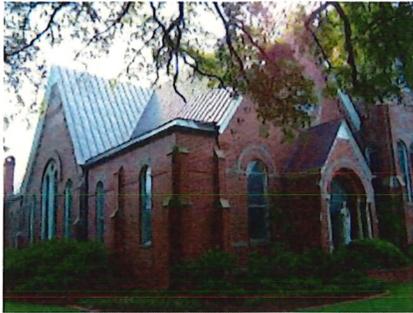


St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

March 15, 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:

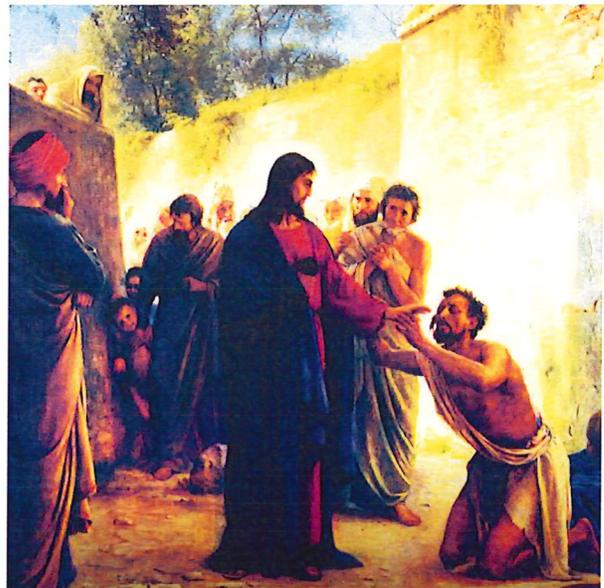
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

March 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 16, 8:00 AM
Mary Jackson (healing)
By Ben Alexander

Tuesday, March 17
No Mass

Wednesday, March 18, 5:30 PM
† George & † Florence Hanson
By Barbara Mathis

Thursday, March 19, 8:00 AM

Friday, March 20, 8:00 AM

Saturday, March 21, 5:00 PM
† Tito Arena
By Jim Cavanaugh

Sunday, March 22, 8:00 AM
† Thomas Clark
By Danny & Barbara Pittman

Sunday, March 22, 10:00 AM
† Liz Fischer
By Grace Swierk

Sunday, March 22, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish



Sunday, March 15
Tuesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 18
Thursday, March 19
Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 28



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 Cavaliere, 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

Food Sales to Benefit WYD2027, Courtyard 10:00—3:00PM
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 Lord's 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
Prince George Tour of Homes Event, Parish Hall

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 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.

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

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

Father John Muir ©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.

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for March 7th and 8th was \$7,096.00 **This includes \$1,178.00 from online giving.** This is \$396.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

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

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.

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!

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

Liturgical Roles

March 21 Saturday 5:00 PM	March 22 Sunday 8:00 AM	March 22 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	R Humphries	T Howard
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke Volunteer T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: M Carlton	N Giesler	F Hernandez A Angeles L Perez
Altar Care: P Lareau	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

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the whole other side of town, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Tracy 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

Last weekend St. Mary's high school students had a wonderful time at the Diocesan Youth Conference in Columbia. The weekend was filled with inspiring talks, reflections, fellowship, and time for Adoration and confession. We ended with a beautiful Mass celebrated by the Bishop.

\$50 Food Lion cards are available with the proceeds going to the World Youth event. Please see Cecilia Carlton for purchases.

Please return your BirthRight Lenten bottles by Palm Sunday.

Attention All Volunteers!

Anyone involved in a parish ministry must contact the office to confirm that they are in compliance with Diocesan regulations. They have recently updated to a new system and some data was not transferred.

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese of Charleston 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.

Devotions, Explained!

Taizé, Explained

Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger's vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries.

Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year.

Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world. @LPI

Lenten Penance Services

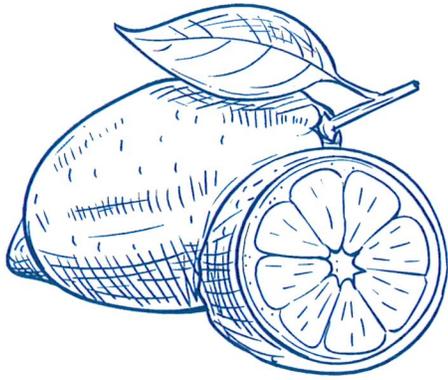
Lent is a wonderful time to come to our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Penance Services in the area:

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



PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
12:00PM

ST. CYPRIAN'S OUTREACH CENTER
1905 FRONT STREET
GEORGETOWN, SC, 29440



This is a no-cost event.
Please bring your own bags!

