

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

November 9, 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 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, November 9, 8:00 AM

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

Sunday, November 9, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, November 10, 8:00 AM
† Ronald Bellonio
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Tuesday, November 11, 8:00 AM
No Mass

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 PM

Thursday, November 13, 8:00 AM
† Megan Araci
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Friday, November 14, 8:00 AM

Saturday, November 15, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Wade and Terry Marsh

Sunday, November 16, 8:00 AM

Sunday, November 16, 10:00 AM
† Louise Cote
† Helene Cote
by Bernadette Vallier

Sunday, November 16, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 1st and 2nd was \$6,873.90. **This includes \$2,094.00 from online giving.** This is \$173.90 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.*

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website
www.stmaryourladyofransom.org, select
"Parish Life," and then "Online Giving".
Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift
Today box to set up your account.

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 10
and
Monday, November 17
Tuesday, November 18
Tuesday, November 25 through
Thursday, November 27
Thursday, November 27
Thursday, November 27 through
Friday, November 28

Finance Council Meeting at 5:00 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
Building and Grounds Meeting at 5:00 PM
Altar Society Meeting at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Prep Parish Hall/Kitchen
Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass at 9:00 AM
Church Office Closed

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Council 3067 will once again host 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 reduce 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.

The Council monthly business meeting will be held as usual on the second Thursday of the month, November 13th. We will serve dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the exemplification of our candidate for Knighthood, Mark Melynychuk. Our monthly business meeting will be held after the exemplification.

The monthly Food Pantry Drive will be held as usual on the third weekend of the month, November 15-16th. Please drop off donations of non-perishable foods in the narthex of the church.

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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Weekly Readings

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
Monday: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-10 Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175
Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43 Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

Liturgical Roles

| November 15 Saturday 5:00 PM | November 16 Sunday 8:00 AM | November 16 Sunday 10:00 AM |
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| Lector: P Ness | B Pittman | C Carrasco |
| Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved | T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli | T McManus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo | B/MJ Clark D Stamm | T Howard J Pizzi D Wright |
| Altar Servers: B Mathis | B McMahan | C Chaj C Hernandez L Mezquite |
| Altar Care: C Ramsey | 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> | | |

The flowers on the altar this week are in memory of Gerrie Isaac by Mary Lee



Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Modern Money-Changers

The "liturgy wars" are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It's giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don't mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I'm not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won't pretend it's not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the "other camp," the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn't crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer x sacrifice, I am rewarded with y feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters why you do something, not just how you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

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

There will be an altar server training session for new servers on Monday, November 17th at 6pm. Please contact Cecilia Carlton for more information.

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 Memorials

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. Please submit the names of your loved ones using the envelopes available on the table in the narthex. Please 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.

Penance Service Schedule

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| Monday, December 1 | St James, Conway 4:30-6:00PM English 7:00PM Spanish |
| Wednesday, December 10 | Our Lady Star of the Sea, N Myrtle Beach 7:00PM Spanish |
| Tuesday, December 16 | St Michael, Murrells Inlet 5:00—7:00PM |
| Wednesday, December 17 | Our Lady Star of the Sea, N Myrtle Beach 11:00AM English |

Devotions, Explained!

Simbang Gabi, Explained!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition through which Advent expectation realizes the fulfillment of Christmas joy. During Simbang Gabi, early morning Masses are offered over a series of nine days leading up to Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Traditionally, Simbang Gabi Masses are held before dawn, a practice that originated in the 17th century in the Philippines when most of the faithful had to work the rest of the day in the fields.

During Mass, the priest wears white vestments and the Gloria is sung, a practice for which the Holy See has given special permission. Traditionally, the nine-day sequence ends with Midnight Mass on Dec. 24.

The tradition has been adapted to fit the needs of Filipino communities throughout the world, and the Masses might not even be offered in the morning at all, but in the afternoon or evening.

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