

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 27, 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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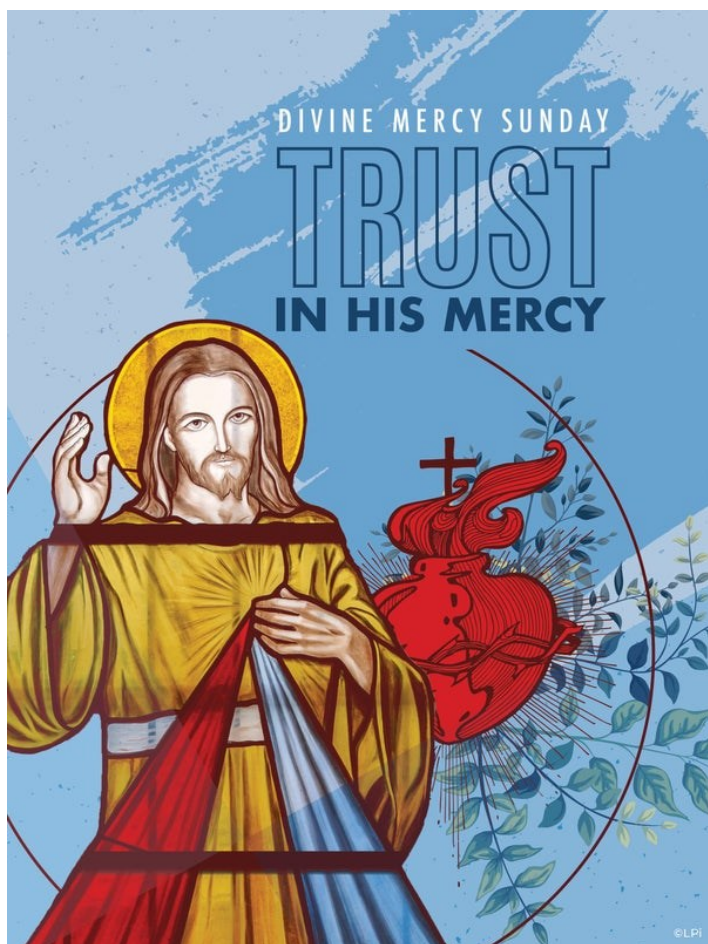
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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 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 Cheryl and Joseph Isaac

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

Monday, April 28, 8:00 AM
† Pamela Peterson
by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Tuesday, April 29
No Mass

Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 PM
Joseph Wroso
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 AM
† Colin Peterson
by Terry and Wade Marsh

Friday, May 2, 8:00 AM
for healing and well being of
Kim Denise Dickerson
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Saturday, May 3, 5:00 PM
Remembering
† Christine and † Joseph Walker
by a friend

Sunday, May 4, 8:00 AM
† Mary Jo Karre
by Julie and Stuart Snyder

Sunday, May 4, 10:00 AM
† Martha Ros Isaac
by Cheryl and Joseph Isaac

Sunday, May 4, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for April 12th and 13th was \$8,144.00. **This includes \$883.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,444.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The offertory collection for April 19th and 20th was \$10,856.00. **This includes \$1,218.00 from online giving.** This is \$4,156.00 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.

The Benefits of Membership • Active membership is determined by regular attendance at Mass, regular use of your envelope to support the Parish, and having a Registration Form on file for at least six months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Requests for envelopes should be accompanied by a Registration Form, which are available in the Parish Office or by calling the Parish secretary at 843-546-7416.



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.

Rest in Peace, Pope Francis

A message from Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS:



Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of Pope Francis, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

It is with deep sorrow that I join the Universal Church in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. His leadership, compassion and unwavering commitment to peace and justice have inspired millions worldwide, and in a special way the young. Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis called the world to recognize the dignity of our fellow brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering, the impoverished, those struggling with addiction and illness. He constantly reminded us of the importance of mercy, forgiveness and love in our everyday lives as well as focusing on the role of grandparents in the transmission of the faith. As we mourn his passing and grieve, we also rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection. Let us turn to prayer, asking for his intercession and entrusting his soul to God's mercy as we carry his legacy of love, humility and service to others. May God receive him into the joy of heaven.

The Merciful Lamb Paschal Candle

"Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us."

The selected design this year is sculpted from beeswax with gold leaf trim, the Lamb and the Alpha and Omega are highlighted with gold bands. The date is in traditional arrangement around a silver budded cross with five white nails. The Merciful Lamb design is a tribute to the sacrifice that Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, made for our eternal salvation. This Easter candle lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, represents Jesus as Light of the World and is placed near the Gospel side of the altar. It is lighted each day during Mass until Ascension Thursday. After, it will be moved to the opposite side near the baptismal font. This always prominent candle is lit at baptisms and funerals.

The Paschal Candle is purchased with generous donations received from parishioners and friends in response to The Altar Society Annual No-Bake Sale.



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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.

Council 3067 will be parking cars at the McClellanville Shrimp Festival on Saturday, May 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dwight Frazier at 609-351-4422. This is our single largest fund-raising event of the year.

The Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Greenville, SC on May 2-4. Council 3067 will be represented by Grand Knight Mike Macedo and Deputy Grand Knight Bob Yacavino.

There will be a Columbia Building Association meeting on May 14 at 6:00 PM at the Maryville Social Hall. All members of Council 3067 are encouraged to attend.

Sunday of Divine Mercy



Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

Liturgical Roles

May 3 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 4 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 4 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	B Clark	C Howard
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco C Lindner
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton	B McMahan	C Chaj C Hernandez D Angeles
Altar Care: M Roberts	MJ Clark	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Religious Education

Scholarship opportunity - The Knights of Columbus will be awarding a high school student the Colin Peterson Catholic Youth Action Award. If you would like to nominate a student for this award, please contact either Mike Macedo or Cecilia Carlton. Nominees must attend Mass regularly, be actively involved in the church, and act as a good Catholic at and outside of the church.

The group attending the medical mission trip to Guatemala will be fundraising at the Blessing of the Inlet. There will be a tent selling Hispanic food. Please come out and support them.

Graduates, please come to the office and complete a questionnaire regarding the Graduation Acknowledgment Mass. This year's May Crowning will be done at all the Masses on May 3-4.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 20:19-31

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

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.

Devotions, Explained! St. Michael Prayer

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

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The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. Please come and join us!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Christ said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Nov 14-16, 2025 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and May 2-4, 2025 in HICKORY, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-258-0258.

Plating Grace: Save the Date!

Join us for our 7th Plating Grace Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 7, at 12 PM** as we celebrate the theme: **Behold Thy Mother!** We are honored to welcome our very own **Deacon Mike Brescia** as our guest speaker. Let us know if you'll be attending so we can reserve a special place just for you! To RSVP, please call **or text Joyce Fick at 843-359-8613** on or before **Monday, May 5**.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

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