



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5PM - Judy Balcomb †

Sunday

8AM - Susan Gearhart †

10:30AM - Tony & Lorrie Crean †

12:30PM - Helga Trnka†

5PM - Peter Tan† and All Catholic Center Members

Monday

5:30PM - Anna & Colette Mayer

Tuesday

5:30PM - Julia & Mary Rigal †

Wednesday

5:30PM - Lilcy Adns

Thursday

5:30PM - Wayne Martin †

Friday

8AM - Communion Service

Catholic Inquiry Night

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. Our next Catholic Inquiry Night will be this Monday, August 24th.

All are welcome!

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10AM-4PM

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:

Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
12:30PM, and 5PM

Monday - Thursday:
5:30PM

Friday:
8AM Communion Service

Confession:

Monday- Wednesday:
4:00 - 5:00PM
Saturday:
3:30 - 4:30PM

Adoration:

Monday–Thursday:
9:00–10:00AM

Friday:
8:30 - 9:30AM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 8/22

3:30PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass

6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Sunday 8/23

8:00AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

10:30AM PreK &

Kindergarten RE

10:30AM Daskocil &

Masciadri Families Baptisms

12:30PM Mass

2:00PM Confirmation

5:00PM Mass

6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 8/24

10:00AM Men’s Bible Study

2:00PM Golf Tournament Meeting

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:30PM Mass

6:30PM Catholic Inquiry Night

Tuesday 8/25

9:00AM Our Daily Bread

12:00PM Staff Meeting

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:30PM Mass

6:00pM Altar Server Training

6:30PM Wellspring Rehearsal

8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 8/26

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:30PM Mass

6:15PM Grades 1-5 Religious Education

8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 8/27

5:30PM Mass

6:30PM CSA Service Meeting

Friday 8/28

8:00AM Communion Service

Message from Fr. Brian

Hey friends,

This week in the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” And Peter responds, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

The word Christ means Messiah. And so Peter professes that Jesus is the Messiah, the anticipated Jewish Messiah who was to come and save the people of Israel.

However, Jesus is not the anticipated type of Messiah that many expected. Many expected the Messiah to come with political power and military might. But Jesus comes differently. Jesus is nonviolent, and he subverts their understanding of power, salvation, and what it means to be the Messiah.

Jesus reaches all of us with these words. He asks all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”

For me as a priest, I am always having to return God to the forefront of my heart. Sometimes I can get nervous. Sometimes I can get tossed around. Other times I can get distracted. I have to return to Christ...to the Messiah, to the one who sees us, knows us, and desires to save us.

And this is the Gospel of Christ: Jesus is the Messiah who comes to bring everyone, all nations, into the flock. You belong, and God sees you. We heard that last weekend with the story of the Canaanite woman.

This week, we just finished Welcome Week with our students. It comprised everything from me being in a dunk tank, to a night of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a board game night, and even a glow-in-the-dark neon party outside.

Our Mass attendance is back to normal, and we have many, many people at daily Mass and many, many people throughout the week coming and stopping by for prayer! It is exciting. I have already heard five hours of confession this past week and so people are being honest in front of God in this new season.

The Catholic Center at UGA is a very special place to be. I am glad to be here, starting my seventh year here! Praise God.

Fr Brian

Daily Mass & Confessions

Our Daily Mass schedule this week is as follows:

Daily Mass Monday –Thursday at 5:30PM

Communion Service Friday at 8:00AM

Additionally Confession times and locations are below:

Monday (CC Office): 4–5 pm

Tuesday (CC Chapel): 4–5pm

Wednesday (CC Office): 4–5pm

Saturday (CC Office) 3:30–4:30pm

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Announcements

Dooley Classic Raffle Tickets

If you would like to support the CC Dooley Classic Golf Tournament, raffle tickets will be on sale **this** weekend after the Masses. Purchase tickets to win an autographed football by Coach Kirby Smart, Gunner Stockton and Ellis Robinson, a signed basketball by Coach Mike White, and a signed baseball by Coach Wes Johnson. Raffle tickets are \$10 each.

A Legacy of Faith

Through a gift in your will or estate plan, you can help ensure that our ministry continues to thrive for future generations. August is a wonderful time to create or update your will and reflect your Catholic values through your legacy. Contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at lichtenwalner@ccatuga.org.

Counters Wanted

Looking for an easy but high-impact way to serve the Catholic Center? Join the Counting Ministry! This vital team helps secure the finances for our vibrant community. By joining a small team of fellow parishioners counting and recording collections and other receipts, you directly fuel our parish ministries and local outreach. Each Monday this group does its work from 8:30 AM until around 10 AM and you only need to count once every four weeks - or more often if you are eager. No experience needed at all! It is an act of spiritual stewardship that turns our community's generosity into real-world blessings. Please contact Denny Beresford at dberesfo@uga.edu if this is something you are willing to do or would just like to learn more.

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 lichtenwalner@ccatuga.org. Thank you for helping your support go even further!

Home Football Game Updates

Football season is right around the corner. As a reminder there will be no Vigil Mass, Reconciliation or activities at the center and Chapel when there is a UGA home football game. The Catholic Center parking lots will close on Friday at 5PM and reopen for the Sunday Mass at 8AM. Our lots are used for contract parking, so towing will be enforced during this time. Below is a list of all our home football games:

- September 5 - Tennessee State
- September 12 - Western Kentucky
- September 26 - Oklahoma
- October 3 - Vanderbilt
- October 17 - Auburn
- November 14 - Missouri
- November 28 - Georgia Tech

High School Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group is starting up on Thursday September 3rd at 6PM. Our Youth Group is available for all high schoolers who have already received the sacrament of reconciliation. It is place for high schoolers to hang out, make friends, and explore their faith! To learn more information please email Jeff Donahue at jdonahue@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>

Parking Reminders

We recognize that parking is difficult at the Catholic Center, however we still want to be courteous to our neighbors who allow us to use their space to park our cars.

The Global Engagement Building is free to park throughout the weekend and every weekday after 5pm. This being said your vehicle **must** be parked on the pavement/designated parking spots and should not be parked on the grass or pine straw areas. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

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

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Cecile Maher, Sr. Maureen Bradshop, OP and Dr. Joseph Whorton.

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.

August 9, 2026	August 16, 2026
\$11,184.00 - Offertory	\$15,191.68 - Offertory
\$3,641.00 - Donation	\$1,898.00 - Donation
\$1,064.05 - Alms	\$715.81 - Alms

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