

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 27, 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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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:

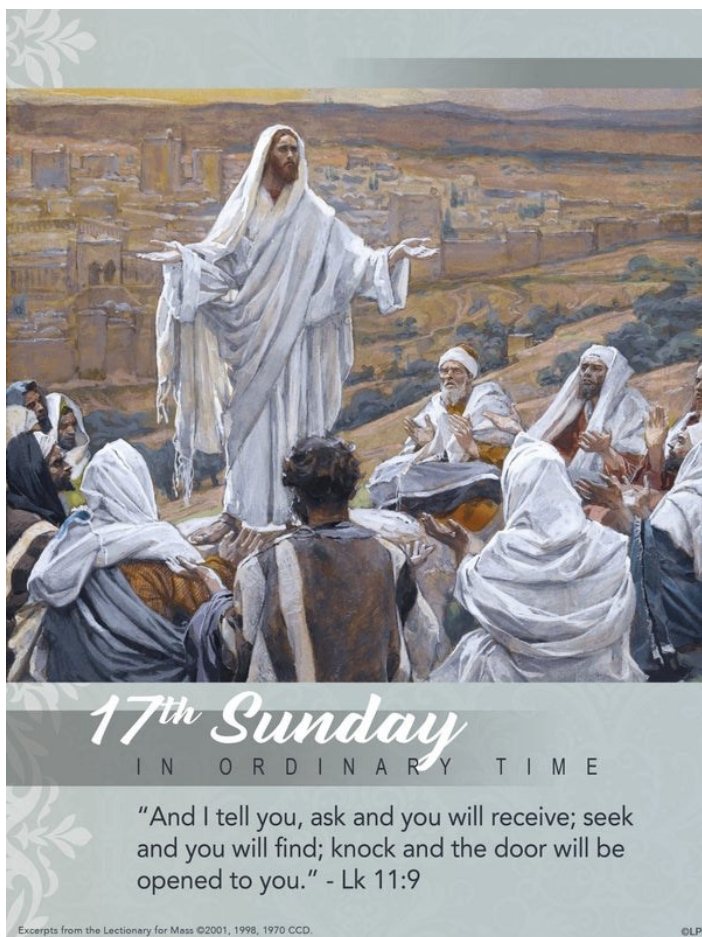
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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 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

Monday, July 28, 8:00 AM
† Barbara Mahaffey
by Mary Lou Leonard

Tuesday, July 29
No Mass

Wednesday, July 30, 5:30 PM
† Assunta Mathis
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, July 31, 8:00 AM
Louise Ullman
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Friday, August 1, 8:00 AM
† Billie Wilson
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Saturday, August 2, 5:00 PM
† Peggy Sheehan
by Win Wesel

Sunday, August 3, 8:00 AM
† Jane Hathaway
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, August 3, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 3, 1:00 PM
Ross Dannenberg
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.

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.

Marriage Encounter



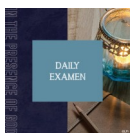
"Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience November 14-16, 2025 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and Aug 29-31, 2025 in Wheaton, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-258-0258.

Jubilee Youth Day Retreat

On Sunday, August 3, St. James in Conway is hosting a deanery Youth Day in celebration of the Jubilee of Youth in this holy year of HOPE! The event is from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Mass will be celebrated and confession will be available during an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. The cost is \$15. If you register on the day of the retreat, it is cash only. This retreat is a spiritual experience aimed towards teens!

If you have children or grandchildren ages 13-18, this is a once in a lifetime Jubilee Retreat just for them. This is an all-day bi-lingual event and includes nationally known guest speaker, Rhyann Ramirez. Call the office for registration information.

Devotions, Explained! Daily Examen



The daily examen is a spiritual practice derived from the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. A Basque nobleman, Ignatius underwent a series of religious conversions as a young man following a wound sustained in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. His Spiritual Exercises were first published in 1548 and form the basis of what is known today as "Ignatian spirituality."

Many different versions of the examen have been developed over the centuries, but all are centered on the same five elements which themselves reflect Ignatius' process of self-review and spiritual discernment.

In completing the daily examen, an individual places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

For more information on the examen and to find different variations of it, visit ignatianspirituality.com.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Congratulations to all of the Council officers who were installed for the 2025 - 2026 fraternal year on Wednesday, July 23.

Our next Columbus Hope Drive will be held at Walmart on August 29th and 30th. Please contact Tom Macedo if you can volunteer for a two-hour time slot on either or both of these days. All donations support three organizations that help people with special needs: The Joy School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 19th and 20th was \$7,612.78. **This includes \$1,165.00 from online giving.** This is \$912.78 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

You also gave \$1,716.00 for the Retired Priests of the Diocese collection.

*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.

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13
Jn 11:19-27
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Liturgical Roles

August 2 Saturday 5:00 PM	August 3 Sunday 8:00 AM	August 3 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	J Dumm	C Howard
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: D Macedo	C Humphries	J Angeles A Mezquite E Morales
Altar Care: D Macedo	D Kimrough	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

PRACTICING CATHOLIC – Beneath The Surface

Ask and You Shall Receive

Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

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 27	Hispanic Food Sale from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday, July 28	Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 3	Junior High and High School Jubilee Retreat at St. James at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 6	Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 7th. The registration fee is \$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. The last day for registration is September 14th.

Adult bible classes will begin on September 8th. The topic is: "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John."

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

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