

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 11, 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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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

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Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo

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Knights of Columbus:

Mike Macedo

Office Hours:

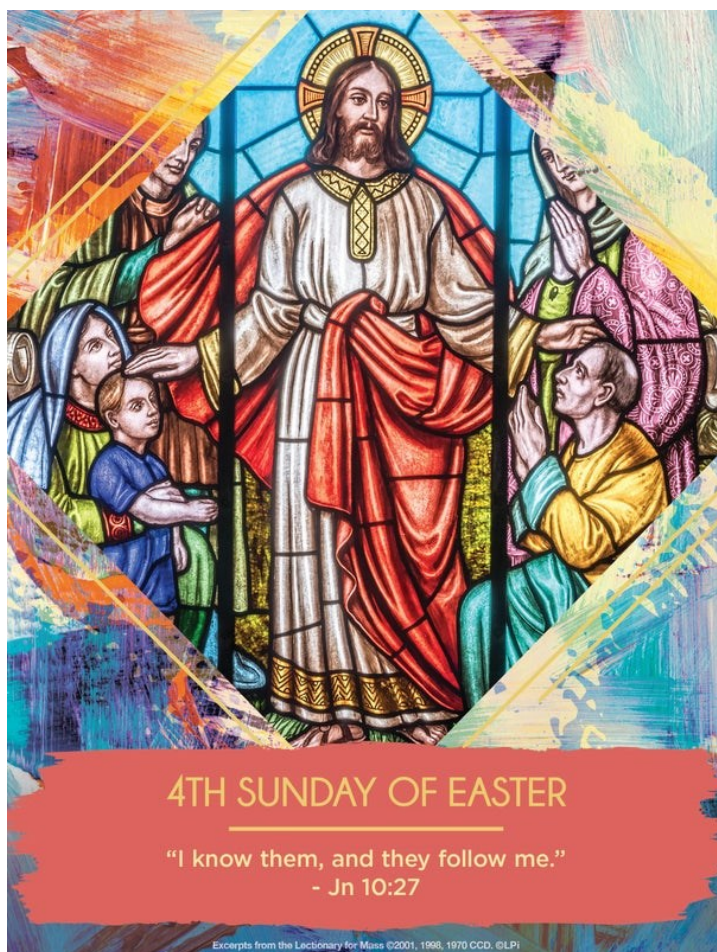
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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, 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

Monday, May 12, 8:00 AM
for unity and strength for all minorities
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Tuesday, May 13
No Mass

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 PM
† Colin Peterson
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, May 15, 8:00 AM
† Mable DeRiggs
by Cecilia Carlton

Friday, May 16, 8:00 AM
Kim Denise Dickerson
for the healing and well being of
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Saturday, May 17, 5:00 PM
† Helen and † Leon Wojciechowski
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 AM
Maureen and Donald Thomas
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, May 18, 10:00 AM
Torry Karatus
by the Parisi Family

Sunday, May 18, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for May 3rd and 4th was \$8,027.00. **This includes \$2,043.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,327.00 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 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 MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



Religious Education

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.

Registration for 2025-2026 Religious Education classes will begin on June 1st. There will be no registration fee if your child registers during the month of June. As of July 1st, the fee will be \$35 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

The last day of religious education classes will be May 25th.

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.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered to park cars at the McClellanville Shrimp Festival. We raised \$3,400 which will help us fund the various charities we support throughout the year. Special thanks to John Cross who provided the parking area and Dwight Frazer who led the project.

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 after the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom church. 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.

All parishioners are welcome to attend a Fraternal Benefit night at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 28th at the Parish Hall. Knights of Columbus field agents will provide information on the many investment products offered by the Knights. If you invest with the Knights you can be assured that your investments will not support organizations that do not reflect our Catholic principles. You do not need to be a Knight to utilize the Knights of Columbus financial services.

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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Liturgical Roles

May 17 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 18 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 18 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	N McMahan	T Howard
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke N Geisler D/T Corvelli	S/M Edwards B Kwarteng A Sanchez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Angeles Y Perez A Santos
Altar Care: M Roberts	D Kimbrough	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

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.

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 picked 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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

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! Retreat

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from one's daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning to that daily life transformed.

It was Christ himself who was the greatest and earliest advocate of spiritual retreat. In the Gospels, he is constantly depicted as withdrawing from other people to be alone in prayer. Likewise, participants in a modern retreat most often go somewhere like a retreat center to seek silence, solitude and communion with God. There are many different varieties of retreats; they can be guided and take place in a group setting, or they can be undertaken alone by just one person. Some are focused on a specific topic or theme; some are defined by periods of total silence. Though clerics are compelled by canon law to go on retreat regularly, all faithful are encouraged to make retreat part of their spiritual life.

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Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

A Buildings and Grounds committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at 5:00 PM.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI