

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 8, 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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Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

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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

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, 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

Monday, June 9, 8:00 AM
† Pat Beard
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Tuesday, June 10
No Mass

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 PM
† Hannah Baise
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, June 12, 8:00 AM

Friday, June 13, 8:00 AM
† Tom Clark
by Neena and Bob McMahan

Saturday, June 14, 5:00 PM
† Carol Marie Bailey
by Pat and Ken Kiluk

Sunday, June 15, 8:00 AM
† Rosa and † James Bassett
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, June 15, 10:00 AM
† Kathy Yacavino
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, June 15, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for May 24th and 25th was \$7,402.50. **This includes \$868.00 from online giving.** This is \$702.50 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The offertory collection for May 31st and June 1st was \$7,377.00. **This includes \$1,900.00 from online giving.** This is \$677.00 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.*

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

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Charleston diocese to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Religious Education

Free registration for Vacation Bible School ends this weekend. Effective June 8th, the fee will be \$10 per child. 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 continue through the end of this month at no cost. Starting July 1st, the fee will be \$35 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

Quinceanera classes have begun, and the next session will begin in the fall. The sessions are five classes long in addition to two practices. Please contact Cecilia Carlton for additional requirements.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

You now have the option to use Online Giving for contributions to our parish. The application provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. There's no need to share sensitive account information with parish staff. We have implemented Online Giving because it is: convenient, safe and secure, and simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.

To access online giving visit our parish website at www.stmaryourladyofransom.org, then "Parish Life," then "Online Giving".



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered at our Columbus Hope Fund Drive at Walmart last weekend. We collected a total of \$2,578. The Columbus Hope project supports three local organizations that assist those with special needs. The three organizations are J.O.Y School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities.

The first annual Colin Peterson Catholic Youth Action Award was presented to Javier Hernandez at the 1:00 PM Mass on June 1.

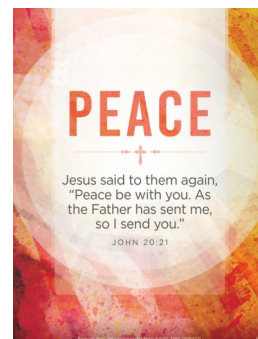
The Knights will be preparing dinner for the Vacation Bible School students on Wednesday, June 18th. Please contact Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191 if you would like to volunteer.

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.

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.



Pentecost Sunday



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133, 135
Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11, 15-18 Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Liturgical Roles

June 14 Saturday 5:00 PM	June 15 Sunday 8:00 AM	June 15 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	J Dumm	C Carrasco
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke R Roberts C Bryant Tom Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco C Lindner
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton F Hernandez	R Arreaga I Arreaga	Y Angeles Y Perez
Altar Care: D Macedo	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>		

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 9 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
Saturday, June 14 Prayer Vigil Service in Spanish at 7:00 PM
Monday, June 16 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 5:00 PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 20:19-23

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

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

The Gospel Study Group takes a summer break following Pentecost Sunday study. Regular weekly discussions will resume Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 AM in the parish hall classroom. Everyone, enjoy the summer and plan on joining us in September. All are welcome.

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.

Pentecost: Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

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Job Opening at Our Church!

We are hiring a new parish secretary. If you are interested and would like more information, please send your resume to 317 Broad Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or to stmarygeorgetown@charlestondiocese.org. This position is full time (35 hours per week) and includes benefits.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

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