

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

November 2, 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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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, November 2, 8:00 AM

Sunday, November 2, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 PM

Monday, November 3, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, November 4
No Mass

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 PM
No Mass

Thursday, November 6, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Friday, November 7, 8:00 AM

Saturday, November 8, 5:00 PM
† Deceased Members of The Altar Society
by The Altar Society

Sunday, November 9, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, November 9, 10:00 AM
† John Howard
Frances Howard

Sunday, November 9, 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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2
Monday, November 3 through
Thursday, November 6
Wednesday, November 5
Wednesday, November 5
Thursday, November 6
Monday, November 10
Monday, November 17
Tuesday, November 18

All Souls Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Priest Retreat

Plating Grace Luncheon at 12:00 PM in Parish Hall
No Mass
No Mass
Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
Building & Grounds Meeting at 5:00 PM
Altar Society Meeting at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 6:37-40

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again. Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing. Father John Muir ©LPI

Altar Society Memorial Mass

The Altar Society will celebrate their annual Memorial Mass on November 8th at the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Council 3067 will once again host the Thanksgiving for Those in Need dinner. We will prepare between 350-400 take-out meals which will be given to anyone who needs a nice traditional Thanksgiving meal (turkey, dressing, and all the sides) on Thanksgiving day. In the past we have received generous donations from parishioners that helped to defray the cost of food and supplies. If you would like to donate, you can see Mike Macedo or place a donation in and envelope with "Thanksgiving for Those in Need" written on it, and drop it off at the parish office.

The preparations for the meal begin on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Help is needed on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 pm (picking meat off cooked turkeys) and Thursday morning. If any parishioner would like to volunteer for one of the days, please contact Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191. It takes a lot to successfully complete this project that helps so many people who need a nice Thanksgiving meal on this special day.

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.

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.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for October 25th and 26th was \$6,573.50 **This includes \$818.00 from online giving.** This is \$126.50 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.*



Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1b-3 Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11
Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Liturgical Roles

November 8 Saturday 5:00 PM	November 9 Sunday 8:00 AM	November 9 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: C Ramsey	L Altman	J Pizzi
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke 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	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: M Carlton	N Giesler	M Angeles A Angeles Y Angeles
Altar Care: C Ramsey	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>		

Thank You

To all our organizers, volunteers and parishioners. The Fall Festival was huge success this year. \$13,777.35 was collected for our parish because of your hard work and dedication.

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — she lived, she died — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words she died but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

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 Workbook, 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 Adult Bible Study Group will begin an eleven-week course - Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on November 10th at 5:30pm. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. Participants will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Cecilia Carlton.

All Souls Day and Monthly Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, we continue to remember and pray for the departed souls of our families and parish. Mass will be offered for all the souls submitted to the Book of Remembrance. If you haven't already, please submit the names of your loved ones using the envelopes available on the table in the narthex. Be sure to print clearly and return the envelope promptly for proper inclusion in the Book. Thank you for your prayers as we honor those who have gone before us.

Devotions, Explained! Prayer for the Dead

Mini Explanation — Great for social media or in your bulletin
God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity which exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the Dead, Explained!

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

"By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."