

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 29, 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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Edwin Hopkins

Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Amy Wagner, President

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Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo

Neena McMahan

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Office Hours:

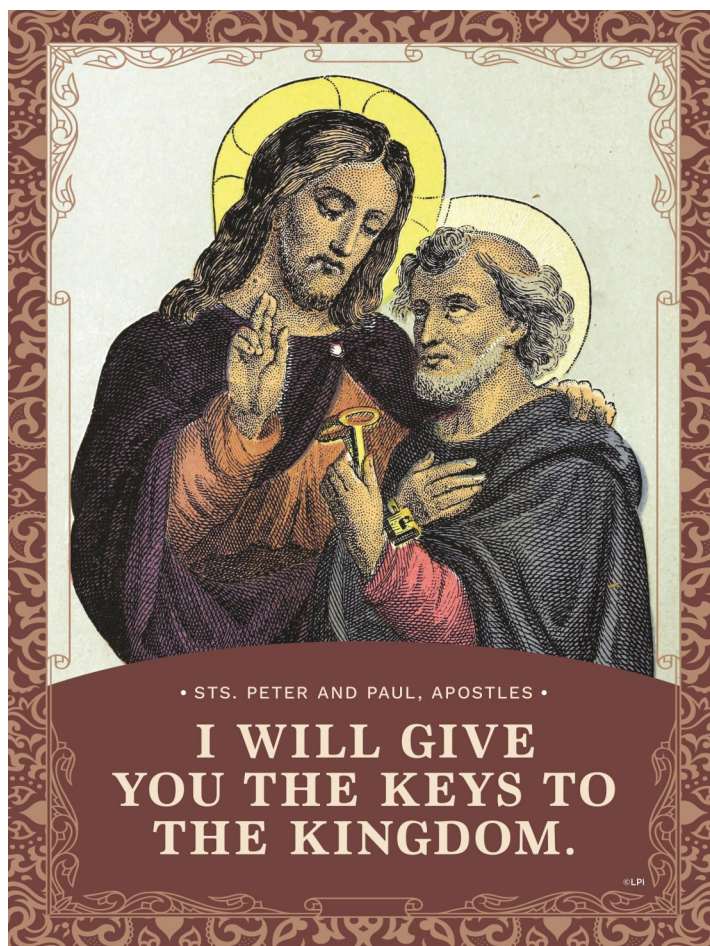
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 28, 5:00 PM
† David Wagner
by Amy and Doug Wagner

Sunday, June 29, 8:00 AM
Tara Joseph
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, June 29, 10:00 AM
† George Janineh
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, June 29, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, June 30, 8:00 AM
† Pauline Petrin
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Tuesday, July 1
No Mass

Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 PM
† Kristin Melsi Fournier
by Pat Fancher

Thursday, July 3, 8:00 AM
† Thomas Trez
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Friday, July 4, 8:00 AM
† Christopher Ankele
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Saturday, July 5, 5:00 PM
† Barbara Mahaffey
by Pamela Ness

Sunday, July 6, 8:00 AM
Jennifer Bodie
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 AM
† Robert Blaise Murphy
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, July 6, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for June 21st and 22nd was \$4,881.00. **This includes \$888.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,819.00 under 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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

Fall Festival Meeting

The Fall Festival is quickly approaching. There will be a meeting Monday, June 30th at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for all Chairpersons and anyone else interested in helping. Please be thinking about volunteering to help with this Parish wide event.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 29
Monday, June 30
Thursday, July 10

Hispanic Food Sale from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Fall Festival Meeting at 5:00 PM
Hispanic Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

Religious Education

June 30th is the last day to register for religious education classes at no cost. Starting July 1st the fee is \$36 per child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

Vacation Bible School was a success. Thank you to all the parents that allowed their child to participate in this event. We had an average of 38 children in attendance each night with 16 student volunteers. The adult leaders were amazing and we would like to thank them as well for all the time and dedication they invested. Lastly we want to thank the groups of cooks. There was not a night that we had leftovers. The children enjoyed the meal choices.

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.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to the Knights who carried the canopy at the Eucharist procession last Sunday.

Our next Council Business meeting will be Thursday, July 10th. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, and the lecture at 6:30 PM, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

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.

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19
Monday: Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-12 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-13 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-5
Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-6 Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Liturgical Roles

July 5 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 6 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 6 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	N McMahan	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke B Roberts Chet Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: M Carlton F Hernandez	C Humphries	C Chaj C Hernandez P Lux
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

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Matthew 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

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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.

Independence Day



Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded.

As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more.

This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – Beneath The Surface

Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Some say.

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say.

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, we know.

But will we answer?

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