

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

January 5, 2025

317 Broad Street (Corner Broad & Highmarket), Georgetown, SC 29440 * Established 1899 * Dedicated 1902



A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

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Organist/Choir Director:

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Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Amy Wagner, President

Paula Lareau, Vice-President

Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo

Neena McMahan

Knights of Columbus:

Mike Macedo

Office Hours:

Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tue. & Thur. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Worship Schedule

Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 1:00 PM (Spanish)
Monday	8:00 AM
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	5:30 PM / Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday	5:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM / Sunday 12:15 - 12:45 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4, 5:00 PM
Mary Wesel
By George Hanson

Sunday, January 5, 8:00 AM
† Tommy Walker
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, January 5, 10:00 AM
† Dennis Dion
by Vivian Dion

Sunday, January 5, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 6, 8:00 AM
Anthony and Jennifer Rizzo
by Deacon and Mary

Tuesday, January 7
No Mass

Wednesday, January 8, 5:30 AM

Thursday, January 9, 8:00 AM

Friday, January 10, 8:00 AM

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 PM
† Leon Wojciechowski
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 AM
Terry Karatas
by The Parisi Family

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 AM
† Dennis Dion
by Vivian Dion

Sunday, January 12, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 21st and 22nd was \$9123.04 This includes \$945.00 from online giving. This is \$2423.04 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00. The offertory collection for December 28th and 29th was not available at time of printing.

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website
www.stmaryourladyofransom.org
select "Parish Life," and then
"Online Giving".

Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese of Charleston if you have any interactions with children or vulnerable adults which include any person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical or developmental disability or dysfunction, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers: Barbara Mahaffey, Betty Barr, James A. Harrelson Sr., and Agnes Edwards.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Sigrid Smith, London Gomez, Diane Maslowski, Ann Boone, Mandy Moore, Barbara Natoli, Sharon Jordan, Deacon Mike, Jill Saparito, Stephanie Marsh Johnston, Brandi Gunter, Andy Crocker, Thomas Cook, Betty Chrismon, Helena Blackowitz, Bill Fowler, Bob Roberts, and Brian L Brodzik.



Pray for those in our Military:

Nathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez, Matthew Mathis, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, Paloma Martinez Bermudez, Ricky Rogerson, Myles Starnes, Julio Madrigal Martinez and Ivan Morales.



St. Mary's Rosary Group

St. Mary's Rosary group meets each Tuesday at 1:15 PM in the church to pray for special intentions and needs of family and friends. All are welcome (men and women) to come and pray the rosary together.



Coming Events

Sun.	Jan. 5	Blessing of the Homes	
Mon	Jan. 6	Escuela de la Fe	7:00-9:00
Thurs.	Jan. 9	Hispanic Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Jan. 10	Adoration	8:30-11:00
Mon.	Jan. 13	Finance Council	4:00 PM
Tue.	Jan. 21	Altar Society Meeting	10:00 AM

2025 Calendars

There has been a delay in the shipment of the 2025 calendars. Catholic Extensions apologizes for the inconveniences, however due to multiple machines failing, there has been issues with the production. All calendars should be received by January 10, 2025



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to the Knights and family members who volunteered Friday December 13, 2024, to assist Catholic Charities at St. Cyprians for their Annual Christmas Celebration, whereby children's toys, food, and clothing (including 48 Coats for Kids donated by our Council) to fifty families who had qualified through their organization this year. It was an emotionally moving occasion shared by those in attendance, as these families were certainly very appreciative of this aid.

THANKS to Grand Knight Mike Macedo and his leadership team for organizing a delightful and special Christmas Celebration, held this year at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Friday December 13th! A wonderful catered dinner was shared by all, including a few of our Knights' widows, family members, and parish staff, all of this was followed by a lot of merriment and the always popular Christmas Carols AND the annual random (and FUN) Christmas Gift Exchange! Thank You Brother AND Grand Knight Mike Macedo for organizing this again this year!

The COLUMBUS HOPE BANQUET will be held on **THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2025**, just prior to the regular January Business Meeting at Maryville Social Hall. Checks for \$3,409 each will be presented to representatives of the Special Olympics for Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties, J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and Georgetown County Board of Disability and Special Needs. Further, representatives from Walmart of Georgetown will be recognized for taking the initiative and leadership in allowing us to collect donations for this GREAT CAUSE on four separate drives again in 2024.

The 2025 Annual South Carolina State Council Charity Drive has started, so if you have not received yours, or would like more opportunities, please contact project chair DGK Bob Yacavino at (843) 240-7966. The drawing for \$5000/\$3000 and \$2000 will be held at the May 2-4th SC Knights of Columbus State Convention. This annual Charity Drive is our State Council's primary source of charity funds to support our Bishop's Priest and other noteworthy charities throughout the State. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 3067". Please mail your completed ticket stubs and checks to Bob at 115 Navigators Dr., Pawleys Island, SC 29585; OR deliver your ticket stubs and donation checks to Bob in our St. Mary's Office mailbox by April 13th.

The Annual South Carolina March and Rally for Life will be NEXT SATURDAY JANUARY 12, 2025, IN COLUMBIA! We are ALL invited and encouraged to join many others in South Carolina for this INSPIRING AND MOVING effort to bring attention to the SANCTITY OF LIFE! March begins promptly at 11 AM at Russell Hall on the USC Campus, led by the South Carolina 4th Degree Honor Guards from throughout the state. We then march down to the State Capital Building steps, where several dignitaries will see the Sanctity of Life. Contact Council Life Director Colin Peterson for more details 843-344-9771.

The Epiphany Of The Lord

THIS WEEK'S READINGS



Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-5 and 6a and 9b
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4 24-25, 27-30
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Liturgical Roles

January 11 Saturday 5:00 PM	January 12 Sunday 8:00 AM	January 12 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	R Humphries	C Peterson
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke N Geisler T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards T Macmanus A Sanchez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi G Swierk
Altar Servers: M. Carlton	B McMahan	Y Angeles Y Perez A Angeles
Altar Care: P Hughes	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Epiphany Blessing

The following prayer may be said:

Hear us. O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect this family and this home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom, I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord,
Amen

The priest then inscribes with blessed chalk the initials of the three kings over the lintel of the doors, denoting the century and year on either side, for example: 20 C M B 25

Adoration

We are adding a morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to be held on the second Friday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass beginning Friday, January 10, 2025 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to spend time in the presence of Our Lord!

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2025 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.

Gospel Study Group



We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Life Center classroom. All are welcome. If you have questions or know someone interested in joining our group, please contact Mary Roberts 843-997-4800.

St. Mary's Altar Society



St Mary's Altar Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. Please join us for a meeting to see if you would like to help with Altar care or linen laundry.

Religious Education

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Join us for the next Adult Bible Class - **What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith** here at St. Mary's beginning January 13th at 6:30 PM for 10 weeks. If you are interested in enrolling for these sessions, please contact Cecilia Carlton by January 1st so that the materials can be ordered in time for the classes. The cost is \$20 per participant.

Classes will resume on January 5th for religious education and January 6th for RCIA and RCIC.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.



Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

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