treasure of our life. Thank God for the grace of Faith and the grace of life that God offers us as a free gift.

Second, we are blessed because Jesus is the way, and we are going that way. In the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). The way of Jesus is the way of love because He gave His life for us on the Cross. Nothing on earth compares with the love of Jesus, as He said: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). The way of Jesus is the way of hope because He is our hope. Those who walk with Him will find true joy and lasting peace. The way of Jesus is the way that leads to eternal life. This is the way that you and I are called to follow. How blessed we are that Jesus does not simply show us the way—He walks with us every step of the journey.

Finally, Jesus knows us; He knows us by His heart, and He carries all our sufferings with us. Modern life gives us many good things, but it brings us many things that make us worry. Technology like A.I. is transforming education, business, healthcare, and manufacturing. Many people fear losing their jobs because A.I. might take their place. Besides technology, we also struggle with stress, loneliness, financial difficulties, family problems, illness, and an uncertain future. Sometimes these burdens become so heavy that we feel discouraged and lose hope. However, the light of the Gospel, Jesus, invites us:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Mt 11:25-30). That is our joy, hope, and peace when Jesus carries us on His shoulder.

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to conclude here with a moment of prayer.

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world. Thank You for revealing the Father to us and for allowing us to call God our Father, making us all brothers and sisters in Your love. Help us to come to You each day, to remain close to You, and to keep You at the center of our hearts. Guide us with Your light, strengthen us in our faith, and fill us with Your peace. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

Seminarian. Paul. Giao Nguyen
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Announcements

Family Promise Charity

The Catholic Center is excited to share that Family Promise, received a Certificate of Occupancy for 154 Magnolia Terrace. The dedication was last Thursday, June 25th, and the building is now cleared to serve as a new shelter space for families experiencing homelessness. The mission of Family Promise is to turn dilapidated homes into new safe homes for families experiencing homelessness.

Family Promise could not complete it's mission without support from our community. Starting this Sunday through July 18th Family Promise is collecting donations for kid-friendly snacks. There is a collection box in the hall.

Additionally on the week of July 19th Family Promise is asking for donations of \$25 Walmart gift cards to Family Promise P.O. Box 581 Athens, Georgia 30603 or by credit card to the Website familypromiseathens.org/events. Please note that you are a member of the Catholic Center.

Thank you for your support for Family Promise. If you have any questions please contact the Catholic Center's Family Promise Coordinator, Sue Lawrence: bestillvaree@outlook.com

Catholic Inquiry Nights

There is an Catholic Inquiry night this Thursday, July 9th at 6:30pm. 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. All are welcome!

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Have you made your commitment for this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal? Thank you to all of you who have returned a pledge. We are very grateful for your generosity. To date, we are at **86.6%** of our Parish's goal, which is \$88,900! Our goal this year is to have 100% participation by everyone, no matter the amount pledged! Any funds raised more than the goal shall be returned right here to The Catholic Center! If you have not yet returned your commitment card, or pledged online, we prayerfully ask you to do so. Pledge envelopes can be dropped in the offertory basket at any Mass or brought into the office. Pledges can also be made securely online at <https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>. Please select "Annual Appeal" and remember also to select The Catholic Center!

Holy Water Font

The Catholic Center expresses our gratitude to Dr. Anne Marie Vencill as she has redesigned and rebuilt our Holy Water Font. Last year a crack appeared in our font so for the past 8 months Dr. Vencill has been working hard to repair and redesign our font. Thank you!

July's Schedule

Looking ahead this is our schedule throughout the month of July:

Monday - Wednesday:
Communion Service at 5:30PM

Thursday:
Daily Mass at 5:30PM

Friday:
No Mass

There will be no reconciliation, this week.

Additional Mass & Confessions

If you are seeking more Daily Mass or confession times, St. Joseph's has daily Mass every day at 8am. Additionally confession is offered from 7:30-7:55AM Monday-Friday, 6-7PM on Thursdays and 8:30-10:00AM on Saturdays.

Staying in Contact

For those who wish to stay in contact with Fr. Michael or need to contact him at his new residence for mail you can send it to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 210 Old Center Point Rd, Carrollton, GA 30117

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.



<https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/golf-committee/>

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Timothy A. Almy
Judy Balcomb
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
Pam Bickley
Dan & Amy Bloor
Peter Bryan
Grace Burger
Grace Byrne
Joanne Cabrera
Jeanette Campbell
Lucille Carberry
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Lora Bernstein Cooley
Patti D'Avella
Joy Davis
Andrea Dibling

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Barton Elizabeth Dooling
Carol Douglas
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Pam Forker
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Cecile Maher
Gina Maherka
Amy McConnell
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Marie McDonald
John McMillan
Scott Melina
Bénédicte Milward
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Ed Powell
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Suzette Scobey
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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 Thomas Foley and Wayne Martin.

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.

June 21, 2026

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

June 28, 2026

\$10,437.91 - Offertory
\$1,326.76 - Donation
\$136.00 - Alms

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