

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 31, 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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Mass 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
Sunday 12:15 - 12:45 PM (or by appt.)

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

Hispanic Ministry Council:

Max Angeles

Finance Council:

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:

Dwight Frazier

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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Evangelization

Proclaiming the Good News should be at the forefront of our hearts and minds and especially in sharing our faith with others.

For more information:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis-home/>



22nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished guest than you may
have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30, 5:00 PM
† Alex Dulay
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, August 31, 8:00 AM
† Hannah Baise
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, August 31, 10:00 AM
† Bernell Eicher
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, August 31, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, September 1, 8:00 AM
Communion Service

Tuesday, September 2
No Mass

Wednesday, September 3, 5:30 PM
Nick Ard
by Peter Barczak

Thursday, September 4, 8:00 AM
Communion Service

Friday, September 5, 8:00 AM
Communion Service

Saturday, September 6, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, September 7, 8:00 AM

Sunday, September 7, 10:00 AM
† Peggy Sheehan
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, September 7, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish



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

Monday, September 1

Sunday, September 7

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Saturday, September 13

Father Anthony away until Wednesday, September 17

Religious Education classes begin

Knights of Columbus Seminarian breakfast from 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Rosary after the 5:00 PM Mass



UNBOUND

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Jerry Frank who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 23rd and 24th was \$6,958.00. **This includes \$938.00 from online giving.** This is \$258.00 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.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Council 3067 will be holding a fundraising drive the weekend of September 6th and 7th to support two Seminarians in our Diocese. As is our tradition, we will be serving a breakfast on Sunday, September 7th from 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to join us and share fellowship.

Congratulations to Michael Carlton and Diego Martinez who became Third Degree Knights on Thursday, August 21st. Your Brother Knights welcome you to Council 3067!

Thanks to all who volunteered for this weekend's Columbus Hope Drive. We will provide an update with the amount of funds raised in a future Knights Corner.

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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

Liturgical Roles

September 6 Saturday 5:00 PM	September 7 Sunday 8:00 AM	September 7 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: P Ness	L Altman	J Pizzi
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	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Angeles J Angeles A Santos
Altar Care: M Roberts	D Kimbrough	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Do You Humility and Stewardship

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiques dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©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

Please pray for the Guatemala Medical Mission team as they return late this Sunday.

Cecilia Carlton will be out of the office until September 3rd.

The OCIA classes will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd and Monday, September 8th.

Religious Education classes for First Communion, Liturgical Studies, and Confirmation are full. We are not accepting any more registration forms for those classes. The PreK/K and the Bible History classes still have a few spaces available. Classes begin on September 7th. The last day to register 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 is no cost if you register by August 18th otherwise the cost is \$20 per person.

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well. My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it. That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it. Think about that for a minute. What does that even look like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

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