

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 10, 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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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:

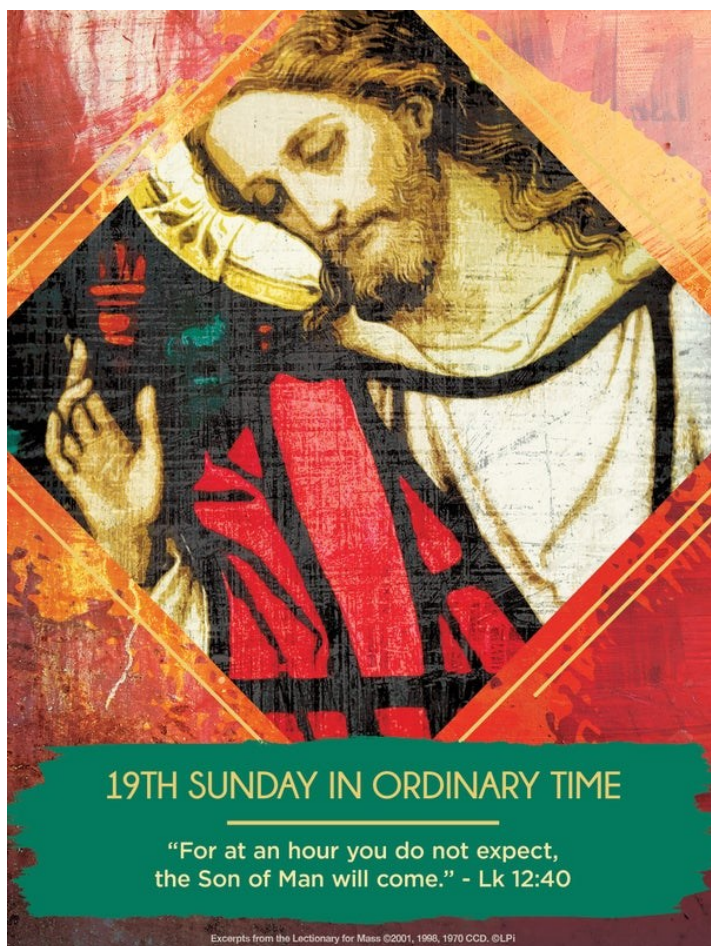
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:40

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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 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

Monday, August 11, 8:00 AM
† Rose Houseman
by Jennifer Pizzi

Tuesday, August 12
No Mass

Wednesday, August 13, 5:30 PM
† Wayne Johnson
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, August 14, 8:00 AM
† Dorothy J. Temple
by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Friday, August 15
The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:00 PM - † Edward Wawer
7:00 PM

Saturday, August 16, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Diane Stamm and Randy Courtney

Sunday, August 17, 8:00 AM
† Natalie Thomas
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, August 17, 10:00 AM
† Geneva and † James Courtney
by Diane Stamm and Randy Courtney

Sunday, August 17, 1:00 PM
For his birthday
Diego Alan Martinez
by Maria Pucheta

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 2nd and 3rd was \$7,226.00. **This includes \$1,908.00 from online giving.** This is \$526.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

*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 Crockner, Chet Maslowski, Cecilia McGee, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson and Ann Wilson.

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

Friday, August 15

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Monday, August 25

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

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

Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting at 5:00 PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 12:32-48

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

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 1pm – 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.

We encourage men of the parish that are not already Knights, to become a Knight of Columbus. You will find that becoming part of an organization that based on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and being a good Catholic gentleman is very fulfilling. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, you can contact Grand Knight Dwight Frazier at 609-351-4422, or any member of our council.

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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Monday: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8 Dt 32:3-4b, 7-9, 12
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6
Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10bc, 11-12bc, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53

Liturgical Roles

August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 PM

Lector: M Roberts	Ushers: P Medved E Kimbrough T Bonacci B Roberts	Altar Servers: B Mathis	Altar Care: M Roberts
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A Starnes
G Swierk

August 16

Saturday
5:00 PM

Lector:

D Wagner

Ushers:

J Blevins

August 17

Sunday
8:00 AM

E Teller

T Clarke
B Roberts
C Bryant
T Bonacci

August 17

Sunday
10:00 AM

T Howard

J Tupacz
C Carrasco
B Kwarteng

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A Starnes	MJ/B Clark	L/M Walsh
A Wagner	D Stamm	G Swierk

Altar Servers:

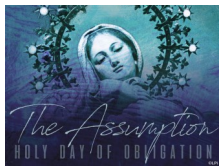
M Carlton	N Giesler	P Lux
F Hernandez		L Lux
		M Mezquite

Altar Care:

M Roberts	D Stamm	L Ortiz
		L Hernandez
		M Huerta

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.

*The flowers on the altar this week are in memory of
Joseph Isaac, III and Amelia and Joe Isaac
by Cheryl and Joe Isaac.*



The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets

even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom. ©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.

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.

We are currently not accepting any new students for Quinceanera classes until November. There are only two Quinceanera sessions per year. Once in the fall and once in the spring. Please plan ahead because once classes begin, your daughter will have to wait until the next sessions start. No exceptions.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI