

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 6, 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:

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Organist/Choir Director:

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Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Amy Wagner, President

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Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo

Neena McMahan

Knights of Columbus:

Mike Macedo

Office Hours:

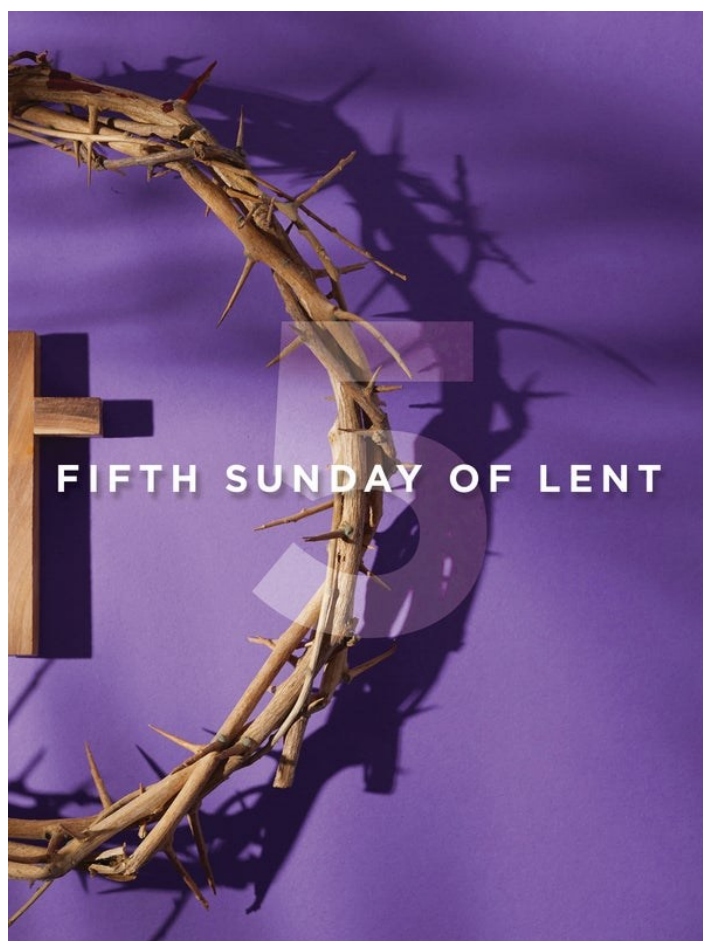
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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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, April 5, 5:00 PM
† Colin Peterson
by Anne and Dave Starnes

Sunday, April 6, 8:00 AM
† Helen Wojciechowski
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, April 6, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 6, 1:00 PM
Esmeralda Tagui
by Paula Hernandez

Monday, April 7, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 8
No Mass

Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 PM
Mason Wildasin
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Thursday, April 10, 8:00 AM
Andy Crocker
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Friday, April 11, 8:00 AM
Margaret Maranjo
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM
† Barbara Luducko
by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Sunday, April 13, 8:00 AM
† James M. Bassett
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM
† George Hanson
† Mary Wesel
by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, April 13, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for March 29th and 30th was \$5,390.11 **This includes \$1,023.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,309.00 under 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 Environ-
ment we seek to foster.*

Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese. 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, and James A. Harrelson Sr.



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, Mary Cavalieri, Andy Crocker, Chet Maslowski, and Cecilia McGee.



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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, this collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,202.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds online for the collection - see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

Easter Flowers

As we approach Easter, please consider contributing towards our Easter flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. You can use the envelopes in your packet or the ones in the pews for this purpose. Your envelopes will be on the altar for the Easter Vigil Mass and will be remembered in our prayers then. Thanks so much for your generosity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Living Stations of the Cross will be led by our religious education students on Friday, April 11th, at 6:00 PM. 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.

Plating Grace

Please mark your calendars for our next Plating Grace Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 12 noon to 2 PM. We look forward to sharing this special time with you. More details to follow.



*Our community of faith
extends their deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of Agnes
Edwards who passed away March
25, 2025. Please keep them in your
prayers. May her soul rest in peace.*

Last Year's Palms

Please bring last and/or past year's palms to the church office during the week or to the church on the weekends. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect them for use on Holy Saturday.

Lenten Penance Services

Lent is a wonderful time to come to our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be Penance Services at Precious Blood of Christ from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, April 10th and at St. Michael on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Our first Columbus Hope Fund Drive of 2025 was a success. We collected \$3,027 over the two-day period. Thanks to all who volunteered to collect donations at this weekend's Columbus Hope fundraising drive at Walmart. These funds will be donated to three worthy charities: The J.O.Y School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Our Council will be holding a Knights recruiting drive at all Masses this weekend. We hope that many men in the parish will choose to become a Knight.

Our Council will be supplying the soup and bread supper after Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11th. If you can provide a meatless soup or bread, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Our council will be having a workday at the parish rectory on Thursday, April 10th. We will be scraping and reglazing the rectory windows, painting some wood trim, and reinstalling a gutter. If you can volunteer, we can use the help.

The monthly food pantry will be held on Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th. Parishioners are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food in the church narthex.

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6
 Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7
 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11
 Lk 22:14-23:56

Liturgical Roles

April 12 Saturday 5:00 PM	April 13 Sunday 8:00 AM	April 13 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: C Ramsey	L Altman E Teller	P Lazzari M Duggan
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke B Roberts Chet Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco C Lindner
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: D Macedo	N Giesler	Y Angeles Y Perez A Angeles
Altar Care: C Ramsey	D Stamm	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

5th Sunday Lent
 John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

Father John Muir ©LPI

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Monday, April 14, 8:00 AM English

Tuesday, April 15 - No Mass or Communion

Chrism Mass, 11:00 AM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston

Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 PM English

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM Bilingual

Good Friday Service, April 18th

3:00 PM English and 7:00 PM Spanish

Fasting and Abstinence

Easter Vigil, April 19, 8:30 PM Bilingual

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

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