

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

October 5, 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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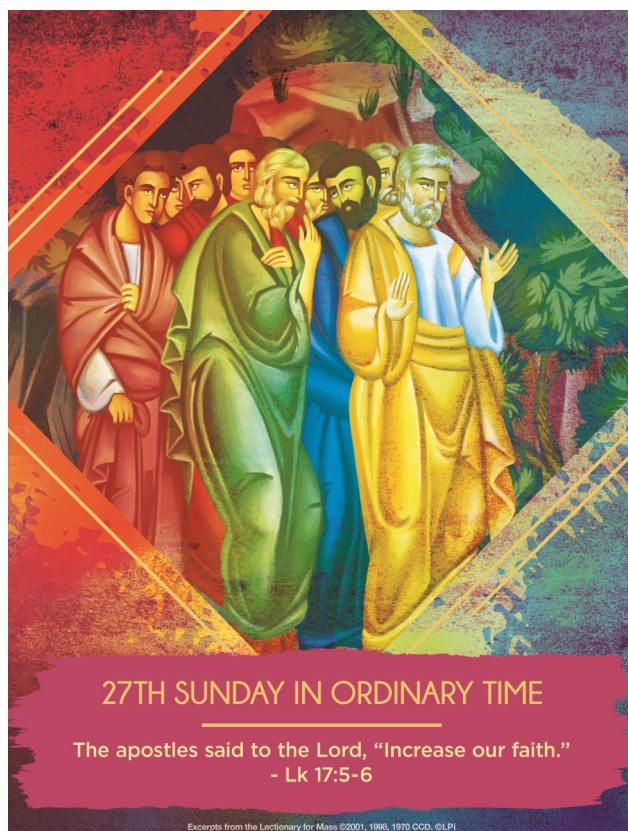
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Evangelization

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/>



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
- Lk 17:5-6

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MASS INTENTIONS

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, October 5, 1:00 PM
† Santos Velasquez
by Everado Velasquez Diaz

Tuesday, October 7
No Mass

Thursday, October 9, 8:00 AM
Bob Frappier
by Kathy Adams

Friday, October 10, 8:00 AM
Thomas Adams
by Kathy Adams

Saturday, October 11, 5:00 PM
† John Howard
by Frances Howard

Sunday, October 12, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 12, 10:00 AM
† Charlie Kirk
by Suzanne Frazier



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
Saturday, October 11
Monday, October 13 through
Friday, October 17
Saturday, October 18

Confirmation at 6:00 PM with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune
Rosary at 12:00 PM on Highmarket St. Side of Church
Yard Sale Collection Days in Parish Hall

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

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus and Birthright of Georgetown would like to thank the St. Mary's parishioners for their generosity. The "Birthright Baby Shower" during the month of August received donations totaling \$2,178.00 in monetary value and will help support needy mothers and babies in our area.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

Father John Muir ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be held on Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 PM. This year's challenge will be held on the grounds of St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Church. The challenge is open to all girls and boys 9-14 years old. There will be separate categories for boys and girls as well as categories by age. Participants will kick the soccer ball at specific areas on the goal to get points. Boy and girl winners in each age class will qualify to compete in the district competition.

The Council 3067 monthly business meeting will be held Thursday, October 9th. Dinner and the lecture start at 6:00 PM followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM.

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.



Plating Grace

Mark your calendars! Our next Plating Grace Luncheon is being held Wednesday, November 5th from 12—2pm in the Parish Hall. The theme of our luncheon is **The Journey Of a Praying Heart**. We will explore ways to help our prayer life draw us closer to God. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for September 27th and 28th was \$4,802.00. **This includes \$993.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,898.00 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.

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Jon 1:1-5, 8-11 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19

Liturgical Roles

October 11 Saturday 5:00 PM	October 12 Sunday 8:00 AM	October 12 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Wagner	R Humphries	T Howard
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke N Giesler D/T Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau A Vega	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: M Carlton	N Giesler	P Lux L Lux M Mezquite
Altar Care: C Ramsey	C Humphries	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

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The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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

The following thirteen students will be receiving their confirmation on October 7th at 6:00pm:

Cristian Hernandez-Trejo
Patricia Lopez Martinez
Derwin Molina Ramirez
Allan Pelcastre Arreola
Daniela Ramos Hernandez
Edwin Santos
Braxton Elliott Wilson

Diego Lopez Martinez
Adilene Mezquite Reyes
Estifani Morales
Prince Pelcastre Arreola
Azael Sanchez Gonzalez
Jose Servin Juan

The Mass will be bilingual and celebrated by Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune. Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Columbiettes Georgetown Auxillary

An informational meeting for the new Columbiettes Georgetown Auxillary has been scheduled for October 28th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. This meeting is for all of the ladies in our parish who signed up expressing interest in the Columbiettes Auxillary as well as any other ladies who wish to attend. Stay tuned for more information as we progress into October.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

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