

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

March 1, 2026

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 (English) 1:00 PM (Spanish)
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	No Mass
Wednesday:	5:30 PM and Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM
Thursday:	8:00 AM
Friday:	8:00 AM Stations of the Cross after (Eng) 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
Saturday:	5:00 PM
Confessions:	Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM Sunday 12:15 - 12:45 PM (or by appt.)

VIA FIDELIS Year 2 2026

Catechesis - Understand the faith

*Grow deeper in the knowledge of our
Church's teachings to discover how we can
be more like Christ.*

For more information:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis-home/>

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

Bob McMahan

Hispanic Ministry Council:

Max Angeles

Finance Council:

Mary Lee

**Buildings and Grounds Task
Force:**

Mike Macedo (Interim)

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:

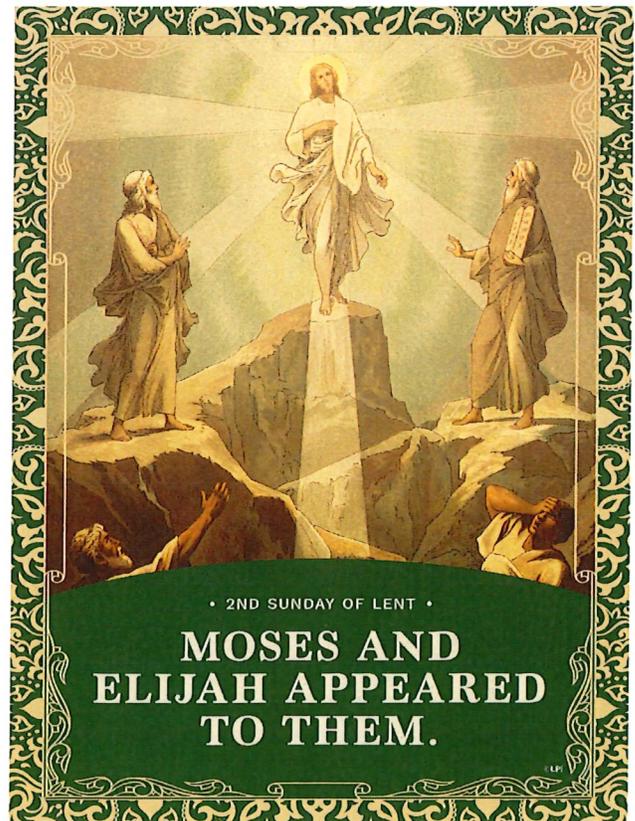
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28, 5:00 PM

† Edwin Halloran
By Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, March 1, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1, 10:00 AM
† Columb Flynn
By Mary Flynn

Sunday, March 1, 1:00 PM
† Silverio Angeles
Maria Angeles

Monday, March 2, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, March 3
No Mass

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 PM
† Sr. Evelyn Doucher
By Jennifer Pizzi

Thursday, March 5, 8:00 AM

Friday, March 6, 8:00 AM
† Colin Peterson
By Grace Swierk

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 8, 8:00 AM
† Thomas Clark
By Bob & Neena McMahan

Sunday, March 8, 10:00 AM
† Joe Kirksey
By Matt & Carolyn Wesolowski

Sunday, March 8, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for February 18th, 21st and 22nd was \$6,632.45 **This includes \$958.00 from online giving.** This is \$67.55 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal
Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in English every Friday morning after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Bilingual Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:30 PM.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a "Soup and Bread Supper" in the Parish Hall immediately after the evening Stations of the Cross.

Sign up sheets to provide soup, bread or drinks are located in the Narthex. Please join us!



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

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

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, Jeff Johnson, Maura Duggan and Carlos Carrasco.

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

Sunday, March 1

Fr. John Britto, Visiting from Anderson, SC
Rite of Sending, 10:00 Mass and 1:00 Mass
Hispanic Food Sales 10:00AM—3:00PM, Courtyard
Stations of the Cross after 8:00AM Mass, English
Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Followed by Lenten Soup Meal

Friday, March 6

Handing of the Creed, 5:30PM Mass
Stations of the Cross after 8:00AM Mass, English
Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Followed by Lenten Soup Meal

Wednesday, March 11
Friday, March 13

Altar Society Meeting, Parish Hall 10:00AM
Columbarium Meeting, 9:00AM
Columbiettes Installation and Reception, 5:00PM
Stations of the Cross after 8:00AM Mass, English
Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Followed by Lenten Soup Meal

Tuesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 18
Thursday, March 19
Friday, March 20



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who contributed to our Seminarian fundraiser last weekend. Net proceeds were \$960.70. This was by far the highest amount raised at any single Seminarian fundraiser. The efforts of our volunteers and those that donated to the cause will allow us to support the men on their journey to priesthood. Thank you to all.

Our Council is responsible for providing the soup and bread for the Lenten supper after Stations of the Cross on Friday 3/20/26. If you can provide either a pot of soup or bread, please sign up on the clipboard in the church narthex.

The next Columbus Hope fundraiser at Walmart is scheduled for 3/20/26 & 3/21/26 from 8:00 am – 6 pm on both days. We are still in need of volunteers to collect donations during a 2-hour shift on both days. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Tom Macedo at (401) 640-7112, or Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191.

In the interest of protecting the health of our parishioners during flu season, we hope to resume offering the Blood of Christ at Communion on March 7, 2026.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

The Second Sunday of Lent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28aPs 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Liturgical Roles

March 7 Saturday 5:00 PM	March 8 Sunday 8:00 AM	March 8 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	B Pittman	C Howard
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant	J Tupacz B Kwarteng C Lindler
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau A Vega	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton	C Humphries	Y Angeles C Velasquez F Hernandez
Altar Care: C Ramsey	MJ Clark	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything —T Earl Welliver, MTS

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To Dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2026 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

The Knights of Columbus will be supplying \$50 Food Lion cards with the proceeds going to the World Youth event. It's easy and it does not have any addition costs. Purchase a Food Lion card from one of the World Youth participants for \$50. The card is worth \$50 but after you make your purchase, Food Lion will give back a small percentage to be credited to our fundraising efforts.

Our Religious Education Lenten Project is collecting for Birthright. Baby bottles are available at the back of the church. All funds go directly to Birthright. To participate, take a bottle, enclose your donation, and return it by Palm Sunday. Birthright provides free, confidential support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, including information on pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, prenatal care, counseling, childcare, and parenting skills. They offer referrals for medical, financial, legal, and housing, as well as free pregnancy tests and a 24-hour help line. Informational cards are available in the Narthex.

It's not too late to register for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study that explores the life of Christ and what He means for us today. The program will meet on Mondays at 5:30 PM. Each week includes a video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Cecilia Carlton. We hope you can join us!

Quinceañera preparation classes began on February 19th at 6:00 PM. Please note that the next opportunity to begin classes after this session will not be until September. All five required classes must be completed before the Quinceañera celebration can be scheduled. If you plan to celebrate a Quinceañera this year, it is very important to attend this February session. Please contact Cecilia Carlton to register or if you have any questions. Registration will close on March 2th .

Devotions, Explained!

Self-Control, Explained!

Love. Joy. Anger. Desire. Fear.

These are just a few of what are called the "passions" of humankind, and in order to understand self-control, we must first understand the passions. Our passions are neither good nor bad — it's all in how we interact with them.

Enter the virtue of self-control.

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Passions only become problematic when we allow them to control us. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

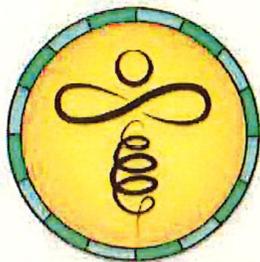
"When regulated by reason, and subjected to the control of the will, the passions may be considered good and used as means of acquiring and exercising virtue," we read in The Catholic Encyclopedia. "The sensitive is given to man by God, and therefore its acts have to be employed in His service."

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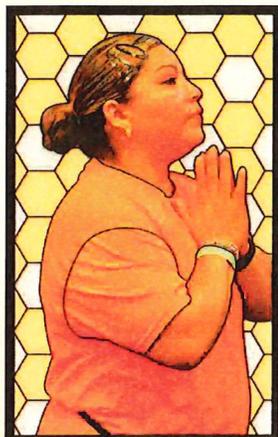
Lenten Penance Services

Lent is a wonderful time to come to our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Penance Services in the area:

St. Michael's: Wednesday, March 18th, 4:30-6:00pm
St. James: Monday, March 23rd, 4:30-6:00pm English
7:00-8:30pm Spanish
Precious Blood of Christ: Thursday, March 26th, 6:00pm



GOAL FOR 2026 **\$5,500,000**



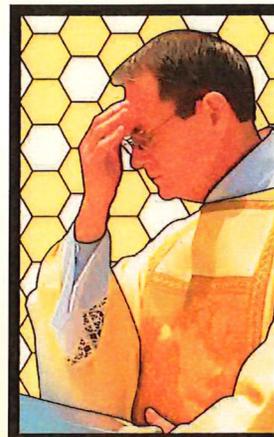
Givers of His Love

Ministry & Outreach Programs
Catholic Charities of SC
\$2,300,000



Teachers of His Children

Youth & Young Adult Ministry, College Campus
Ministry, and Catholic Schools
\$1,900,000



Servants of His People

Vocations, Seminarians & Priest Retirement
\$1,300,000

Make your gift today!

Last weekend, our parish conducted Pledge Sunday for the **2026 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Thank you to all who have already made the commitment to support this year's Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity yet, it's not too late to make your commitment! Please use the **donation form below** to make your contribution or **scan the QR code** to visit and pledge securely online!



Make checks payable to:
Catholic Appeal of
South Carolina

Mail to:
P.O. Box 31257
Charleston, SC 29417

.....

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

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Parish _____

Pledge:	\$ _____	Balance:	\$ _____
Down Payment:	\$ _____	Balance to be paid over _____ months.	
Please complete pledges by December 2026!			



**ROAD TO
PURITY**

SCAN HERE:



MEN'S WORKSHOP: WINNING THE BATTLE FOR SEXUAL PURITY

MARCH 14TH AT 8:30AM

This full day workshop features the Catholic-approved program **Winning the Battle for Sexual Purity**, which has helped thousands of men find lasting freedom, with reported success rates exceeding 90%.

The program addresses the **behavioral, emotional, chemical, and spiritual foundations** of the human person, offering practical tools for long-term healing and growth.

This workshop is being offered at no cost, but donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

Mass, Confession, and lunch will be provided.

A FULL-DAY MEN'S WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON:

- **PURITY**
- **CHASTITY**
- **HEALING & SPIRITUAL FREEDOM**

To register for this workshop or if you have any questions, please email: CORSaintMichaelSC@yahoo.com