

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

November 23, 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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Evangelization

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Cavaliere
By Mary Cavaliere

Sunday, November 23, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish

Monday, November 24, 8:00 AM

†Howard Yourinson
By John Bagnell

Tuesday, November 25

No Mass

Wednesday, November 26, 5:30 PM

Adoration 6:00 PM

Thursday, November 27, 9:00 AM

Bilingual Mass

Friday, November 28, 8:00 AM

†Brent Hines
Patrick & Renee O'Brien

Saturday, November 29, 5:00 PM

†Souls in Purgatory
By Anne Starnes

Sunday, November 30, 8:00 AM

†Victoria Joseph
By Raad and Daphne Joseph

Sunday, November 30, 10:00 AM

†William Wilder
By Hayley Weber

Sunday, November 30, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish

Parish Support

Because of the holiday printing schedule, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

Advent Penance Services Myrtle Beach Deanery

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 Bilingual
Wednesday December 17	Our Lady Star of the Sea N Myrtle Beach 11:00AM English



Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pilgrim Icon depicting the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The icon will be on display in the church near the Altar until November 30th. The next Holy Hour prayer service will be on Saturday, November 29th after the 5:00pm Mass.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:

Betty Barr, James A. Harrelson Sr and Louise Ullman.



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 Cavaliere, 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, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, Paloma Martinez Bermudez, Ricky Rogerson, Myles Starnes, Julio Madrigal Martinez and Ivan Morales.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 27
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Friday, November 28
Sunday, November 30
Thursday, December 4
Monday, December 15

Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass at 9:00 AM
Church Office Closed
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No Religious Education Classes
Finance Council Meeting at 5:00 PM
Columbarium Meeting 9:00 AM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

Father John Muir ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who have donated to help defray the cost of our Thanksgiving for Those in Need dinner. Our parishioners have been very generous in helping 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 our Family of the Month, Knight of the Month, and Altar Server of the Quarter.

Family of the Month: Doug and Amy Wagner — As leaders of the Silent Auction at our Fall Festival, Doug and Amy did an outstanding job of preparing and executing the silent auction making it a great success for the parish. Doug is also a member of the Pastoral Council, a choir member, lector, and he volunteers for many Council and parish activities. Amy is a Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Religious Ed instructor, Chairperson of the altar society, and a leader of the newly formed Columbiettes. Amy also steps up whenever volunteers are needed.

Knight of the Month — Phil Lazzari — Phil Lazari- Knight of the month - Phil has been a member of the Council for many years. He is a regular volunteer at our Seminarian Breakfast as "The Master of the Grit Cooking". He is also a Lector at mass. Phil has been the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee for the past two years. During his term as leader of B&G, there have been many improvements made or that are currently in progress, such as: construction of a new entrance ramp to the church, Installation of additional downspouts to the gutter system, and changes to our HVAC contract that netted a \$20,000 annual savings. Currently in progress is the demolition of the Brick House, painting of window and roof trim at the church, and plans to install drainage around the church. Phil will be moving to the Clemson area in November. We thank him for all of his many contributions to St Mary's and Council 3067 and wish Phil and Mary Francis many blessings as they start this new chapter in their lives.

Altar Server of the Quarter — Barbara Mathis — Barbara has been an altar server for many years. She typically serves at the Saturday Vigil mass but fills in whenever needed, including special masses throughout the year. Barbara also has mentored some of our newer altar servers as they become more familiar with the role.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Weekly Readings

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62-67
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Liturgical Roles

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

November 29

Saturday

5:00 PM

Lector:

L Goldbach

Ushers:

P Wolfe

P Medved

November 30

Sunday

8:00 AM

J Dumm

T Clarke

B Roberts

C Bryant

T Bonacci

November 30

Sunday

10:00 AM

M Duggan

J Tupacz

C Carrasco

B Kwarteng

C Lindler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A Starnes

A Wagner

B/MJ Clark

D Stamm

T Howard

J Pizzi

DWright

Altar Servers:

M Carlton

R Arreaga

I Arreaga

C Chaj

A Mezquite

D Angeles

Altar Care:

M Roberts

C Humphries

L Ortiz

L Hernandez

M Huerta

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Please note that Cecilia Carlton will be out of the office from Tuesday, November 25th through Friday, November 28th.

In celebration of the holiday, there will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, November 30th. We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Bonacci, who passed away Saturday, November 8th. Please keep Sandra and the Bonacci family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



The flowers on the altar this week are in memory of Ronald Cavaleri by Mary Cavaleri

Devotions, Explained!

Jesse Tree, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible. ©LPI