

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 28, 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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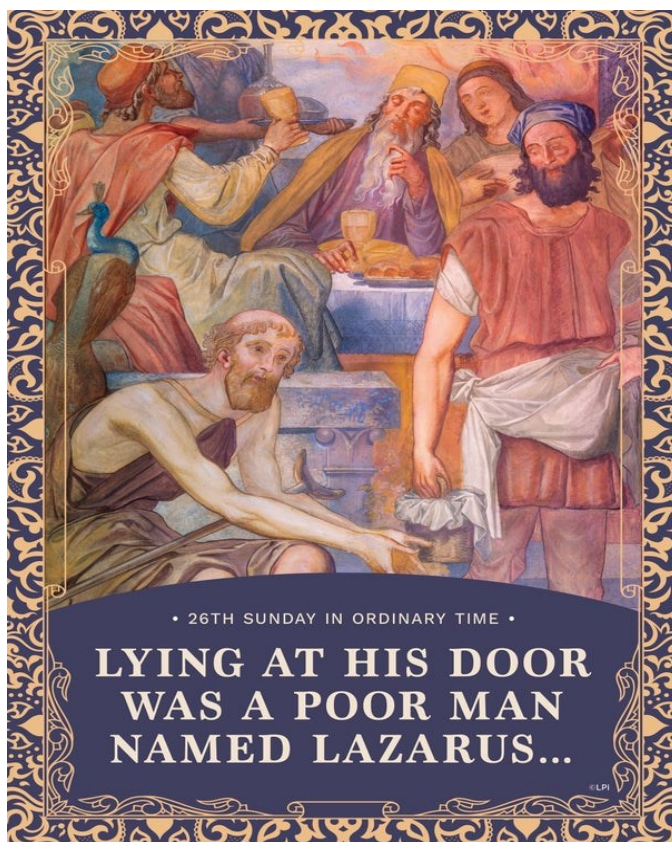
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Evangelization

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:



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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Cote
by Jennifer Pizzi

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

Monday, September 29, 8:00 AM
† Barbara Dumm
by Jim Dumm

Tuesday, September 30
No Mass

Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 PM
† Rogelio Alejandro Velasquez Perez
by Everardo Velasquez Diaz

Thursday, October 2, 8:00 AM
† John Isett
by Suzanne Frazier

Friday, October 3, 8:00 AM
Cecilia McGee
by Cecilia Carlton and Charlotte Skipper

Saturday, October 4, 5:00 PM
† Colin Peterson
by Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, October 5, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5, 10:00 AM
† Faith Casey
by John and Joan Currey

Sunday, September 28, 1:00 PM
† Santos Velasquez
by Everardo Velasquez Diaz

Parish Support

The offertory collection for September 20th and 21st was \$6,606.00. **This includes \$1,268.00 from online giving.** This is \$94.00 under 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.*

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

Tuesday, October 7

Confirmation at 6:00 PM with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune

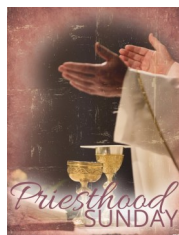
Monday, October 13 through
Friday, October 17

Yard Sale Collection Days in Parish Hall

Saturday, October 18

St. Mary's Annual Fall Festival from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Prayer for Priests



God of all that is ancient and new, you called priests to minister in your temple in ancient times. Those priests ministered day and night in worship of you.

Bless our priests today who not only minister in our churches, but minister to your people, the living body of Christ in the world. Give them wisdom and courage to continue to say yes to you and your people.

We ask this through Jesus, the ultimate high priest, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

Amen.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

Father John Muir LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Parish Picnic on September 21st.

Congratulations to the following receiving recognition for their contribution to our parish. Knight of the Month: Michael Walsh. Michael has been involved in multiple council activities since becoming a Knight in June. Michael volunteered at our Operation Hope Fund Raising Drive and also helped out at our recent Seminarian Breakfast.

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.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-7 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

Liturgical Roles

October 4 Saturday 5:00 PM	October 5 Sunday 8:00 AM	October 5 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Goldbach	J Dumm	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	Y Angeles Y Perez
Altar Care: P Lareau	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>		



The beautiful flowers in the Narthex last week were donated by the Altar Society in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Ransom.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

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 meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parish hall classroom. All are welcome to join in a discussion of the readings for the coming Sunday. Bring your Lector Wookbook, Bible or Word Among Us to follow along.

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

Registration for Religious Education classes is now closed. All of the students that were on the waitlist have been assigned to a class. We have about 121 students enrolled in the program and 42 of them are preparing for First Communion with ages ranging from 6 - 17 years old. There are 12 adults preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church (OCIA), and 13 students will be receiving Confirmation next month.

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 deadline to register is October 1st.

Priesthood Sunday

Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

Marriage Encounter



Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct 24-26, 2025 in EMERALD ISLE, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-258-0258.

Gregorian Chant, Explained!

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy... (and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

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