

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 4, 2025

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



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Amy Wagner, President

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Diane Macedo

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Knights of Columbus:

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Office Hours:

Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

- Jn 21:12-13

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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, 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

Monday, May 5, 8:00 AM
for healing and well being of
Kim Denise Dickerson
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Tuesday, May 6
No Mass

Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 PM
Wendy Fowler
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, May 8, 8:00 AM
Thanksgiving to the English Community
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Friday, May 9, 8:00 AM
Barbara Mathis
for her birthday
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Saturday, May 10, 5:00 PM
† James Murphy
by Jean Murphy

Sunday, May 11, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, May 11, 10:00 AM
† Dennis Dion
by Vivian Dion

Sunday, May 11, 1:00 PM
Thanksgiving to the Hispanic Community
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold



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.

Attention Lectors

There are quite a few lector workbooks available in the office. If you have not received your 2025 workbook, please call the office. It can be pick up during the week or it can be left in the narthex with your name on it and you can pick it up when you come for Mass on the weekend.

To my dear St. Mary's family,
Whether you gave me a lovely card or a gift,
or spoke kind words to me,
whether you stopped and chat with me for a while,
or just thought of me, of my goodbye.
Whatever you did that day,
you filled my heart,
I thank you so much,
whatever the part.
*Much love and peace,
Yorky*

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 by May 18th. Nominees must attend Mass regularly, be actively involved in the church, and act as a good Catholic at and outside of the church.

The graduation acknowledgment Mass will be on June 1st at the 10 AM Mass. If you know of a senior that is graduating this year, please contact the office.

We have nine students preparing to receive their First Communion on June 8th at the 1 PM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their final preparations for this special day.

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 16th through June 20th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and we will end at 8:30 PM each night. Registration will begin on May 18th. If anyone would like to provide a meal or assist during the VBS week, please contact Cecilia Carlton.

The CLI Junior High School camp will be held at Camp Kinard from June 23rd through June 27th and the CLI High School camp will also be held at Camp Kinard from July 7th through July 11th. The cost for both camps is \$250 per camper and includes all meals and lodging. Anyone needing financial assistance or would like additional information should contact Cecilia Carlton. Both camp sessions are looking for college-aged volunteers. There is no cost for meals and lodging for volunteers, and they will receive a small stipend.

Ministry Schedules

We are currently working on the second half of 2025 Ministry schedules. If your phone number or email address has changed please contact Karen at 843-546-7416 or email your information to stmarygeorgetown@charlestandiocese.org Thank you.

Finance Council Meeting

A Finance Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th at 5:00 PM. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for April 26th and 27th was \$5,141.00. **This includes \$876.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,559.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

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.*



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with parking cars at the McClellanville Shrimp Festival on Saturday, May 3rd. Thanks also to Brother John Cross for offering his property for this worthwhile fundraiser.

Our Council monthly business meeting will be held Thursday, May 8th. Dinner is at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council 3067 will be providing breakfast at the Parish Hall after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Mothers Day, May 11th. All donations will be used to support the Seminarians that are sponsored by our Council.

The Columbia Building Association (CBA) will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00 PM at the Maryville Social Hall to discuss the financial performance and the plan for the Maryville Social Hall. All members of Council 3067 in good standing are also members of the CBA. We encourage all to attend this meeting.

Our Council will be hosting the Silver Rose at the parish from May 18th – May 21st. The Silver Rose pilgrimage across North America is a tradition of the Knights of Columbus, with a focus on honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoting respect for life.

Our Council will be hosting an exemplification on Wednesday, May 21st. The exemplification is the ceremony to welcome men as new Knights of Columbus. Family members and all parishioners are welcome to attend the exemplification ceremony.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17,
21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

Liturgical Roles

May 10 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 11 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 11 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	R Courtney	B Yacavino
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Vega P Lareau	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: D Macedo	N Giesler	A Angeles J Angeles A Santos
Altar Care: P Lareau	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>		

Plating Grace: This Week!

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**.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

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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

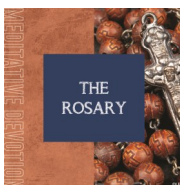
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Life Center classroom. All are welcome. If you have questions or know someone interested in joining our group, please contact Mary Roberts 843-997-4800.

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! The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

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Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

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