

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 13, 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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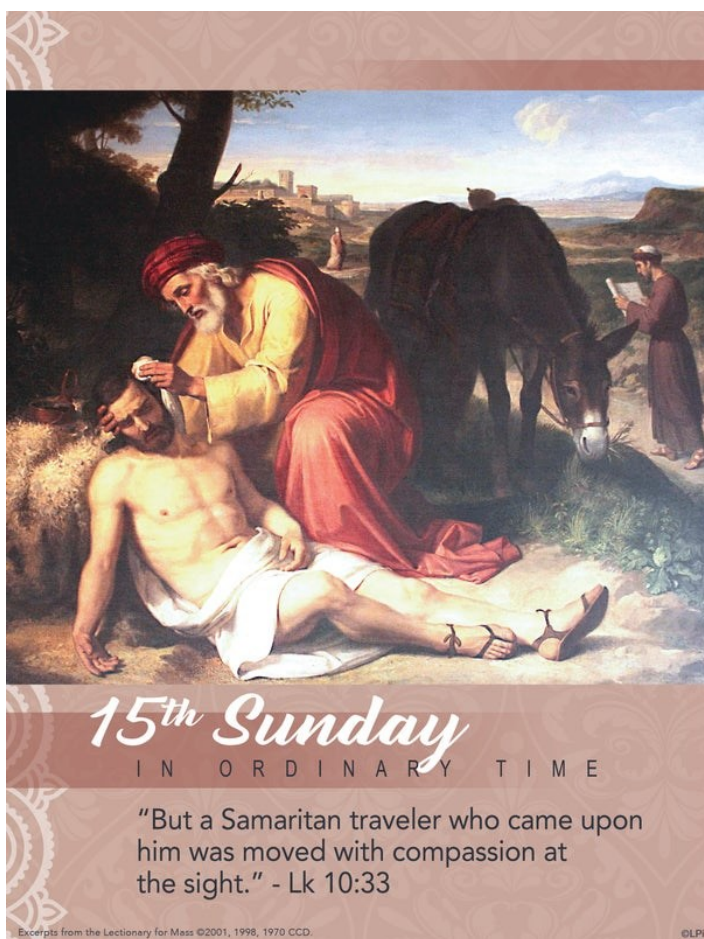
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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15th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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, July 12, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Karen and Mike Macedo

Sunday, July 13, 8:00 AM
† Joan Jekel
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 13, 10:00 AM
† Mary Wesel
by Win Wesel

Sunday, July 13, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, July 14, 8:00 AM
Nicole and Daniel Mika
for their 1st Anniversary
by Barbara Mika

Tuesday, July 15
No Mass

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 PM
† Mary Jo Karre
by Pat and Chris Doran

Thursday, July 17, 8:00 AM
† Mary Jo Karre
by James Dumm

Friday, July 18, 8:00 AM
† Miller Gardner
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Saturday, July 19, 5:00 PM
† Peggy Sheehan
by St. Mary's Altar Society

Sunday, July 20, 8:00 AM
† Nevzat Karatas
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 20, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, July 20, 1:00 PM
† Mercedes Figueroa
by Kathy Adams



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers: 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, Cecilia McGee and Sandy Peterson.

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.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC – Beneath The Surface

Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't want to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we see, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage? Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The installation ceremony of Council 3067 officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year will be held immediately after the 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, July 23rd. All officers for 2025-2026 should attend if possible. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our Knight of the month, Tom Macedo. Tom organized the Operation Hope fund drive. He is a choir member and a cantor. He is also a member of the Pastoral Council.

Our Family of the month is the Rafal and Christina Florek family. Rafal took over the church landscaping contract in 2024 and has donated supplies and labor to the landscaping activities. Christina is a catechist for Quinceanera. She made gifts for all the first communion candidates and volunteers to help our Director of Religious Education whenever she sees a need. Christina also cooks for Religious Ed and steps in when there is a gap in staffing to provide the meals. Their son Sebastian just received First Communion, and their daughter regularly attends Religious Ed.

Our monthly Food Drive will be on Saturday & Sunday, July 19 & 20th. Your non-perishable food donations will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Georgetown for distribution to those in need.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for June 28th and 29th was \$6,103.00. **This includes \$1,023.00 from online giving.** This is \$597.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00. We also collected \$2,016.00 for the Peter's Pence collection.

The offertory collection for July 5th and 6th was \$6,552.35. **This includes \$2,038.00 from online giving.** This is \$147.35 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

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.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

You 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". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-8 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27
Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15
Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28
Lk 10:38-42

Liturgical Roles

July 19 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 20 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 20 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: P Ness	B Pittman	J Pizzi
Ushers: J Blevin	T Clarke N Geisler D/T Corvelli	S/M Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau A Vega	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	N Giesler	A Angeles F Morales Y Perez
Altar Care: P Lareau	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>		

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

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 from September thru May on 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13 Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser -
Food Sale from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday, August 6 Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM

Marriage Encounter

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 14-16, 2025 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Aug 29-31, 2025 in WHEATON, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-258-0258.

Religious Education

Registration for religious education classes is now \$35 per child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

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