

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 1, 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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Organist/Choir Director:

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Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

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Amy Wagner, President

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Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo

Neena McMahan

Knights of Columbus:

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Office Hours:

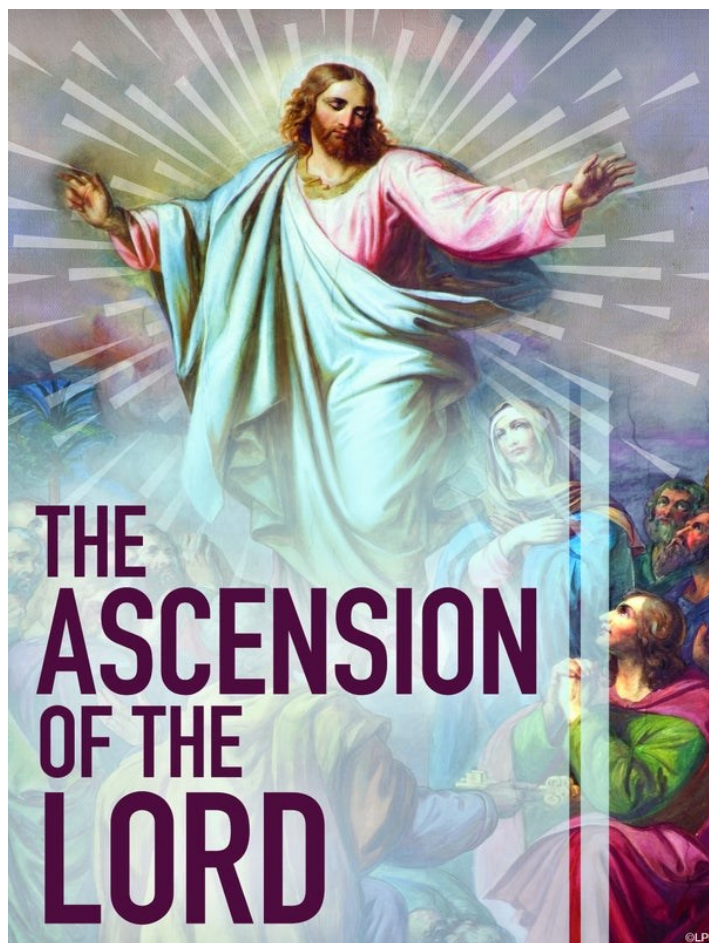
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 2, 8:00 AM
† Mary Lou and † Wirt Cook
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Tuesday, June 3
No Mass

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 PM
† David Wagner
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, June 5, 8:00 AM
† Tom Clark
by St. Mary's Altar Society

Friday, June 6, 8:00 AM
† Peggy Sheehan
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Saturday, June 7, 5:00 PM
† Vicky Stih
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, June 8, 8:00 AM
Tonya and Joseph Parisi
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 AM
† Joseph Isacc, III
by Cheryl and Joseph Isaac

Sunday, June 8, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

*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.

Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Charleston diocese to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Religious Education

It is not too late to register for Vacation Bible School. There is no fee if your 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. For more information, please contact Cecilia Carlton.

Registration for 2025-2026 Religious Education classes will begin this weekend. 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.

Ten students will be receiving their First Communion at the 1 PM Mass next Sunday. Please pray for the following students as they prepare to receive their sacrament and continue on their faith journey:

Roberto Arreaga Perez
Angel Gonzalez
Jenna Nguyen
Celena Velasquez Diaz

Luna Barradas
Nataly Gonzalez
Victoria Rodriguez

Sebastian Florek
Amoury Gonzalez Gomez
Iker Velasquez

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 charlestandiocese.org/jubilee2025/sc-pilgrimage-sites and usccb.org/jubilee2025.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered at our Columbus Hope Fund Drive at Walmart this weekend. We will report on the amount collected in next week's Knights Corner.

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

The Knights will be preparing dinner for the Vacation Bible School students on Wednesday, June 18th. Please contact Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191 if you would like to volunteer. This month's Council business meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 11th. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. A short insurance presentation will follow and then the business meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

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.

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.

The Ascension of the Lord



Weekly Readings

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4, 5ac, 6-7b
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Liturgical Roles

June 7 Saturday 5:00 PM	June 8 Sunday 8:00 AM	June 8 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Goldbach	E Teller	J Pizzi
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke N Geisler D/T Corvelli	S/M Edwards B Kwarteng A Sanchez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Starnes A Wagner	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	J Angeles E Morales A Mezquite
Altar Care: M Roberts	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>		

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website
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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 24:46-53

It was a Delta flight from Salt Lake City to Phoenix, and it looked like an on-time departure. As the large plane rolled away from the gate, the pilot announced over the intercom: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the crew outside didn't fill up the tanks with fuel. We are going back to the gate to wait for them." The passengers groaned with impatience. But over the next hour, we knew the waiting had a purpose: it meant fuel to get us to our destination.

The disciples at the Lord's Ascension are in a similar predicament but on a massively higher plane. They want the Kingdom of God to begin on earth as it is in heaven. But Jesus says, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They stay together in prayer in Jerusalem and wait nine long days until the Holy Spirit descends. Empowered by supernatural gifts, they go forth to the ends of the earth and to their deaths proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. The wait was worth it.

Before you begin a task or endeavor, do you take time to patiently pray for the Holy Spirit to come? The bigger the task, the more ardent the prayer should be. Try it this week, and you'll be clothed with power to get where God wants you to go.

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! The Morning Offering

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring. The ancient Israelites practiced the bikkurim ("first fruits") as described in Deuteronomy, chapter 26. This was a ritual by which the first fruits of the harvest were offered back to God in a sacrificial act of gratitude and obedience. The theology behind the Morning Offering is similar: giving to God the first moments of each day. The most traditional form of the Morning Offering, attributed to Fr. Francois-Xavier Gautrelet, begins "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart..." A full version of this text can be found at usccb.org/prayers/morning-offering. ©LPI

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.

Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council will meet on June 2nd at 5:00 PM.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Ascension of the Lord

I travel a good bit, which means I am away from my wife and children for decent periods of time. But what makes it easier for me, besides being able to share the Good News of Jesus with people all over, is that I know I will not be gone forever. I will return, and then all will be well again. I have been called by God to be away from them at times, but God always brings me back to them.

Each liturgical year, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. The feast speaks much to who Jesus is theologically. But in a very practical way, we also acknowledge that he has gone to be with the Father, but will return someday. Just as I return after a conference or visit with a parish to those God has entrusted to me and I love, Jesus will return to those entrusted to him and whom he loves.

But just like when I am away, there are things to be done. Life goes on for my wife and children with school, work, activities, and the basic responsibilities of family. In good stewardship, they are called to give generously to each other and devote themselves to God. Without them tending to things, upon my return I would find everything in turmoil and disarray. Then when I return, we become one again, and we are about the Lord's work together.

The Lord ascended into heaven, but we are not to sit by quietly awaiting his return. Much needs to be done. He has entrusted much to us, expecting us to be good stewards. If you think that you have all the time in the world to complete the tasks at hand, think again. His return will be when we least expect it. It is time to be about our Father's work.

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