

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 18, 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

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Organist/Choir Director:

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Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Amy Wagner, President

Paula Lareau, Vice-President

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, 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

Monday, May 19, 8:00 AM
† Christine and † Joe Walker
by a friend

Tuesday, May 20
No Mass

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 PM
† Frank Fitzgerald
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, May 22, 8:00 AM
† James Murphy
by Jean Murphy

Friday, May 23, 8:00 AM
Kim Denise Dickerson
for the healing and well being of
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Saturday, May 24, 5:00 PM
† Mary Phillips Roberts
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, May 25, 8:00 AM
Patricia Lewis
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, May 25, 10:00 AM
† John R. Howard, Sr.
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, May 25, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for May 10th and 11th was \$5,803.00. **This includes \$938.00 from online giving.** This is \$837.00 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, 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.

Ministry Schedules

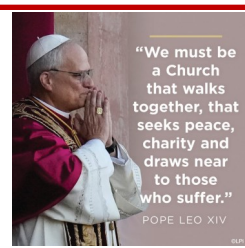
We are currently working on the second half of 2025 Ministry schedules. If your phone number or email address has changed please contact Karen at 843-546-7416 or email your information to stmarygeorgetown@charlestdiocese.org.

Wednesday, May 21

A Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 12, but adoration will **not** be held after Mass as there is a Knights of Columbus exemplification ceremony.



Pope Leo XIV, born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Robert Francis Prevost has a career marked by a combination of pastoral service in Peru and administrative leadership. Prevost, 69, is known for his affable nature and moderate approach.



Religious Education

Quinceanera classes will begin on May 22nd at 5:00 PM. Please contact Cecilia Carlton to register.

The last class for Religious Education will be May 25th. Registration for the fall will begin on June 1st. There is no fee if you register 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.

Registration for Vacation Bible School begins this weekend. Forms are available in the office. 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. If anyone would like to provide a meal or assist during the VBS week, please contact Cecilia Carlton.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered and donated funds at the Mother's Day breakfast and Seminarian fundraiser. We raised \$1,048 for this worthy cause. We are excited to see that Deacon Daniel Perry, who our council has supported through seminary, will be ordained as a priest on June 6th at the Cathedral in Charleston.

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 recent recruitment drive was a great success. We have eleven men who have chosen to become Knights. We will be hosting an exemplification on Wednesday, May 21, after the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom church. A reception will follow the exemplification. 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 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.

Our second Columbus Hope fundraising drive at Walmart will be on May 30th and 31st (Memorial Day weekend). All proceeds go to support organizations that serve children and adults with special needs. If you can volunteer for a two-hour shift to collect donations, please contact Tom Macedo at 401-640-7112.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-2

Liturgical Roles

May 24 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 25 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 25 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: C Ramsey	B Pittman	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco Christy Linder
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: M Carlton	C Humphries	R Angeles M Mezquite P Lux
Altar Care: C Ramsey	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>		

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 13:31-35

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

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! Hail Mary

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

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Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

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