

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

March 23, 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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Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

Anneva White

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Finance Council:

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Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

Phil Lazzari

Organist/Choir Director:

Edwin Hopkins

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:

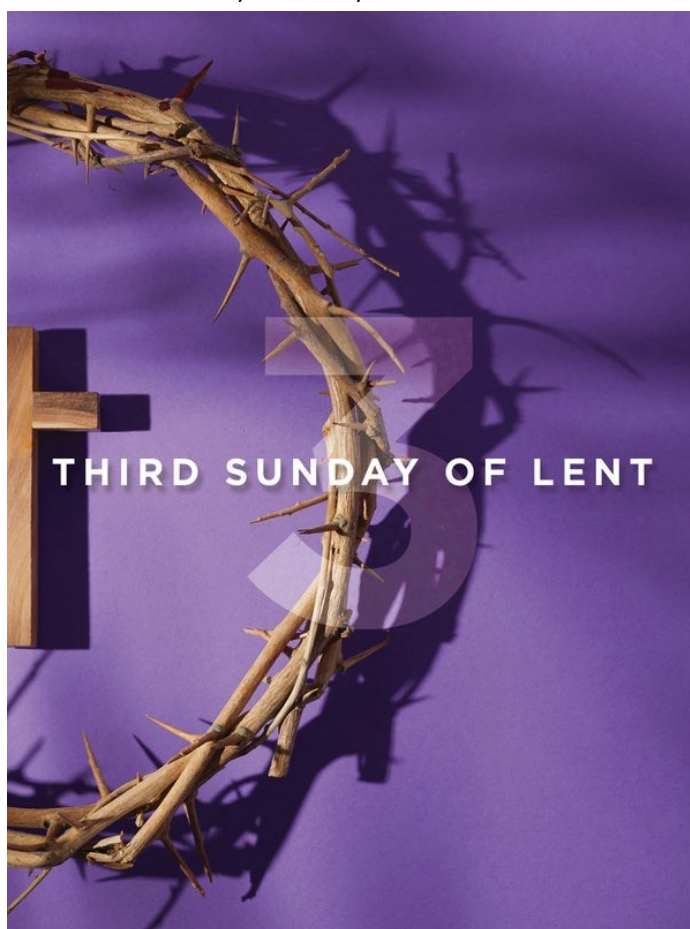
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Phone: 843-546-7416

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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 and Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday	5:00 PM

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22, 5:00 PM
Megan and Bobby Kapsidis and Family
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, March 23, 8:00 AM
† Paul H. Duncan, Jr.
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, March 23, 10:00 AM
† Aiden Lee Andrews
by Jennifer Pizzi

Sunday, March 23, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, March 24, 8:00 AM
† Kazimierz Mika
by Barbara Mika

Tuesday, March 25
No Mass

Wednesday, March 26 5:30 PM
Scott Reuter
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Thursday, March 27, 8:00 AM
† Anne Reilly
by John Bagnell

Friday, March 28, 8:00 AM
† Jennifer Hansen
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Saturday, March 29, 5:00 PM
† Colin Peterson
by Amy and Doug Wagner

Sunday, March 30, 8 AM
† Raymond Leonard
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, March 30, 10:00 AM
† Antoniette Drouart
by Jennifer Pizzi

Sunday, March 30, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for March 15th and 16th was \$8,259.00 **This includes \$1,093.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,559.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
If we can help you in your walk with Christ
in any way, please call the church office.*

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal

*Our goal at St Mary remains that the
Parish be aware of and support the Safe
Environment we seek to foster.*

To Report Abuse

The Diocese of Charleston treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122.



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:

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, Betty Chrismon, Helena Blackowitz, Bill Fowler, Bob Roberts, Brian L. Brodzik, and Mary Cavalieri.



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.

Attention All Volunteers!

Anyone involved in a parish ministry must contact the office to confirm that they are in compliance with Diocesan regulations. They have recently updated to a new system and some data was not transferred.

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.

Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility

In this Lenten season, join us to pray for those struggling with infertility. *Did you know that one out five women struggle with this cross?* Oftentimes, these women and couples are the silent sufferers of the church.

You're invited on March 28, Friday at 7PM via Zoom or FB Live @NFPSC. We will pray the **Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility** and meditate on the sufferings of our Blessed Mother Mary relating it to the trials that couples struggling with infertility go through. There will be an opportunity for group sharing and the *HOPE Infertility Ministry* will be introduced.

Last year one of our attendees shared, *"The prayer itself was the most relevant. It was the first time I've heard it and was very powerful. It made me feel comfortable"*.

Please register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/7sorrowsinfertility>. For more info: Contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org.



Prayer of Lent

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence
be my sustenance.
As I pray, continue to reveal
Yourself to me.
As I give to others, may I know
You even more deeply.
Amen.

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Sign Up For Online Giving

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

Birthright of Georgetown
needs volunteers! Please consider giving just two hours a month to help. They are located at 1905 Front Street. Please contact Libby Callahan for details and volunteer training at: eacallahan570@gmail.com or 202-251-7252.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The next Columbus Hope fundraising drive will be held at Walmart on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. We still have time slots that need to be covered. Please contact Grand Knight Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191 if you can volunteer for a two hour time slot.

Volunteers from our Council will be manning a water station at the Georgetown Bridge 2 Bridge run on March 29th.

Our Council will be holding a Knights recruiting drive at all Masses the weekend of April 5th and 6th. We will need about three to four Knight volunteers at each Mass to provide prospective candidates with information packets. Please contact GK Mike Macedo if you can assist with this important event.

The McClellanville Shrimp Festival will be on May 3rd. Our council will be parking cars on John Cross's property as in past years. This is a big fundraiser for our charity fund. We need volunteers for both the morning and afternoon shifts to direct people to the correct parking spots and to collect the parking fees. If you can volunteer, please contact Dwight Frazier by phone or text at 609-351-4422.

Third Sunday of Lent

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 1-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 11-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Liturgical Roles

March 29 Saturday 5:00 PM	March 30 Sunday 8:00 AM	March 30 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	N McMahan	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough H Moore B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Vega P Lareau	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	N Giesler	J Angeles L Lux D Ramos
Altar Care: M Roberts	C Humphries	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

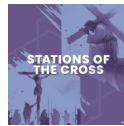
St. Mary's Altar Society

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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:00 pm during Lent. Immediately following, everyone is invited to enjoy a Soup and Bread Supper in the Parish Hall. If you would like to bring a soup or some bread, there are sign-up sheets in the narthex of the church.

Religious Education



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly known as RCIA) registration for classes has begun. Please contact the office if you are interested in enrolling in First Communion and/or Confirmation preparation. Classes are one year long, beginning during Lent.

The religious education students will continue giving their Lenten alms to Birthright of Georgetown. If you would like to participate, please contact the office.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

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