

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 20, 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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Mary Lee

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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:

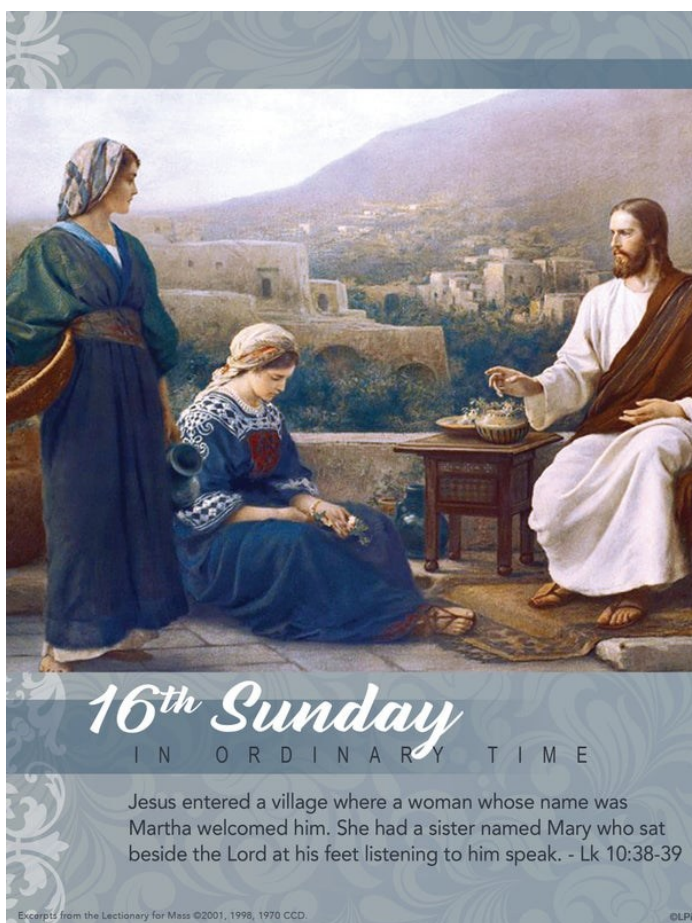
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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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 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

Monday, July 21, 8:00 AM
† Danny Dawson, Sr.
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Tuesday, July 22
No Mass

Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 PM
† Malon McGee
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, July 24, 8:00 AM
† Peggy Sheehan
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Friday, July 25, 8:00 AM
† Greg Mika
by Barbara Mika

Saturday, July 26, 5:00 PM
† Peggy Sheehan
by Diane Stamm and Randy Courtney

Sunday, July 27, 8:00 AM
† Thad Lewis
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 AM
† Eleanor Smith
by Cheryl and Joe Isacc

Sunday, July 27, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 12th and 13th was \$8,130.00. **This includes \$1,073.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,430.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal

Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.

*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: 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.

Hispanic Food Sales

The food sale held on June 29th was a great success. They raised \$2,695.00 for our church. Thank you to those who prepare and sell the delicious food and to those who support this effort by buying the food.

*The Flowers on the Altar
this week are in memory of
Tommy Lee by Mary Lee.*

PRACTICING CATHOLIC – Beneath The Surface

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

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 for July, Doug Wagner. Doug is a cantor and a member of the choir. He is also a lector. Doug volunteers for many of our council and church activities and has recently become the Deputy Grand Knight for Council 3067.

Our Family of the month is the Mike and Karen Macedo family. Mike is a member of St. Mary's Finance Council and Building and Grounds committee. He is a cantor and member of the choir as well as a Religious Education instructor. He recently completed his two-year term as Council 3067 Grand Knight. Karen has been the temporary church secretary since March. She is also a money counter. Karen steps up to fill the needs of our parish whenever the need arises.

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

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.stmaryyourladyofransom.org, then "Parish Life," then "Online Giving". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28
Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-6 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52-56
Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

Liturgical Roles

July 26 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 27 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 27 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: A Predieri	E Teller	C Carrasco
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Starnes A Wagner	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton F Hernandez	B McMahan	R Angeles M Mezquite P Lux
Altar Care: M Roberts	MJ Clark	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 All Parishioners

If you have items that have been left in the "Brick House", please remove them by July 31. The building is being prepared to be demolished and removed. Please come by the parish office for a key to the building. Thank you.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work-domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

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

Monday, July 21	Finance Council Meeting at 5:00 PM
Wednesday, July 23	Knights of Columbus Installation Ceremony after the 5:30 Mass
Sunday, July 27	NO ADORATION Hispanic Food Sale from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday, July 28	Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 5:00 PM
Wednesday, August 6	Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM

Religious Education

Thank you to everyone that participated and supported the food sale for the Guatemalan Medical Mission trip. Due to your generous support, we collected \$3,353.

We are still accepting registration forms for children's Religious Education classes. The fee is currently \$35 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family. Please contact the office as soon as possible so that your child can be placed in the appropriate class.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

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