

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 10, 2026

317 Broad Street (Corner of Broad & Highmarket), Georgetown, SC 29440 * Established 1899 * Dedicated 1902



	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
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:

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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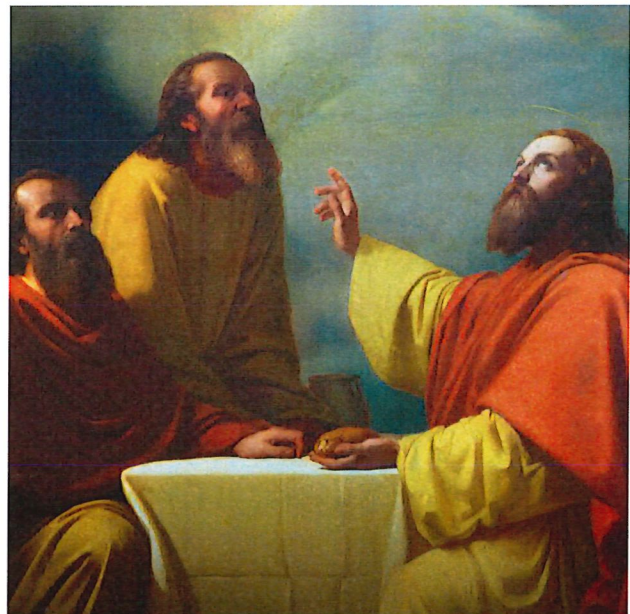
VIA FIDELIS Year 2 2026

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:

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 9, 5:00 PM
 † Patricia Giordano
 By the Nolan Family

Sunday, May 10, 8:00 AM
 In Memory of
 † Rev. Col. Timothy Mannix Gahan
 Semper Fidelis

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 AM
 † Martha Ros Isaac
 By Joe Isaac Jr. & Family

Sunday, May 10, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Monday, May 11, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 12
No Mass

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 PM

Thursday, May 14, 8:00 AM

Friday, May 15, 8:00 AM

Saturday, May 16, 5:00 PM
 Adam Mika
 By Barbara Mika

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 AM
 † Liz Fischer
 Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 AM
 † Genoveba Marcantoni
 By the Marcantoni Family

Sunday, May 17, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for May 2nd and 3rd was \$7,710.00 **This includes \$1,813.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,010.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.



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 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, 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

Saturday, May 16

Community Listening Session with Bishop Fabre-Jeune
 Re: St Cyprian Campus, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
 Finance Council Meeting, 5:00 PM
 Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
 Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00 PM
 Graduation Acknowledgements 10:00 AM
 First Communion 10:00 AM

Monday, May 18
 Thursday, May 21
 Friday, May 22
 Sunday, May 31
 Sunday, June 7

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

The Christ You See

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me. My blood ran cold. Jeez, I thought. That would be...really unfortunate.

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they've seen? He puts himself first. He's suspicious of other people. He's not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He's been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here's the problem: they haven't seen Christ at all. They've only seen Christians.

It's easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today? Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



Knights Corner

“Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity”

Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the rain last Saturday to park cars at the McClellanville Shrimp Festival. Thanks also to Brother John Cross for continuing to let us use his property to park cars for this worthwhile fundraising event.

Our second Columbus Hope fundraising drive of 2026 will be held Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16th. We are still in need of volunteers to work 2-hour shifts from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on both days. If you can volunteer, or if you are unable to volunteer but would like to donate funds to the cause, please contact Tom Macedo (401-640-7112) or Mike Macedo (843-325-7191). The funds collected are donated to local organizations that help people with special needs.

The St Claire Home for pregnant mothers is holding a fundraising dinner at Pawleys Plantation clubhouse on May 19th at 6:00 pm. A flyer was in last week's bulletin containing additional details. There are currently two homes in operation in SC (Greenville and Charleston). There is a fundraising drive to support the opening of a third home on the Grand Strand. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Mike Macedo at 843-325-7191.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

The rosary and Litany to the Blessed Mother will be prayed every Saturday during the month of May at 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 Mass. Members of our parish's rosary group will lead us in prayer. Whether you already have a Marian devotion or, are interested in beginning one, all are welcome and encouraged to join us in prayer. Members of our rosary group who will lead us in prayer are Barbara Mathis-May 16, Mary Jo Clark-May 23, Grace Swierk-May 30.



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,

From the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8 14-17 Ps 66:1-7 16 20
1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a 9b
Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138: 1-3 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15 22-18:1 Ps 148: 1-2 11-14
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17 20-26 Ps 113: 1-8 Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47: 2-3 8-10
Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47: 2-3 6-9 Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-2

Liturgical Roles

May 16 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 17 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 17 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	B Clark	J Pizzi
Ushers: C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke J Joseph T& D Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard D Wright B Mathis
Altar Servers: F Hernandez	N Giesler	D Angeles A Angeles R Angeles
Altar Care: C Ramsey	M Roberts	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see. 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 Wook book, Bible or Word Among Us to follow along.

St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets from September through 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 last day of Religious Education classes will be May 31st.

The First Communion Mass will be celebrated on June 7th at 10:00 AM followed by a Eucharistic procession for Corpus Christi, led by the First Communicants.

Vacation Bible School will take place June 22-26, with registration beginning May 24. We are looking for volunteers to help make this a wonderful week—leaders, cooks, and decorators are all needed. Students in grades 7 and above who would like to earn community service hours should contact Cecilia Carlton as soon as possible. This year's theme: The Vatican Express with St. Jerome!

Community Listening Session with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune Discussing St Cyprian Campus

All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in a community listening session to discuss the proposed sale of the St. Cyprian church facility. Bishop Fabre-Jeune will be present to hear our concerns and offer his counsel as we consider this important step in the life of our parish community.

We ask that you join us at 6:00 on Saturday, May 16th in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please prayerfully consider what this means to our parish and plan to attend.

Virtues, Explained!

Courage, Explained!

In the Roman Rite, bishops extend their hands over confirmandi, praying that they will be given "a spirit of right judgment and courage."

This invocation echoes countless passages of sacred Scripture extolling the virtue of courage. "Be strong and courageous in your hearts, all you who place your hope in the Lord," says Psalm 31:25. "I have given you a command. Be strong and brave, do not be afraid nor dismayed. I, the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go," the Lord says in Joshua 1:9. Courage is also a frequent watchword of Christ: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude — roughly understood as courage in action — and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance. ©LPI

Adult Literacy Coaches Needed – Georgetown Library

To provide free one-on-one assistance to patrons (mainly Spanish speaking adults) to improve English language skills (reading, speaking, etc.). Patrons are evaluated for their skills/needs prior to being assigned a coach. Coaching is in English at the Georgetown Library on a day and time scheduled by the coach and participant. Training and resource materials are provided. To volunteer, contact: Mary Rana at 843-359-9029

Communication is not only the transmission of information, but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion. In looking at how technology is developing, this mission becomes ever more necessary.

—Pope Leo XIV, Address to the Representatives of the Media, May 12, 2025

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope reminded us that the Gospel is a message of hope that we are called to share with the world. The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) presents a unique opportunity to participate in that mission of love by supporting media efforts to share the Gospel with your neighbors as well as people across the country. When you contribute to this collection, half of your donation supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays in your diocese to support local communications initiatives.

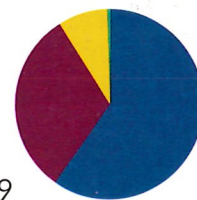
Each day, hundreds of thousands of users visit the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for an easy and convenient way to enrich their devotional lives with the Word of God. Taken from the Lectionary readings for each day's Mass, the Daily Readings page helps users follow along with the biblical texts proclaimed at Mass and aids their prayer and meditation on Sacred Scripture.

Funding from CCC allows this popular and valuable resource to be made



available to users free of charge rather than through paid subscriptions or user fees. When you participate in the annual collection for CCC, you support the national communications efforts of the USCCB, including the free availability of the online daily readings. And your support is not limited to those national efforts. When you give to your diocese's collection at Mass, half of your contribution stays within your own diocese to support local communication efforts that help bring the hope of the Gospel to your family, friends, and neighbors!

2024 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS:



Media Evangelization*	\$2,085,641	59.82%
News and Information Services†	\$1,096,038	31.44%
Web-Based Communications Resources	\$293,663	8.42%
Building Media Capacity Grants	\$11,097	0.32%

EXPENSES

USCCB Internal Grants†	93.17%
Promotion & Fundraising Expenses	6.09%
Program Costs	0.48%
Grants and Donations	0.27%
Total Expenses	\$3,731,462

* Includes funding for resource production and for distribution of print and electronic media from the USCCB.

† Includes funding to support Catholic News Services' coverage of Pope Leo XIV and his global ministry to share the mercy of God and the hope of the Gospel.

A Message of Hope, a Mission of Love



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