

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

October 19, 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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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, 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

Monday, October 20, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, October 21
No Mass

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 PM

Thursday, October 23, 8:00 AM

Friday, October 24, 8:00 AM

Saturday, October 25, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Lorice McMahon

Sunday, October 26, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 26, 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 26, 1:00 PM

Parish Support

The offertory collection for October 12th and 13th \$7,103.00 **This includes \$1,933.00 from online giving.** This is \$403.00 over 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.

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

JOURNEY of the Praying Heart
A Luncheon of Reflection, Fellowship, and Faith
PARISH LIFE CENTER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 12 NOON - 2:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Kathy Adams
Witness: Chet Maslowski
Please RSVP by November 3rd
Joyce Fick 843-359-8613

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

Sunday, October 19
Tuesday, October 21
Thursday, October 23
Sunday, October 26
Monday, October 27

Youth Ministry at Precious Blood of Christ at 5:00 PM
Altar Society Meeting in Parish Hall at 10:00 AM
Hispanic Ministries Meeting at 7:00 PM
Parade of Saints after 10:00 AM Mass
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Conference Room, 5:00 PM

Tuesday, October 28

Columbiettes Information Meeting in Parish Hall at 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 2

All Souls Day

Monday, November 3 through

Priest Retreat

Thursday, November 6

Wednesday, November 5

Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM in Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 5

No Mass

Thursday, November 6

No Mass

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's si-



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge originally scheduled for Sunday, October 12th will be held this Sunday, October 19th 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 9-15 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.

Congratulations to our Knight of the month and Family of the month. Knight of the month: Bob Yacavino- Bob coordinates the lector schedule and is a lector. He is also an usher and serves on the Parish Finance Council. Bob steps in when needed on projects including the upcoming soccer challenge. Family of the month: Bob and Neena McMahan - Bob is the Council Financial Secretary. He is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion as well as an altar server. Neena is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a member of the Altar Society, and a member of the Parish Building and Grounds Committee. Neena and Bob have done an excellent job of coordinating our upcoming Fall Festival.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8 Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

Liturgical Roles

October 25 Saturday 5:00 PM	October 26 Sunday 8:00 AM	October 26 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: P Ness	B Yacavino	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	L/M Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	C Chaj C Hernandez P Lux
Altar Care: C Ramsey	D Stamm	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Congratulations to Ransom Luhk and Alondra Lopez Zunun on the Baptism of their daughter, Allison Raimihner Lopez Luhk, on September 28, 2025.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Sparkling Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, may-

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.

Columbiettes Georgetown Auxillary



An informational meeting for the new Columbiettes Georgetown Auxillary is scheduled for October 28th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. This meeting is for all ladies who signed up expressing interest in the Columbiettes Auxillary as well as any other ladies who wish to attend.

Religious Education

This year's 'Parade of Saints' in honor of All Saints Day will be on October 26th at 11AM. Students dressed as their favorite saint will parade around the campus. Anyone that would like to distribute treats to our students may line up on the sidewalk alongside the church. The HS class will once again set up the memorial table at the back of the church. If you would like to bring in a picture of your loved one, please put your name and phone number on the back. Pictures will be displayed through the month of November.

Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273).

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force his way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.