

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

October 12, 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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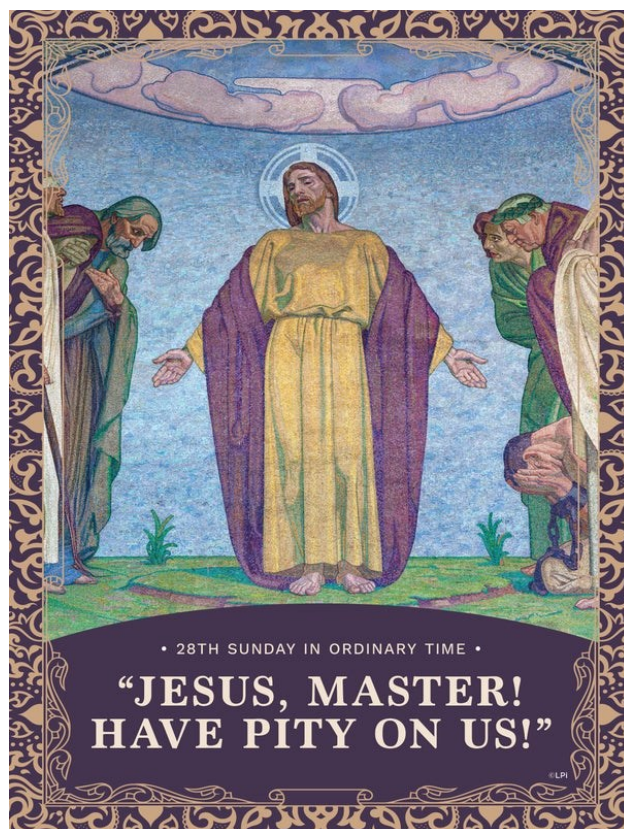
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Evangelization

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/>



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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, October 12, 1:00 PM

Monday, October 13, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, October 14
No Mass

Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 PM

Thursday, October 16, 8:00 AM

Friday, October 17, 8:00 AM

Saturday, October 18, 5:00 PM
† Barbara Dumm
by James Dumm

Sunday, October 19, 8:00 AM
† Edward E. McLeod
by Jeanette & Paul Duncan

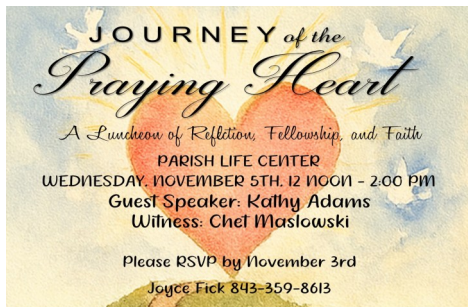
Sunday, October 19, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 19, 1:00 PM

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

Parish Support

The offertory collection for October 4th and 5th \$7,249.50 **This includes \$1,933.00 from online giving.** This is \$549.50 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.



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, October 11
Sunday, October 12
Monday, October 13
Monday, October 13 through
Thursday, October 16
Friday, October 17
Saturday, October 18
Sunday, October 19
Thursday, October 23
Wednesday, November 5

Rosary at 12:00 PM on Highmarket St. Side of Church
Fall Festival Set Up in Parish Hall After 1:00 PM Mass
Finance Council meeting 5:30 PM
Yard Sale Collection Days in Parish Hall
Drop off hours: M, T, Th 12-5:00 PM, W 12-7:00 PM
Plants and baked goods drop off from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
St. Mary's Annual Fall Festival from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
World Missions Sunday
Hispanic Ministry meeting 7:00 PM
Plating Grace Luncheon 12:00 PM in Parish Hall

Congratulations to Tony Laura and Yesenia Olguin-Santos who were married on September 27, 2025.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver. Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

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.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the Fall Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 18th. If you can assist during the week leading to the festival or on the day of the festival, please contact Brother Bob McMahan at 843-729-6463.

Our next Operation Hope Drive will be on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st. Please contact Brother Tom Macedo at 401-640-7112.

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.

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2Tm 4:10-7 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

Liturgical Roles

October 18 Saturday 5:00 PM	October 19 Sunday 8:00 AM	October 19 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	B Clark	M Duggan
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant T Bonacci	J Tupacz C Carrasco B Kwarteng C Lindler
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/N McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton	B McMahan	A Mezquite L Mexquite A Angeles
Altar Care: MJ Clark	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>		

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Your Faith Has Saved You

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply believing. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

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

We would like to thank Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, Fr. Anthony Swamy, Cecilia Carlton (DRE), catechists Julia Blackowicz, Augie Vega, Mike Macedo, Nancy Angeles and Bob Yacavino for their participation preparing the students who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past week.

World Mission Sunday, October 19th

Our second collection next week will be for World Mission Sunday. As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

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.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

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