



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Elsie Horton †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Maria Luisa Diaz † & Margarita Carmona †
Sunday 8AM - Judy Balcomb †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Michelle Thomas †
10:30AM - David Rackett †	
Monday 5:30PM - No Mass	Thursday 5:30PM - Michael Thomas Hoover (int.)
	Friday 8AM - No Mass

Updated Mass Times

Happy August!

Our 12:30PM and 5PM Sunday Mass times will resume on Sunday, August 16th.

Additionally our 4PM Wednesday Confession times have now resumed. And starting on August 18th we will be offering Confession in the back of the Chapel after Daily Mass every Tuesday at 4PM.

Please be sure to check our bulletin each week for Mass and Confession times.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM	Friday No Mass
Monday No Mass	Confession: Saturday: (Chapel) 3:30 - 4:30PM
Tuesday - Thursday: 5:30PM	Wednesday: (Office) 4:00 - 5:00PM

August 2, 2026 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday 8/2
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM Thomas Family Baptism

Monday 8/3
10:00AM Men's Bible Study
No Mass

Tuesday 8/4
5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 8/5
1:00PM Creative Hands Crafting Group
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 8/6
5:30PM Mass

Friday 8/7
No Mass

Saturday 8/8
10:30AM Fitzgerald Family Baptism
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
5:00PM Miklosi Family Baptism

Fishes and Loaves

This week's Gospel story is one of Jesus' most well known miracles through his years of public ministry. It is the miracle of the fishes and loaves, feeding the 5,000 men with five loaves and two fish. The miracle of abundance!

This miracle happens during Christ's time of mourning, his cousin and friend, John the Baptism had just been killed and entered heaven. But as Christ goes to be alone, his heart is moved. He sees the droves of people following him, desiring to be close to Him.

“His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.”

You can begin to imagine what Jesus must have been going through and yet He still takes the time to be with people, to cure their ailments. Why?

Christ *desires* for us to be close to Him. He will drop *everything* if it means drawing near to you. Christ will stop at *nothing* to heal you, to love you, to know you.

We are Christ's deepest love, and yet we put limitations on Him.

Jesus tells the apostles to feed the large crowds and the apostles doubt Jesus. They tell Him, *“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”* There is doubt in their voices, they do not believe that Jesus could feed the 5,000 men who were present. They doubted Jesus, they gave Him limitations.

These are the same men who watched Jesus turn water into wine, cleanse a man with leprosy, heal a paralytic, and raise Jairus' daughter back to life. And yet they doubted he would be able to feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.

Luckily our faith dose not determine Christ's capabilities.

As you all know Christ did feed the 5,000. Not only does he feed the people but he feeds them until they are all satisfied. The people were full. Even more, there were twelve wicker baskets full of leftovers. Christ multiplied in numbers that we cannot even imagine.

This is most likely not the first time you have heard of this miracle, nor will it be the last. We know how great God is, we have learned, and read all about the numerous miracles that Christ did. Yet we still doubt him, still put constraints on what Christ could do. But we do not need to!

Brothers and sisters, we are encouraged to ask God for anything and everything our hearts desire. There are not limits on what God can do, no quota on how much he can heal, and no expiration date on His love for us.

Trusting in god is difficult, but God will reward those who trust in him. The only thing that God wants from is to allow Him to love us.

Christ wants to give you so much more than just fishes and loaves. He wants you to allow Him to give you His love, allow Him to love you for the beautiful, beloved, child of God that you are.

Announcements

Fr. Fr. Lijo Returns

We welcome back Fr. Lijo Parambummuriyil to celebrate our Masses this weekend! Fr. Lijo was here to celebrate Mass on July 19th with our community. We are happy to have him return this weekend.
For those of you who did not get to meet him, Fr. Lijo is a part of Capuchin Franciscans. He currently lives in Atlanta where he gives his life to the poor through their food truck, “Food for the Body and Soul.”

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, August 5th

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th 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.
Not Really a Farewell to Suzie
Please join us in thanking Suzie Blaydes for her 3 years on the Catholic Center staff as the Sacramental Coordinator. In this position, Suzie coordinated our OCIA program which instructed and supported students and community members who were joining the Catholic Church. She also coordinated the Baptism Sacramental process. Suzie will be leaving the CC staff but fortunately, she and her husband Jake and their growing family will be staying at the CC. Suzie and Jake are expecting their third child! Suzie was active at the CC as a UGA undergrad and then masters’ student. She and Jake were married at the CC we well. We are so very grateful for all she has done for the Catholic Center during her years as a volunteer and staff member.

OCIA & Adult Formation

Interested in getting more involved in the Catholic Center community? We are looking for people who are interested in being a part of the OCIA & Adult Formation team. Do you have an interest in sponsoring candidates, helping with hospitality, praying for OCIA & AF, teaching/presenting, facilitating small group discussions, sharing your favorite Catholic devotion, or sharing your own story of conversion?
Please fill out our form and come to the interest meeting Monday, August 10 @ 6:00pm in the Catholic Center Hall to learn more about ways in which you might help and grow this year! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dayna Fairman at dfairman@ccatuga.org



Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our students who attend 5PM Mass and stay for dinner and fellowship. Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5pm! <https://tinyurl.com/supper27>

Social Graces Save the Date!

The Social Graces Women's Dinners are starting back up! Save the date for September 10th at 6pm for our first dinner after the summer break. It is wonderful to catch up with old and new friends. For more information, contact the CC office.

Catholic Center Magnets

Our classic “Catholic Dawgs” Car magnets are restocked and now for sale through our office. Magnets are \$5 each. Payments can be made through cash, check or Venmo (@CCatUGA).



No better way to support the CC than a magnet on your car!

Religious Education Registration

RE Registration is ongoing. There is less than 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/>.

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 **89.3%** 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/](https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/). Please select “Annual Appeal” and remember also to select The Catholic Center!

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy 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 Lora Bernstein Cooley Kevin Cutler Patti D’Avella Joy Davis Andrea Dibling	Tony DiPietro Barton Elizabeth Dooling Carol Douglas Claire Fetch Rob Flemming Pam Forker Luke Frankson David Giannasi Hersina Gomes Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs John Hamby Mike Hamby Bob Henry Albert Hromalik, Sr. Ryan Hughes Ann Hunt Victor Kalla Claire Kennedy	Sarah Kurtz Dianne Kwashnak Dan Lackey Gene Larkin Lynn Langston Patti Law Tom Long Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Amy McConnell Marlynne McCullough Marie McDonald John McMillan Tim McNally Scott Melina Bénédicte Milward Michael Olmert Dan Perrine	Mary Pinto Ed Powell David & Maura Randol Bryan Rieken Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Amy Scobey Suzette Scobey Deborah Scott Sue Sinksen Derek Smith Eileen Speight Mike Teofilo Alyssa Thomas Nile Thomson Natalie Vaughn Patsy Vickery
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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 August

For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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 19, 2026	July 26, 2026
\$17,686.00 - Offertory	\$10,604.70 - Offertory
\$2,851.00 - Donation	\$10,061.76 - Donation
\$284.00 - Alms	\$86.50 - Alms

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