

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 25, 2025

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



## A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

**Rev. Anthony Swamy, MSSCC**

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### Parish Organizations

**Pastoral Council:**

Anneva White

**Hispanic Ministry Council:**

Max Angeles

**Finance Council:**

Mary Lee

**Buildings and Grounds Task Force:**

Phil Lazzari

**Organist/Choir Director:**

Edwin Hopkins

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**

**Phone: 843-546-7416**

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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 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

Monday, May 26, 8:00 AM  
† Itzel Mezquite Angeles  
by Erasmo Mezquite

Tuesday, May 27  
**No Mass**

Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 PM  
† Florence and † George Hanson  
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, May 29, 8:00 AM

Friday, May 30, 8:00 AM  
Kim Denise Dickerson  
for the healing and well being of  
by Yorky Burnas-Arnold

Saturday, May 31, 5:00 PM  
† Angel Khoury  
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, June 1, 8:00 AM  
Terry Karatas  
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, June 1, 10:00 AM  
† Deane Vallier  
by Bernadette Vallier

Sunday, June 1, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

## Parish Support

The offertory collection for May 17th and 18th was \$6,668.00. **This includes \$1,433.00 from online giving.** This is \$32.00 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.



### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.



## Religious Education

Registration for Vacation Bible School is underway. All children are invited regardless of church affiliation for grades Pre-K through 6th. There is no fee if the child is registered by June 8th. After the 8th, the fee will be \$10. Each day the campers are asked to bring a canned or dry food item to donate to a local food bank. The dates are June 16th through June 20th with dinner being served at 5:30 PM. Registration will begin on May 18th. If any additional information is needed, please contact Cecilia Carlton.

Quinceanera classes have begun. The next session will begin in the fall. Six classes are required and must be completed at least one month prior to the quinceanera date. Marriage preparation classes have also begun. Please contact Cecilia Carlton for any questions about quinceanera or marriage prep classes.

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.

Graduation Acknowledgements will be presented at the 10:00 AM Mass on June 1st. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

This weekend is the last day of classes. Enjoy the summer!

## Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee Year

Bishop Fabre has announced that our diocese has four parishes designated as pilgrimage sites. Pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by visiting one of these churches in addition to the normative requirements for obtaining such an indulgence.

1. Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street, Charleston
2. Basilica of St. Peter, 1529 Assembly Street, Columbia
3. Old St. Mary Help of Christians, 125 Park Avenue, Aiken
4. St. Mary, 111 Hampton Avenue, Greenville

For more information, please visit [charlestondiocese.org/jubilee2025/sc-pilgrimage-sites](http://charlestondiocese.org/jubilee2025/sc-pilgrimage-sites) and [usccb.org/jubilee2025](http://usccb.org/jubilee2025).



## Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Congratulations to the men who became Knights of Columbus and joined Council 3067 during the exemplification on Wednesday, May 21. We are excited to have you all as our Brother Knights.

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 financial products 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 K of C financial services.

Our second Columbus Hope fund raising drive at Walmart will be on May 30-31 (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.

The first annual Colin Peterson Catholic Youth Action Award will be present after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 1.

## 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.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-2

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23  
Lk 24:46-53

## Liturgical Roles

| May 31<br>Saturday<br>5:00 PM                                                                          | June 1<br>Sunday<br>8:00 AM          | June 1<br>Sunday<br>10:00 AM                       |
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| <b>Lector:</b><br>P Ness                                                                               | L Altman                             | M Duggan                                           |
| <b>Ushers:</b><br>P Medved<br>P Wolfe                                                                  | T Clarke<br>J Joseph<br>D/T Corvelli | T Macmanus<br>E Kimbrough<br>H Moore<br>B Yacavino |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br>A Vega<br>P Lareau                                | N/B McMahan<br>B Pittman             | T Howard<br>J Pizzi<br>D Wright                    |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b><br>D Macedo                                                                      | B McMahan                            | J Angeles<br>L Lux<br>D Ramos                      |
| <b>Altar Care:</b><br>P Hughes                                                                         | D Kimbrough                          | L Ortiz<br>L Hernandez<br>M Huerta                 |
| <b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b> |                                      |                                                    |

### Finance Council Meeting

The finance council will meet on June 2nd at 5:00 PM.

### Job Opening at Our Church!

We are hiring a new parish secretary. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the office and we will send you a job description and an application. This position is full time (35 hours per week) and includes benefits.

### Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 14:23-29

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

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! Pilgrimage

When the time came for the Transfiguration of Christ, Jesus took three of his disciples to "a high mountain by themselves," indicating that the sacred mysteriousness of this moment was something best experienced apart from the routine of ordinary life. This is the principle behind the act of pilgrimage: a journey to a place of spiritual significance, undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain. ©LPI

### Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org), select "Parish Life," and then "Online Giving". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

### Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

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