

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

March 8, 2026

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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://charlestdiocese.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:

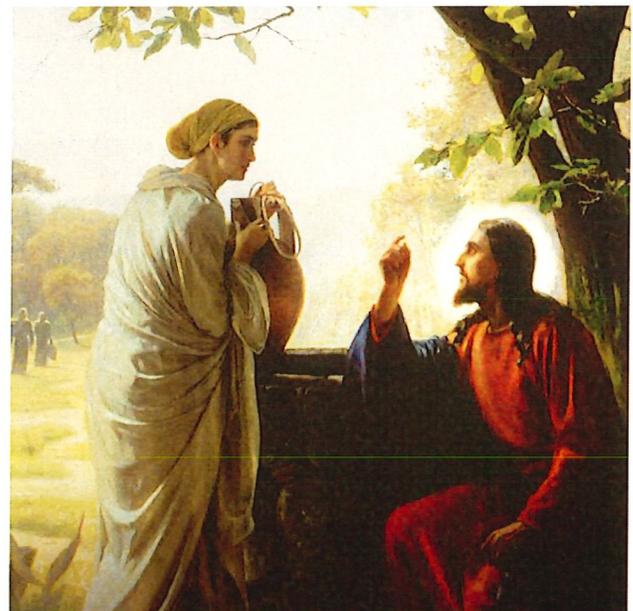
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 PM

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

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

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

Monday, March 9, 8:00 AM
 Zion Dumm Doran
 By Jim Dumm

Tuesday, March 10
No Mass

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 PM

Thursday, March 12, 8:00 AM
 † Ilda Ferreira
 Frank & Suzanne Brecka

Friday, March 13, 8:00 AM

Saturday, March 14, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 15, 8:00 AM
 † Thomas Clark
 By Grace Swierk

Sunday, March 15, 10:00 AM
 † Helen Karas
 By Matt & Carolyn Wesolowski

Sunday, March 15, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for February 28th and March 1st was \$9,483.00 **This includes \$1,713.00 from online giving.** This is \$2,783.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

FertilityCare Webinar

Dr. Jordan O'Steen & Fr. Peter O'Steen on FertilityCare and NaProTechnology and God's plan for women's health.

Event Details:

- March 24 (Tuesday) | 6:00 PM
 - ZOOM & FB Livestream @NFPSC
 - <https://tinyurl.com/FCWebinarMar24>
- Contact jfloreno@charlestondiocese.org for more information.

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

Wednesday, March 11
 Friday, March 13

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
 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
 Bring in Last Year's Palms for Burning
 Handing of the Lords Prayer, 5:30PM Mass
 Prince George Tour of Homes Event, Parish Hall
 Stations of the Cross after 8:00AM Mass, English
 Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
 NO Lenten Soup Meal

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

Weekend of March 21-22
 Wednesday, March 25
 Friday, March 27



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

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 Council 3067 monthly business meeting is Thursday, March 12th. We will start at 6:00 PM with dinner and our annual presentation of the checks to our three local charities. The funds were raised during our Columbus Hope fund drives at Walmart during 2025. The three charities receiving the donations are Special Olympics, The J.O.Y School, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

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.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

Father John Muir ©LPI

The Third Sunday of Lent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2-3; 42:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5-6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

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

Last Saturday morning, fourteen of our students traveled to Precious Blood of Christ in Pawleys Island to serve breakfast to members of their community. They did an outstanding job, and the regular volunteers were so impressed that they eagerly invited them to return. Be sure to check out the pictures on the bulletin board!

\$50 Food Lion cards are now available with the proceeds going to the World Youth event. It's easy and it does not cost you 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 Service Project is collecting donations for Birthright. Baby bottles available at the back of the church. All funds collected go directly to Birthright. To participate, please take a bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it by Palm Sunday. Birthright provides free, confidential support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Information cards are available in the Narthex.

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 correct session. Please contact Cecilia Carlton to register or if you have any questions. Registration will close on March 9th .

Devotions, Explained!

The Sign of the Cross, Explained!

"I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross." These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant's forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death.

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one's forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast. ©LPI

Liturgical Roles

March 14 Saturday 5:00 PM	March 15 Sunday 8:00 AM	March 15 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	J Dumm	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough M Edwards H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: Volunteer	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Mezquite M Mezquite L Mezquite
Altar Care: P Hughes	D Kimbrough	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Theology on Tap

March 11, 2026 (Wednesday) from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
 Young Adults and College Students

Tommy Congdons, 160 Church Street Downtown Charleston

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

REVEAL Christ's LOVE

Around noon on April 25, 2015, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. Strong aftershocks continued for days afterward. Not only did about 9,000 people lose their lives, but 23,000 others were injured, and more than 750,000 homes were destroyed or damaged. Families displaced by the disaster suffered the loss of loved ones and homes. They also confronted the poverty of lost livelihoods.

A grandmother named KunMaya not only lost her home but also suffered the loss of her son. For more than eight years following the earthquake, she and her husband lived in a temporary wooden shelter that offered little protection against weather. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working with local partners, assisted KunMaya and more than 6,200 other families affected by the earthquake through the Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER) project. Through this program, CRS-trained masons built an earthquake-resilient home for KunMaya and her husband. At the same time, ReCoVER offered KunMaya training in raising poultry and managing financial savings—training that helped her establish a growing poultry business that has allowed her to sustain her family while also saving and building for the future.

CRS relies on the support it receives through The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to victims of wars and natural disasters throughout the world. CRS carries out this work in ways that address immediate needs and provide long-term solutions to help build a stable, hopeful future.



Your donations help our brothers and sisters through grants to these agencies:

In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Nepal and elsewhere . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and communication work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace**.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

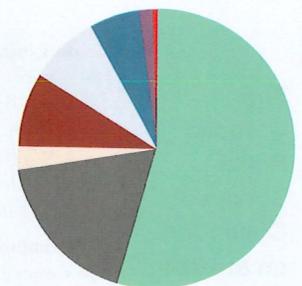


Help with an online donation

The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2024

Funded Organization	
■	Catholic Relief Services
■	USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
■	CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
■	USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
■	USCCB Justice and Peace†
■	Holy Father's Relief Fund
Administration	
■	Promotion & Education Costs
■	Administrative Expenses

Grant Amount	Percentage
\$7,939,217	57.62%
\$1,832,127	13.30%
\$1,221,418	8.86%
\$1,221,418	8.86%
\$755,629	5.48%
\$500,000	3.63%
\$291,423	2.12%
\$17,185	0.12%



* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$854,992) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$366,426).

† The USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace includes International Justice and Peace (\$671,427) and education and communication activities (\$84,202).



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