

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 3, 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:

Hispanic Ministry Council:

Max Angeles

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Mary Lee

Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

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:

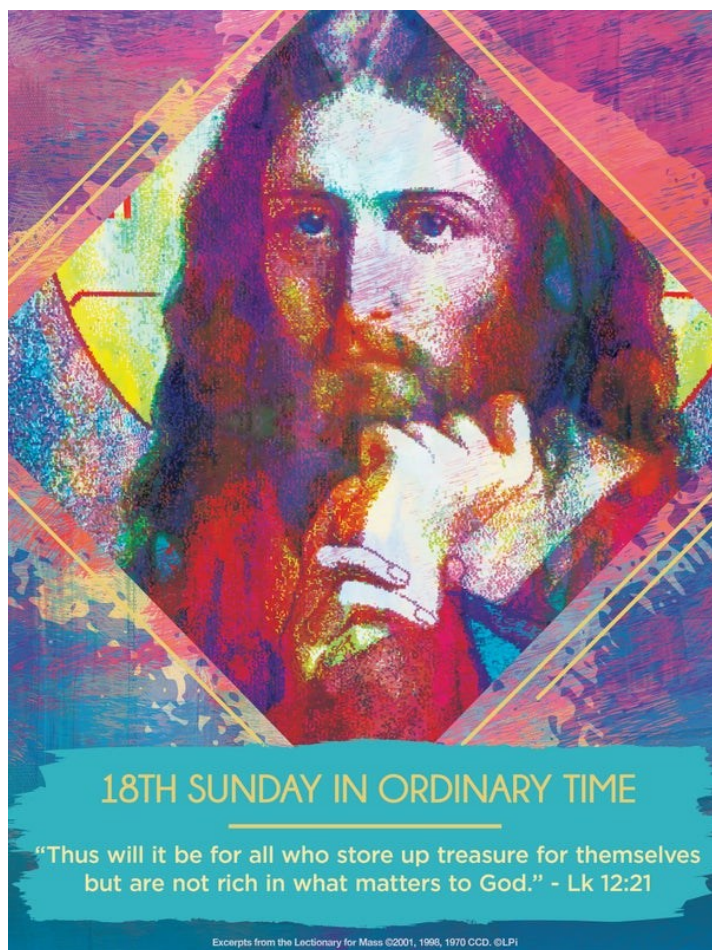
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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, 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

Monday, August 4, 8:00 AM
† Terri Altman Benton
by Faye and Lorry Altman

Tuesday, August 5
No Mass

Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 PM
† Mary Jo Karre
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 AM
† Barbara Mahaffey
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Friday, August 8, 8:00 AM
Cecilia Carlton

Saturday, August 9, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Mark Sheehan

Sunday, August 10, 8:00 AM
† Oliver Hathaway
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 AM
† Joseph Isaac, III
by Cheryl and Joseph Isaac

Sunday, August 10, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 26th and 27th was \$19,117.50. **This includes \$1,066.00 from online giving.** This is \$12,417.50 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00. This also includes a one time generous donation of \$12,000.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal

*Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish
be aware of and support the Safe Environ-
ment 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 Crock-er, Chet Maslowski, Cecilia McGee, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson and Ann Wil-son.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Friday, August 15

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass times: 12 Noon (English), 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Monday, August 18

Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 19

Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

Father John Muir ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Council August business meeting will be held August 14, 2025 at the Maryville Social Hall. Dinner and lecture begin at 6:00 PM with the business meeting commencing at 7:00 PM.

The Council is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on August 19th from 1 PM – 6 PM. If you would like to donate blood, please sign up on the Red Cross website, or contact Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869.

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 the three organizations that help people with special needs: Joy School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs.

As always, Mike Allen who is our District Field Agent, is available to answer any questions a brother Knight may have concerning the Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products. You can contact Mike Allen at 803-397-7803 or mallen1072@aol.com.

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Liturgical Roles

August 9 Saturday 5:00 PM	August 10 Sunday 8:00 AM	August 10 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Goldbach	R Humphries	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Medved P Wolfe	T Clarke N Geisler D/T Corvelli	S/M Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau A Vega J Kenny	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	Y Angeles Y Perez
Altar Care: P Hughes	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>		

AUGUST 26 | 7PM (EST)

MARRIAGE CATECHUMENATE WEBINAR
a continual path of evangelization

"Do you know what is the Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life that His Holiness, Pope Francis and the popes before him have entrusted to pastors, spouses and all those who provide pastoral care for families?"

Let us be empowered by Mary Rose and Ryan who have been appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis as the Consultants of the Vatican Diocese for Lady, Family and Life. They are well known international speakers on marriage and evangelization.

REGISTER in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MarriageWeb25>
for more info, contact forandcharlestondiocese.org

SPEAKERS
Mary Rose and Ryan Varney
Co-founders of Witness to Love

Plating Grace Luncheon

Please join us for our upcoming Plating Grace Luncheon to be held on August 6, 2025 at 12 noon in the Parish Life Center. Our special guest speaker will be Jack Seibert. We are honored to welcome Jack, a passionate educator and devoted man of faith. Jack and his wife, Betty, are parishioners of Precious Blood Catholic Church in Pawleys Island. Jack joined the Knights years ago and established a Men's Faith Sharing group where they read two books a year and meet every Wednesday morning to discuss and share thoughts on the readings. They continue to meet to this day - 18 years! Jack was also an integral part of Bible Study Ministry at PBOC where he facilitated a group in bible studies that inspired many from their church as well as a group from St. Mary's. With years of experience and insight, his message promises to enlighten, inspire, and encourage spiritual growth. Come join us as we pursue deeper understanding, awaken new spiritual realities, and reflect on our journey to walk in His footsteps.

"Give your servant a listening heart..." (1 Kings 3:9)

Please RSVP by August 4th to Joyce Fick at 843-359-8613.

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.

Communion to the Homebound

Please let us know if you or your loved one are confined to your home or are recovering from surgery and are now at home and unable to attend Mass. Please call the parish office at 843-546-7416 and we will be happy to find someone to bring communion to you.

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." Please contact the office to register as soon as possible so that the materials can be ordered in time for the first class.

There will be a Back-To-School Mass with Bishop Fabre on August 10th at St. John Neumann Church, 100 Polo Road, Columbia. Students will meet with the Bishop prior to the Mass that will begin at 5PM. All students are welcome to attend.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI