

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 14, 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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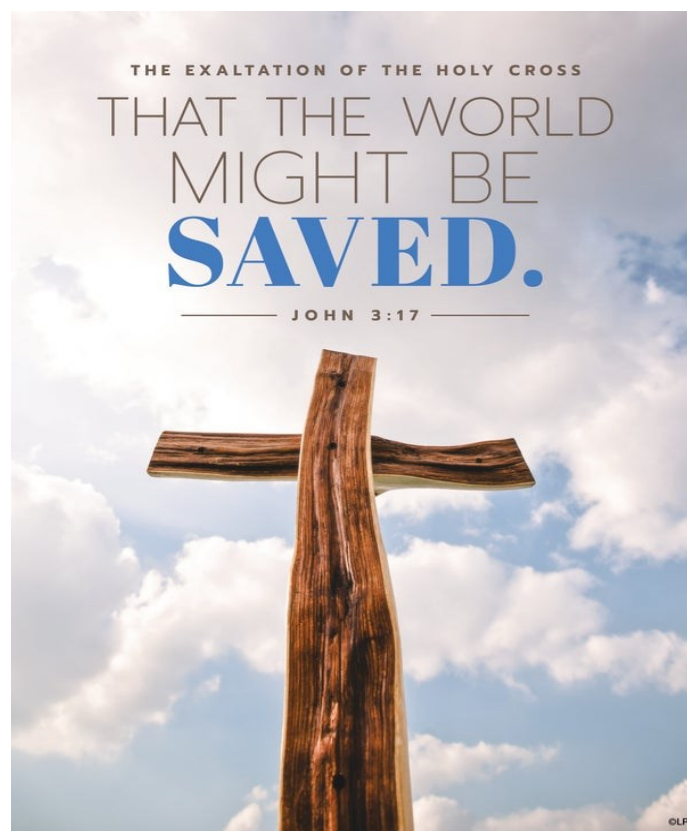
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Evangelization

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/>



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 15, 8:00 AM
No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, September 16
No Mass

Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 PM
Mass and Adoration

Thursday, September 18, **5:30 PM**

Friday, September 19, 8:00 AM
† James E Murphy
By Jean Murphy

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 PM
† Alex Dulay
By The Altar Society

Sunday, September 21, 8:00 AM
† Nancy Martin
By Jean Murphy

Sunday, September 21, 10:00 AM
† Audrey Klammer
by Jennifer Pizzi

Sunday, September 21, 8:00 AM
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 Crocker, 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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 13
Sunday, September 14
Thursday, September 18
Friday, September 19
Saturday, September 20
Sunday, September 21

Mass in Spanish at 7:00 PM
No Mass at 1:00 PM
Rosary in Spanish at 7:00 PM with a presentation to follow
Rosary in Spanish at 7:00 PM with a presentation to follow
Bilingual Rosary at 6:30 with a presentation to follow
Catechetical Sunday
Parish Picnic 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

Father John Muir LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all our volunteers and those that contributed to our Columbus Hope Drive on August 29th & 30th. We raised \$2,401.00. This brings our total collected thus far in 2025 to \$7,807.00. We have one remaining fundraising drive on the schedule for October 31st & November 1st.

Thanks to our volunteers and all who donated funds last weekend to support two Seminarians in our Diocese. We will provide an update of total funds raised in the next edition of the Knights Corner.

Thanks to Doug and Amy Wagner for leading the August Baby Shower project for Birthright, and thanks to all who donated gifts to support this worthwhile cause. Your gifts will help new mothers care for their babies. We collected over \$2,000.00 worth of supplies during the month!

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.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 30th and 31st was \$5,671.00. **This includes \$1,143.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,029.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The offertory collection for September 6th and 7th was \$8,567.50. **This includes \$1,968.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,867.50 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

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.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

Liturgical Roles

September 20 Saturday 5:00 PM	September 21 Sunday 8:00 AM	September 21 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D. Wagner	R Humphries	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe Peggy Medved	T Clarke N Geisler T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G/J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau A Vega	B/MJ Clark B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: B Mathis	B McMahan	R Angeles M Mezquite P Lux
Altar Care: M Roberts	C Humpries	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
 If we can help you in your walk with Christ
 in any way, please call the church office.*

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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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 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

Welcome back to all the students and catechists to a new year of Religious Education classes. Registration is now closed, but we have a wait-list in case anything becomes available. We have three new catechists who are former students. Please welcome Rumalda Arreaga, Javier Hernandez, and Diego Martinez and keep them in your prayers.

There will be a young adult fall retreat on October 17 - 19, 2025 at the Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, SC. This retreat is open to young adults ages 18 - 35. The cost is \$90 per person for a shared room or \$170 for a single private room or married couple. Scholarships are available. The deadline to register is September 26th. Please refer to the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of the church or Cecilia Carlton for more information.

Catechetical Sunday is September 21st. Our catechists will be acknowledged and blessed at the 10am and 1pm Masses.



UNBOUND

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

Devotions, Explained! Daily Examen

Litany, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word "litany" comes from the Greek word for "supplication" or "petition." In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.

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