

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 7, 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

Suzanne Frazier, 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/>

In every age,
**LORD, YOU HAVE
BEEN OUR REFUGE.**



PSALM 90

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 8, 8:00 AM
Communion Service

Tuesday, September 9
No Mass

Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 PM
Mass and Adoration

Thursday, September 11, 8:00 AM
Communion Service

Friday, September 12
No Mass or Communion Service

Saturday, September 13, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Altar Society

Saturday, September 13, 7:00 PM
† Jorge Reyes Estrada
by Maria Estrada

Sunday, September 14, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 14, 10:00 AM
† Tommy Lee
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, September 14, 1:00 PM
No Mass



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, September 7
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Saturday, September 13
Thursday, September 18
Friday, September 19
Saturday, September 20
Sunday, September 21

Religious Education classes begin
Knights of Columbus Seminarian breakfast from 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM
Rosary after the 5:00 PM Mass
Rosary in Spanish at 7:00 PM with a presentation to follow
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Bilingual Rosary at 6:30 with a presentation to follow
Parish Picnic 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Parish Support

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

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 Ed Wozniak who became Third Degree Knight on Thursday, August 28th. Your Brother Knights welcome you to Council 3067!

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

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.

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-7 Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Liturgical Roles

September 13 Saturday 5:00 PM	September 14 Sunday 8:00 AM	September 14 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: A Predieri	B Pittman	C Carrasco
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	T McManus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	M/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: D Macedo	N Giesler	A Angeles F Morales Y Perez
Altar Care: P Hughes	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>		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

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

The OCIA classes will resume on 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 this weekend. 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.

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.stmaryyourladyofransom.org, then "Parish Life," then "Online Giving". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

Devotions, Explained! Daily Examen

Lectio Divina, Explained!

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of Lectio divina dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for Lectio divina is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (lectio) multiple times, and the reader takes note of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (meditatio) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (oratio), and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the reader's understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (contemplatio).

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