

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 16, 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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A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

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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://charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis-home/>



20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:27-28

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 5:00 PM
Eileen Weiss
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 AM
†Christopher Montana
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, August 16, 10:00 AM
Jackson Duncan
By Robbie & Courtney Humphries

Sunday, August 16, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, August 17
No Mass

Tuesday, August 18
No Mass

Wednesday, August 19, 5:30 PM
Kyle Duncan
The Humphries Family

Thursday, August 20
No Mass

Friday, August 21
No Mass

Saturday, August 22, 5:00 PM
†Ann Wilson
By Danny & Barbara Pittman

Sunday, August 23, 8:00 AM
Gary T. Pope
By Ben Alexander

Sunday, August 23, 10:00 AM
†Amelia Isaac
By Joe Issac, Jr. & Family

Sunday, August 23, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for August 8th and 9th was \$7,059.00. **This includes \$1,093.00 from online giving.** This is \$359.00 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.

*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 Saporito, 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, Rose Mellor and Joe Strenk



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

Sunday, August 16
Tuesday, August 18
Friday, August 21
Tuesday, August 25
Monday, September 7
Tuesday, September 8
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Tuesday, September 15
Thursday, September 17

Food For the Poor, Fr. Christopher C. Steinle
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Movie Night, Students 6th Grade and under
Catholic Charities Produce Distribution, Friendship Hall
Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday
Knights of Columbus - COR meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00PM
Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM Parish Hall

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Today, we welcome Father Chris Steinle who visits us on behalf of **Food For The Poor**. Founded in 1982, **Food for the Poor** works to end suffering for impoverished children and their families in the Caribbean and Latin American. Please visit their website: www.FoodForThePoor.org for more information regarding this worthwhile humanitarian effort.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered to collect donations at Walmart this weekend for our Columbus Hope Drive. Special thanks to the Columbiettes who participated! 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 \$25 per person with kids under 10 free. There is a flyer posted in the Knights bulletin board in the Narthex. 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

Building and Grounds Committee

We are pleased to announce that the renovation of the stained-glass window frames and protective glass has been completed. This much needed repair should preserve the windows in good condition for many years. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bicentennial Campaign a few years ago as some of the funds from this appeal were used to complete the renovations.

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.

The Benefits of Membership

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community! 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 6 months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Please register with our parish to participate in our programs, ministries and activities. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, in the church office and on our website at www.stmaryourladyofransom.org under the tab "Newcomers". We are glad you are here!

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Is 56:1-6 Ps 67:2-3 5-6 8 Rom 11:13-15 29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Ez 24:15-23 Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-28 30 35c-36b Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab 10-14 Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3 6 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Liturgical Roles

August 22 Saturday	August 23 Sunday	August 23 Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
L Goldbach	R Humphries	T Howard
Ushers:		
C Lindner	T Clarke	J Tupacz
J Cavanaugh	B Roberts	H Moore
	C Bryant	B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau	B/MJ Clark	T Howard
A Vega	D Stamm	J Pizzi
		D Wright
Altar Servers:		
F Hernandez	N Giesler	J Angeles
Altar Care:		
M Roberts	D Macedo	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Thank You to Everyone

who joined us for the Plating Grace Luncheon on August 5. Your presence made our time together a true blessing of friendship and faith.

A special word of gratitude to our dedicated team, whose hard work, joyful service, and prayerful spirit made the day both beautiful and meaningful. We are deeply grateful for each of you. The video is a beautiful reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist - reminding us that Christ is truly present at every Mass.

For those of you who would like to revisit the message shared, watch the video "The Real Presence: The Mass" on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgfDCmxvm4g>

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.

*The flowers on the altar last week were given
in Memory of Joseph Isaac, III
& Joe and Amelia Isaac
by Joe Isaac, Jr. and Family*

Religious Education

The children's Mass books are provided by St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom to help our young parishioners follow and participate in the celebration of the Mass. We kindly ask that these books remain in the church after each Mass, so that they are available for everyone to use. If you would like a copy to keep at home, additional books may be ordered for \$5 each. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you for helping us care for these parish resources.

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year is still open except for the Pre K, Kindergarten and Sr Sacramental Prep classes which are now full. First Communion Class over grade 4 is on a wait list. Please register your child now and do not wait until the last minute. Early registration allows us to order materials, prepare classrooms and ensure we are ready to welcome all of our students. Thank you for helping us prepare for a successful year! Classes start on September 13th.

The next Movie Night for children in 6th grade and under on **Friday, August 21 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be showing **Joseph: King of Dreams**. Snacks will be provided. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough snacks for everyone.

All current and new Altar Servers are required to attend a mandatory meeting and training on **Saturday, August 22 at 6:00pm**. Fr. Anthony would like all Altar Servers to follow the same practices so that we may serve the Mass with greater reverence and unity. The session will include a review of expectations and proper procedures for all servers, followed by hands-on training for newer and newest servers. Your attendance is important and appreciated.

*Our community of faith extends their deepest
sympathy to the family of
Robert Hanson
who passed away on Saturday, August 1.
Please keep Stephanie and the Hanson family
in your prayers.
May his soul rest in peace.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us make a difference in Georgetown SC!

Smith Medical Clinic is seeking caring, community-minded volunteers for our current Georgetown clinic and our new Georgetown location, opening later this year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- General Practice Providers
- Nurses
- Front Office Staff
- Interpreters

TWO GEORGETOWN LOCATIONS

Current Location

1101 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC

Opening Later This Year

606 Black River Road
Georgetown, SC

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Smith Medical Clinics offer free medical care to low-income residents of Georgetown County who have no form of health insurance. Our clinics offer a fast-paced, friendly work environment with a large, fun team of people who are passionate about making a difference in our community!

FLEXIBILITY THAT FITS YOUR LIFE

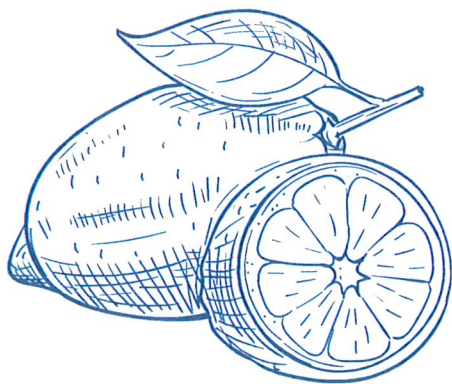
You choose where you volunteer, when you help, and the hours that work best for your schedule.

READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Learn more: Smithfreeclinic.org

Contact Dina Wells: dwells@smithfreeclinic.org

843-237-2672 ext. 114



PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
12:00PM**

THE FRIENDSHIP PLACE
1423 FRONT STREET
GEORGETOWN, SC, 29440



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

