

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

November 30, 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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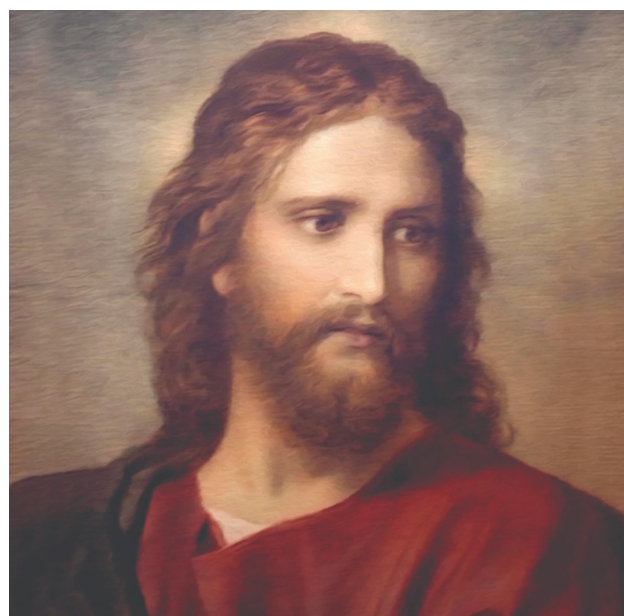
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Evangelization

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/>



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 1, 8:00 AM

† Clyde Wesner
By Mike and Donna Saguto

Tuesday, December 2

No Mass

Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 PM

† Janet Menke
By Patrick & Renee O'Brien

Thursday, December 4, 8:00 AM

Brianna Carlton
By Cecilia Carlton

Friday, December 5, 8:00 AM

† Robert Teller
By Evanna Teller

Saturday, December 6, 5:00 PM

† William Scott Crimmins
By Bill and Pat Crimmins

Sunday, December 7, 8:00 AM

Mr & Mrs William R Starnes
By Dave and Anne Starnes

Sunday, December 7, 10:00 AM

† Frank O'Brien
By Patrick & Renee O'Brien

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish



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, Cheyanne Gomez, Maria Handy, Diane Maslowski, Ann Boone, Mandy Moore, Barbara Natoli, Sharon Jordan, Jill Saporito, 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 Maura Duggan.

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

No Religious Education Classes

Finance Council Meeting at 5:00 PM

Columbiettes Officers Dinner 6:30 PM Parrish Hall

The Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Columbiettes By-Laws Meeting at 6:30 in Parish Hall

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Columbarium Meeting 9:00 AM

Altar Society Luncheon 12:00 Noon in Parish Hall

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 15th and 16th was \$6,662.00 **This includes \$1,328.00 from online giving.** This is \$26.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered or donated funds to make Thanksgiving for Those in Need a success! We were able to help many people to have a nice meal on Thanksgiving day.

Our annual council Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 14th at the parish hall. All Knights and their guest are invited. As in the past, we will also have a Secret Santa gift swap for those who want to participate. Cost per person will be determined and communicated in next week's Knights Corner. We hope to have a good crowd for this enjoyable event!

As always, Mike Allen who is our District Field Agent, is available to answer any questions a brother Knight may have concerning the Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products. You can contact Mike Allen at 803-397-7803 or mallen1072@aol.com

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
Thursday December 18	Precious Blood of Christ Pawleys Island 6:00PM English

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

December 4 (Thur) | 7PM - 8PM Immaculate Conception Church

All Ministries Center Rm 4 510 Saint James Ave, Goose Creek, SC

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or godmother who is concerned about your children's faith? Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely. Like St. Monica, we can persevere in prayer for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Join us for community prayer and formation on the life of our co-patroness, St. Monica. Register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MotherswhoPray-ICC>

First Sunday of Advent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4: 2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-1

Liturgical Roles

December 6 Saturday 5:00 PM	December 7 Sunday 8:00 AM	December 7 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: C Ramsey	R Humphries	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Blevins	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	T McManus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo P Lareau	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: Barbara Mathis	N Giesler	F Morales L Mezquite A Angeles
Altar Care: C Ramsey	C Humphries	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
December 8, 12:00 Noon, Immaculate Conception		
Lector: J Strenk	Ushers: B Roberts M Edwards	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Starnes T Howard		
Altar Servers: To Be Decided	Altar Care: M Roberts	Altar Care 7:00 PM L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Devotions, Explained!

St. Andrew Christmas Novena, *Explained!*

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

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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 no Religious Education classes this weekend. All Adult Faith Formation classes on Monday and Wednesday will proceed as scheduled.

World Youth Day 2027 - Seoul, South Korea

Preparations for World Youth Day, taking place in August 2027, are now underway. To help us gauge interest, please contact Cecilia Carlton if you are considering attending. An informational meeting will be held in early January, but please do not wait until then to let us know of your interest.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Being Surprised by Christ

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit snooze just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: You know the time. The time is now. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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.