

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 21, 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.)

VIA FIDELIS

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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/>

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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PRAISE THE LORD
WHO LIFTS UP
THE LOWLY AND
THE POOR.

PSALM 113

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 PM
† Alex Dulay
by St. Mary's 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, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, September 22, 8:00 AM
† Arthur Paiva
by John Stricker

Tuesday, September 23
No Mass

Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 PM
† Patricia Giordano
by Miriam Nolan

Thursday, September 25, 8:00 AM
† Foster Bohannon
by Jean Murphy

Friday, September 26, 8:00 AM
† Mercedes Figueroa
by Kathy Adams

Saturday, September 27, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Anne Starnes

Sunday, September 28, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 28, 10:00 AM
† Sr. Helen Coty
by Jennifer Pizzi

Sunday, September 28, 1:00 PM
† Candelaria Rodriguez Juarez
by Deyanira Sanchez

Parish Support

The offertory collection for September 13th and 14th was \$5,856.00. **This includes \$1,063.00 from online giving.** This is \$844.00 under 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.*

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, 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 Starnes, Julio Madrigal Martinez and Ivan Morales.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 20
Sunday, September 21

Monday, September 22
Tuesday, September 23
Friday, September 26
Sunday, September 28

Bilingual Rosary at 6:30 with a presentation to follow
Catechetical Sunday
Parish Picnic 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Building and Grounds Meeting 5:00 PM
Produce Distribution at St. Cyprian 12:00 PM—Until
Deadline to register for Young Adult Retreat on 10/17-19
Priesthood Sunday

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

Father John Muir LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Our Seminarian breakfast and associated donations raised \$911.00 after all expenses were deducted! This goes a long way to the support of our two seminarians for 2025. Our seminarians are Philippe Dubourdieu and Noah Yankovich.

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 21st after the 1 PM Mass. The Knights will be called upon to support with set up, take down, and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. If you would like to volunteer to help, and haven't already contacted Tom Macedo, just stop by before the picnic and we can probably use the help.

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 is 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.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Liturgical Roles

September 27 Saturday 5:00 PM	September 28 Sunday 8:00 AM	September 28 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	R Teller	C Howard
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrusco B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Starnes A Wagner	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: M Carlton F Hernandez	C Humphries	J Angeles L Lux D Ramos
Altar Care: D Macedo	MJ Clark	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

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

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

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

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.

The Junior High Rally will be on November 1, 2025, at Cardinal Newman School and is open to 6th - 8th grade students ONLY. The cost is \$40 per child and includes transportation and lunch. The bus will leave at 7:30am and is due to return at 7:30pm. Registration ends October 1st. For more information and to register, contact Cecilia Carlton.



40 Days for Life fall campaign begins September 24 and ends November 2. This is a peaceful, prayer activity for the whole family. Plan to pray to end abortion at one of the three abortion clinics in SC. For more information: cbrown@charlestondiocese.org

Devotions, Explained! Daily Examen

The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

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