

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

December 7, 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**

**Phone: 843-546-7416**

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## VIA FIDELIS

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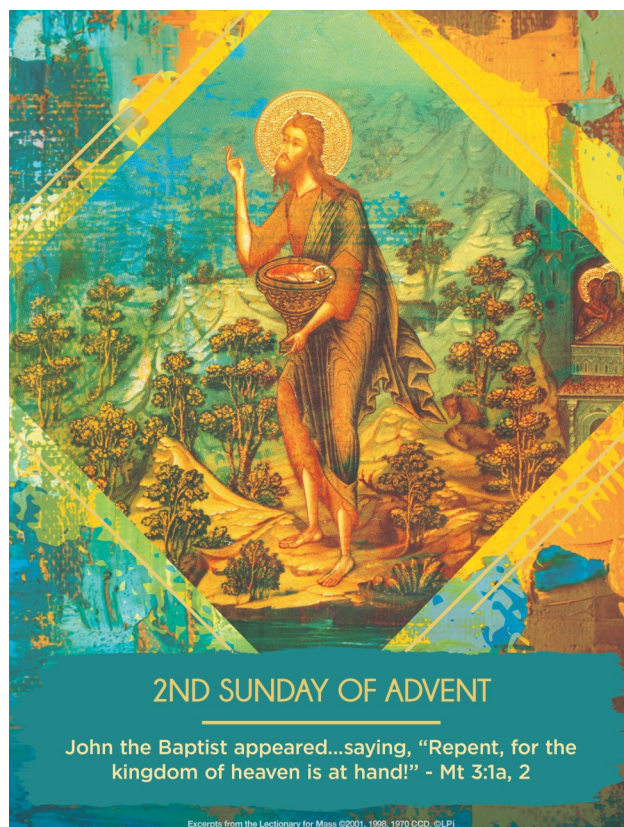
# 2025

### 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/>



### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" - Mt 3:1a, 2

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 8, 12:00 PM  
† Fr Michel Bineen Mukad  
By Mike and Karen Macedo  
Mass is Spanish 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 9  
**No Mass**

Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 PM  
† Joseph and Josephine Tursi  
By Danny Tursi

Thursday, December 11, 8:00 AM  
† Charles Kirk  
By Mike and Donna Saguto

Friday, December 12, 12:00 PM  
† Mr & Mrs John A DeRiggs  
By Cecilia Carlton  
Mass In Spanish 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 13, 5:00 PM  
† Edward Kruk  
By Diane Stamm

Sunday, December 14, 8:00 AM  
† Rosa Bassett  
By Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, December 14, 10:00 AM  
† Michelle O'Brien  
By Patrick & Renee O'Brien

Sunday, December 14, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

## Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 22nd and 23rd was \$10,262.56 **This includes \$943.00 from online giving.** This is \$3,562.56 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

## 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



**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 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 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

Monday, December 8

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12

Sunday, December 14

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

The Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party at 6:00PM - Parish Hall

Columbarium Meeting 9:00 AM

Altar Society Luncheon 12:00 Noon - Parish Hall

## Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

### Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

Father John Muir ©LPI

**Because of your generosity, 466 pounds of non-perishable food has been shared with Helping Hands and Catholic Charities food pantries.**



## Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Our annual council Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 13th at the parish hall. All Knights and their guests are invited. As in the past, we will also have a Se-cret Santa gift swap for those who want to participate. 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



*The beautiful Advent Wreath has been given in Loving  
Memory of Barbara Dumm by Jim Dumm*

**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.

## 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12  
**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-3 Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

## Liturgical Roles

### 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:** B McMahan  
**Altar Care:** M Roberts  
**Altar Care 7:00 PM**  
L Ortiz  
L Hernandez  
M Huerta

### December 12, 12:00 Noon, Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Lector:**  
L Lauro

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

D Stamm A Wagner

**Altar Servers:** B McMahan  
**Altar Care:** Volunteer  
**Altar Care 7:00 PM**  
L Ortiz  
L Hernandez  
M Huerta

### December 13 Saturday 5:00 PM

**Lector:**  
A Predieri

**Ushers:**  
P Wolfe  
P Medved

### December 14 Sunday 8:00 AM

B Pittman

T Clarke  
N Giesler  
T/D Corvelli

### December 14 Sunday 10:00 AM

B Yacavino

M/S Edwards  
G Martinez  
J Martinez

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

P Lareau B/MJ Clark T Howard  
A Vega D Stamm J Pizzi  
A Starnes D Wright

**Altar Servers:**  
M Carlton

B McMahan

D Angeles  
R Angeles  
A Angeles

**Altar Care:**  
P Lareau

D Kimbrough

L Ortiz  
L Hernandez  
M Huerta

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

*Congratulations to Rafael Velasquez Arreaga and Lillia Morales  
Arreaga on the Baptism of their son,  
Emanuel Adrian Velasquez Morales on November 15, 2025.*

### Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website  
[www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://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.

## 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 read-  
ings 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 meet-  
ing 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

All Adult Faith Formation classes on Monday and Wednesday will proceed  
as scheduled.

Thank you to all who shared their precious memories of their loved ones  
and took part in the Memorial Table during the month of November. May the  
Lord continue to comfort and bless each of you. Please stop by the  
Church Office during regular office hours to pick up the photos of your  
loved ones that were lovingly displayed.

### Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care  
what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he  
doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where  
you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes  
it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody  
who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those  
who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what  
they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repent-  
ance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forget-  
ting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Con-  
firmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can  
tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer.  
That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look  
upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need  
to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that  
we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises  
children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abili-  
ties, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



### CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH -BE SOMEONE'S MIRACLE

Build Homes and Share Hope in Guatemala  
Our Parish's Advent Outreach

This advent season our parish is teaming up with Cross Catholic Outreach  
to help build homes for deeply impoverished families living in three Cath-  
olic dioceses in Guatemala. Your generosity will allow families in Guate-  
mala to stay strong and united by empowering local Catholic leaders to  
build homes in rural villages.