

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

November 16, 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:

Bob McMahan

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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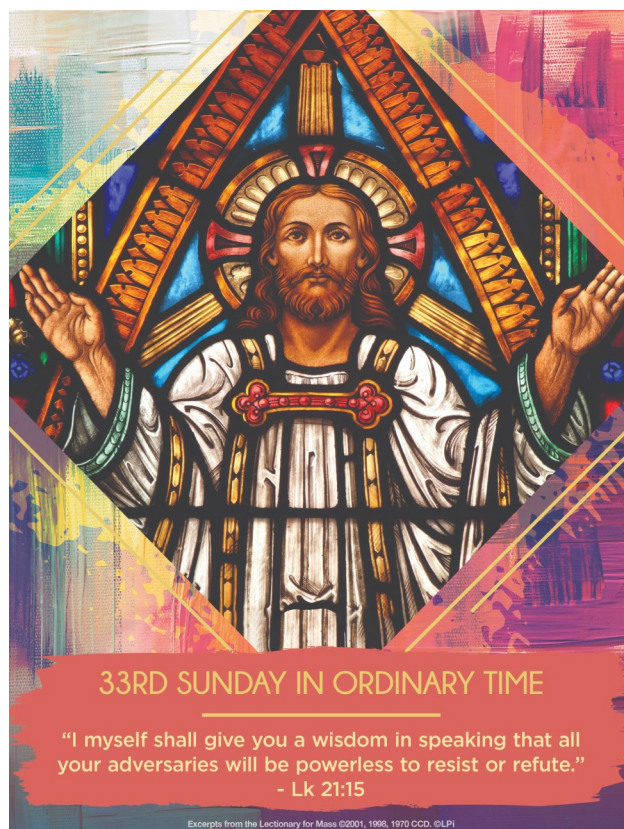
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Evangelization

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/>



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."
- Lk 21:15

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15, 5:00 PM

†Tommy Lee
By Terry and Wade 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

Monday, November 17, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, November 18

No Mass

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 PM

† Robert Cole
By Mike and Donna Saguto

Thursday, November 20, 8:00 AM

Friday, November 21, 8:00 AM

† Ray Boelke
By Mary Boelke

Saturday, November 22, 5:00 PM

† Tommy Lee
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, November 23, 8:00 AM

† Arlene and John Joseph, Sr.
By Raad and Daphne Joseph

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 AM

† Ronald Cavalieri
By Mary Cavalieri

Sunday, November 23, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 8th and 9th was \$8,428.28 **This includes \$1,183.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,728.28 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

Holiday Bulletin Submission Schedule

Submit Date	Bulletin Date
November 19	November 30
November 25	December 7
December 3	December 14
December 10	December 21
December 17	December 28
December 23	January 4

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, Ann Wilson and Scott Stecz.



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,

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 17
Tuesday, November 18
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, November 27
Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28
Thursday, December 4

Building and Grounds Meeting at 5:00 PM
Altar Society Meeting at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall
Columbiettes Meeting at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall
Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass at 9:00 AM
Church Office Closed
Church Office Closed
Finance Council Meeting at 5:00 PM

Congratulations to Bob McMahon, our new Pastoral Council Chairperson.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 21:5-19

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Congratulations to Fermin Hernandez Bostho and Ana Angeles

Binzha on the Baptism of their son,

Jael Hernandez Angeles on November 1, 2025.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who have already donated to help defray the cost of our Thanksgiving for Those in Need dinner. Your generosity is certainly helping us to have a successful dinner. If you would like to help with a donation, our Knights will be in the church courtyard after each mass this weekend to accept donations. Thanks again for all you do to help those in need!

Preparations for the Thanksgiving meal have been completed on schedule. Thanks to all who have volunteered to assist with the preparations and the serving of the meals.

Congratulations to Mark Melynchuk who became a Knight on Thursday, November 13th. Welcome to Council 3067!

The St Mary's and Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive will be held this weekend, November 15-16th. Please drop off donations of non-perishable foods in the narthex of the church. The donations will be placed at the altar prior to delivery to the Food Pantry.

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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chr 29:10b-12 Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

Liturgical Roles

November 22 Saturday 5:00 PM	November 23 Sunday 8:00 AM	November 23 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	E Teller	C Howard
Ushers: Jared Blevins	T Clarke N Giesler T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau A Vega	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	J Angeles E Morales A Angeles
Altar Care: D Macedo	D Stamm	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
November 27 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM		
Lector: D Wagner		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Wagner		
Altar Servers: Y Angeles Y Perez	Altar Care: MJ Clark	
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Devotions, Explained!

Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath as we know it today is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them.

Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the "great light" shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Historians tell us that pre-Christian societies in Europe also viewed candles as symbolic of the coming light of spring, and may have used wreaths of natural material along with these candles. Traditions and rituals surrounding an "Advent Wreath" are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world.

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing.

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

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

All Souls Memorials

Throughout November, prayers and holy Masses are offered for the souls of the departed loved ones of our families and parish. All Souls envelopes available on the table in the narthex. Please print clearly.

Pictures displayed on the memorial table in the back of the church will be available to be returned to you on December 1st.

Columbiettes—Joseph M Ros Auxiliary



The Columbiettes will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, November 20, 2025 to discuss and create by-laws for the chapter.

Everyday Stewardship -Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Eyes On Your Own Paper

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

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