

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 2, 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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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/>



18th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to
heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds."*

Matthew 14:19

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1, 5:00 PM
The Imbrogno Family
By William & Gabriella Piciulli

Sunday, August 2, 8:00 AM
†Teri Altman Benton
By Lorry & Faye Altman

Sunday, August 2, 10:00 AM
John Lutzky
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, August 2, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, August 3
No Mass

Tuesday, August 4
No Mass

Wednesday, August 5
No Mass

Thursday, August 6
No Mass

Friday, August 7
No Mass

Saturday, August 8, 5:00 PM
Adam Weiss
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, August 9, 8:00 AM
Alanya Duncan
By the Humphries Family

Sunday, August 9, 10:00 AM
†Joseph Isaac, III
By Joe Isaac, Jr. & Family

Sunday, August 9, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for July 25th and 26th was \$5,728.95. **This includes \$821.00 from online giving.** This is \$971.05 under 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.

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



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, Carlos Carrasco and Rose Mellor.



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, August 5	Plating Grace Luncheon, 12:00 Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 5	No Mass
Sunday, August 9	Cross Catholic Outreach, Fr. Chidiebere Ogbuagu
Monday, August 10	No OCIA Class Today
Wednesday, August 12	Prayer Service with Deacon Mike Brescia, 5:30PM
Wednesday, August 12	NO OCIA Class Today
Sunday, August 16	Food For the Poor, Fr. Christopher C. Steinle
Tuesday, August 18	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Monday, September 7	Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday
Sunday, September 13	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Monday, September 14	Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00PM
Tuesday, September 15	Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM
Thursday, September 17	Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM Parish Hall



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

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).

The Fourth-Degree Assembly will be hosting an Italian Dinner at PBOC on the evening of September 12th. Tickets are \$30 person with kids under 10 free. If you would like tickets, please contact Doug Wagner (843-461-7672) or Mike Macedo (843-325-7191).

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

Blood Donors Needed

At this time of year, there is a critical need for blood donors of all types. Please take one hour to donate at the Knights of Columbus sponsored blood drive on August 18th from 1:00 to 6:00PM in the parish hall. Register at www.redcrossblood.org or contact Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869. Thank you for your consideration.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Fr. Ogbuagu will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

Columbarium

The Columbarium Committee is making progress on plans for a columbarium for St. Mary's. As we further develop architectural plans for the columbarium, we will share additional information with our parishioners. If you are interested in reserving a niche in the columbarium and have not already provided your name and contact information to the parish, please complete the form available in the narthex. Drop your completed form in the basket provided or return it to the church office. *This is not a formal commitment to reserve a niche.* When we further develop plans and we are able to provide a cost estimate to reserve a niche, we will ask for formal commitments from parishioners.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8 9 15-18 Rom:8:35 37-39 Mt 14:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29 43 79 80 95 102
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1 2 12-15 18-22 Ps 102:16-23 29 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7 10-12b 13 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9 10 13 14 Ps 97:1 2 5 6 9 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Friday:	Na 2:1 3 3:1-3 6 7 Dt 32:35c-36b 39 41 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20 1Cor 2:1-10a Lk 9:57-62
Next Sunday:	1Kgs 19:9a 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Liturgical Roles

August 8 Saturday 5:00 PM	August 9 Sunday 8:00 AM	August 9 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector:		
D Macedo	B Pittman	J Pizzi
Ushers:		
C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	E Kimbrough B Yacavino Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard B Mathis D Wright
Altar Servers:		
F Hernandez	B McMahan	P Lux L Lux
Altar Care:		
P Hughes	MJ Clark	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Religious Education

Last week we hosted a movie night for children in 6th grade and under. Everyone had a wonderful time watching *The Prince of Egypt* while enjoying popcorn, ice cream, esquires and fresh fruit cups. A special thank you to Mike Macedo for transforming the parish hall into a movie theatre and to Maria Estrada and her daughters for preparing and serving the delicious esquires and fruit cups. The evening was such a success that we are doing it again! Join us on **Friday, August 21**, as we watch *Joseph: King of Dreams*. We hope to see you there for another fun evening of faith, friendship and fellowship!

Don't forget to register for Religious Education classes! Classes begin September 13. If the registration fee presents a financial hardship, please don't let that keep your child from participating. We never want cost to be a barrier to growing in faith. Please speak to Cecilia Carlton for assistance. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing together in Christ!

Cecilia Carlton will be out of the office from August 4-12th.

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 joint 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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first.

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

Father John Muir

Blessed Stanley Rother Award

Barbara Mathis was recently honored by Catholic Charities as the first recipient of the *Blessed Stanley Rother Award*. A retired nurse practitioner, Barbara has made 25 medical missionary trips to Guatemala - the most trips ever made by participants from our area. Congratulations and thank you to Barbara for your dedication to our Guatemalan brothers and sisters in need of medical care. Blessed Stanley Rother ministered to the peoples of Guatemala and was martyred for his faith and missionary work. For more information, please visit www.rothershrine.org.

Plating Grace Luncheon

Our next Plating Grace Luncheon theme is an special inspirational presentation, *Heaven Touches Earth--the foundation of our Catholic faith--the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacred Banquet--the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*. Join us Wednesday, August 5 at 12 pm for a wonderful meal and fellowship! RSVP to Joyce Fick 843-359-8613 by August 3 so we can reserve a place for you!



Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

How We Serve

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving in developing countries. In addition to this being the most cost-effective way of helping our brothers and sisters in need, empowering these existing ministries also allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and leadership role in poor communities.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.



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COUNCIL #3067 JOSEPH MIGUEL ROS

During August we are sponsoring a "Baby Shower" in support of



Birthright is an outreach and resource center for pregnant women, new foster mothers and guardians.

When: Every weekend mass in August

Where: A collection box located in the narthex of the church

What:

Diapers (newborn to size 6)	Jackets/Sweaters	Scratch Mitts	Sleepers
Blankets - knitted/plush	Receiving Blankets	Baby Lotion	Baby Hats
Lap/Car Seat Blankets	Baby Grooming Sets	Baby Wipes	Onesies
Baby Clothing/Outfits	Diaper Rash Cream	Swaddles	Bibbs
Baby Bath Towels/Wash Clothes	Baby Shampoo/Wash	Burp Cloths	Socks

*All clothing sizes newborn to 24 months

Let's fill the box every weekend in August!!