

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 20, 2025

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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

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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

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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

Holy Saturday, April 19, 8:30 PM
† John DeRiggs, Sr.
by Cecilia Carlton

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:00 AM
† Colin Peterson
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:00 AM
Terry Karatas
by the Parisi Family

Easter Sunday, April 20, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, April 21
No Mass

Tuesday, April 22
No Mass

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 PM
† Brooks High
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, April 24, 8:00 AM
† Francis Fitzgerald

Friday, April 25, 8:00 AM
Marec Mika
by Barbara Mika

Saturday, April 26, 5:00 PM
Daniela Palafox
by Laticia Hernandez

Sunday, April 27, 8:00 AM
† Andrew Joseph Frick
by Rita McConnon

Sunday, April 27, 10:00 AM
† Joseph Isaac, Sr.
by Cherly and Joseph Isaac

Sunday, April 27, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for April 12th and 13th was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printer.

*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, 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.

Prayer for Those Receiving the Easter Sacraments

Let us pray for our catechumens and candidates.

God of the Samaritan Women, the Man Born Blind and Lazarus,
You show yourself in many ways.

Most often in ways we cannot see until we look with eyes of faith.

Continue to bless these catechumens and candidates
who will receive the Church's sacraments
during the upcoming Season of Easter.

Fill their lives and hearts with your unending love and grace.

Help us to continue to be models of living Christian lives
and grant them the endurance to continue to race to the resurrection.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Father Anthony and
the parish staff wish a
blessed and happy
Easter to all visitors
and parishioners.

Hispanic Food Sale

The Hispanic Food Sale will be held next Sunday,
April 27, from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM. All pro-
ceeds from these sales are donated to our church!

Did You Know?

Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

A benefit dinner to raise funds for the St. Clare's Homes in Greenville and Charleston will be held on May 20th at the Pawleys Plantation Country Club. Dinner is at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$75 per person. St. Clare's Home is a maternity home for women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy with no place to go and seemingly no other options. St. Clare's provides shelter, safety and security. Mothers are required to attend some form of higher education or maintain a job while they reside in the home. They also participate in classes focusing on pregnancy, childbirth, life skills, parenting, financial management and proper nutrition. This is a great way to support the Right to Life. A flyer with additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

The fourth Degree Assembly monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th at PBOC at 6 PM.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21
Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-3

Liturgical Roles

April 26 Saturday 5:00 PM	April 27 Sunday 8:00 AM	April 27 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	R Humphries	C Carrasco
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke N Geisler D/T Corvelli	S/M Edwards B Kwarteng A Sanchez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Wagner A Starnes	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Mezquite L Mezquite A Angeles
Altar Care: D Macedo	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>		

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed April 21 for Easter Monday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00 AM.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Easter Sunday
John 20: 1-9

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

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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.

Devotions, Explained! Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet. Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world," followed by ten Hail Marys and the words "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

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Religious Education

Please welcome those that have been initiated into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray that they may be strengthened in faith, hope, and love.

There will be no religious education classes on Easter Sunday, April 20 and Monday, April 21. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 27. Calling all graduating seniors! Please contact Cecilia Carlton regarding the graduation acknowledgment Mass.

Plating Grace

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

Everday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

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