

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

October 26, 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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Proclaiming the Good News should be at the forefront of our hearts and minds and especially in sharing our faith with others.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 2025

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, October 26, 8:00 AM

Sunday, October 26, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 26, 1:00 PM

Monday, October 27, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, October 28
No Mass

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 PM

Thursday, October 30, 8:00 AM

Friday, October 31, 8:00 AM

Saturday, November 1, 5:00 PM
† Elvia Olivia Trochez
by Sylvia Barrientos

Sunday, November 2, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2, 10:00 AM

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 PM



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 26
Monday, October 27

Tuesday, October 28
Saturday, November 1
Sunday, November 2
Monday, November 3 through
Thursday, November 6
Wednesday, November 5
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Thursday, November 6

Parade of Saints after 10:00 AM Mass
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Conference Room, 5:00 PM
Columbettes Information Meeting in Parish Hall at 6:30 PM
All Saints Day
All Souls Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Priest Retreat

Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM in Parish Hall
No Mass
No Mass

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Parish Support

The offertory collection for October 18th and 19th \$15,616.16 **This includes \$1,388.00 from online giving.** This is \$8,916.16 over 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.*



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Congratulations to all the participants in our Annual Soccer Challenge which was held on October 19th. The winners are now eligible to compete in the district competition at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Garden City on Saturday, October 25th.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in making the Fall Festival a huge success! Our next Operation Hope Drive will be on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st. Please contact Brother Tom Macedo at 401-640-7112.

It is that time of year again to prepare for our Annual Thanksgiving for Those in Need. We will be preparing free take-out meals for 350-400 people on Thanksgiving. The preparations begin on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Help is needed from Tuesday – Thursday. If any parishioner would like to volunteer for one of the days, please contact Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191. It takes a lot of help to successfully complete this project that helps so many people who need a nice Thanksgiving meal on this special day. As in past years, we will accept cash donations from anyone who wishes to assist in the purchase of the food supplies for this important event.

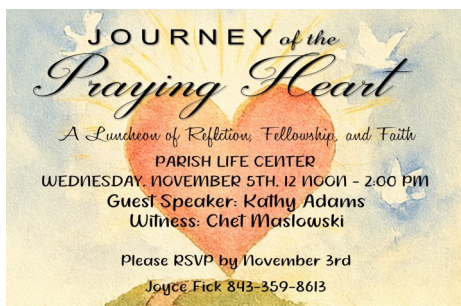
To Report Abuse

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.

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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21
Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

Liturgical Roles

November 1 Saturday 5:00 PM	November 2 Sunday 8:00 AM	November 2 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	N McMahan	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke N Giesler D/T Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Matrinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau A Vega	MJ/B Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Angeles J Angeles A Santos
Altar Care: P Hughes	M Roberts	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely. 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

This year's 'Parade of Saints' in honor of All Saints Day will be today, October 26th at 11AM. Students will be dressed as their favorite saint and 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 High School 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.

Special Thanks

We would like to give special thanks to Jerry and Duke Tupacz for bagging The Cast Iron plants and Daylilies for the Fall Festival Plant Sale. They are "rescue" plants from beside St. Mary's brick building slated to be demolished. Now many people will have a little memory from St. Mary's.

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't become righteous.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick