

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 12, 2026

317 Broad Street (Corner of Broad & Highmarket, Georgetown, SC 20440 * Established 1899* Dedicated 1902



Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM (English)
1:00 PM (Spanish)
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 5:30 PM
Thursday No Mass
Friday: No Mass
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

Organist/Choir Director:

Edwin Hopkins

Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Mary Jo Clark, President
Suzanne Frazier, Vice-President

Lazarus Committee:

Diane Macedo
Neena McMahan

Knights of Columbus:

Dwight Frazier

Jos M Ros Columbiettes:

Amy Wagner

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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Rev. Anthony Swamy, MSSCC

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Cecilia Carlton

Director of Religious Education

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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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11, 5:00 PM
Kate Blackman
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, July 12, 8:00 AM
Anthony Carlton
By Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, July 12, 10:00 AM
†John Daniels
By Doug & Amy Wagner

Sunday, July 12, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, July 13
No Mass

Tuesday, July 14
No Mass

Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 PM
†Mary Jo Karre
By Jim Dumm

Thursday, July 16
No Mass

Friday, July 17
No Mass

Saturday, July 18, 5:00 PM
John Weiss
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 AM
Betty Curran
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 AM
†Ann Wilson
By Grace Swierk

Sunday, July 19, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for June 27th and 28th was \$5,845.00 This includes \$893.00 from online giving. This is \$855.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The combined offertory collection for July 3rd and 4th was \$7,054.00 This includes \$1,838.00 from online giving. This is \$354.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

To protect the health of our parishioners during a recent increase in public illnesses, we will not be offering the Blood of Christ at Communion.



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, 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

Monday, July 20
Thursday, July 23
Wednesday, August 5
Sunday, August 9
Tuesday, August 18
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Thursday, September 17

Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Hispanic Ministry Meeting 7:00PM
Plating Grace Luncheon
Cross Catholic Outreach
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00PM
Columbiettes Meeting 6:00PM



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Council 3067 breakfast originally scheduled for August 9th has been rescheduled for Sunday September 13th. This will be like our seminarian breakfasts, but any donations will go towards our Council charity fund from this event. This fund supports our giving to charities throughout the year. We hope you can join us for some fellowship and delicious food. We will be serving from 9:00am – 11:30 AM. Moving the breakfast to September 13 will allow us to provide breakfast to the religious education students who will be attending their first class of the school year.

The next Columbus Hope Fund Drive at Wal Mart will be on August 14th & 15th. We need to cover 2-hour shifts at three different doors from 8 am – 6 pm on both days so we need plenty of volunteers. If you can sign up for a shift or two, please contact Tom Macedo (401-640-7112). All proceeds go to three charities in the area (JOY School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities).

We encourage men of the parish that are not already Knights, to become a Knight of Columbus. You will find that becoming part of an organization that is based on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and being a good Catholic gentleman is very fulfilling. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, you can contact Grand Knight Dwight Frazier at 609-351-4422, or any member of our council.

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 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.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23
Monday:	Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9 16b-17 21 23 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7 13b-16 Ps 94:5-10 14-15 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9 12 16-19 Ps 102:13-19 21 Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-8 10 12 16 21-22 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4 7 8 14 Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Wis 12: 13 16-19 Ps 86:5 6 9 10 15 16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

Liturgical Roles

July 18 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 19 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 19 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	N McMahan	J Pizzi
Ushers: P Medved Volunteer	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	E Kimbrough B Yacavino Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: Volunteer	B McMahan	Volunteer
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>		

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

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

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 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.

Gospel Study Group

The Gospel Study Group does not meet in June, July or August. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00am in the CCD classroom. If you are interested in joining the group for study and discussion of Sunday's Gospels, please come. Bring your Lector Workbook, Bible or Word Among Us to follow along. There is no homework. Happy Summer Everyone!

St Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets from September through May on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00am 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.

Communion to the Homebound

Please let us know if you or your loved one are confined to the 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

Children in 6th grade and below are invited to join us for a Movie Night on Friday, July 24, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If your child would like to attend, please contact the parish office to register. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and additional snacks will be available for purchase. We look forward to a fun evening together!

We will once again be distributing school supplies this year. If you would like to receive school supplies, please contact Kathy Adams or Cecilia Carlton to be added to the list by July 17. Those whose names are on the list by July 17 will be guaranteed school supplies. After that, any remaining school supplies will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

Father John Muir