

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

January 25, 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 / 1:00 PM (Spanish)
Monday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 5:30 PM and Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM
Thursday & 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:

Phil Lazzari

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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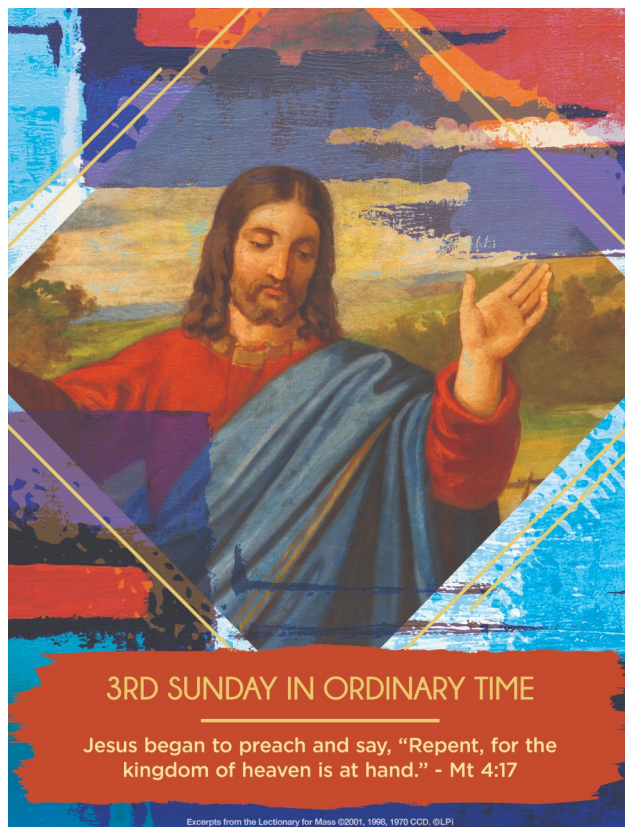
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Catechesis

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/>



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24, 5:00 PM
†Michael Linder & †Robert Schaefer
By Michelle Linder

Sunday, January 25, 8:00 AM
Our Fifty-First Wedding Anniversary
By Bob & Neena McMahan

Sunday, January 25, 10:00 AM
†J. Thomas Davidson, MD
By Tom & Mary Mcmanus

Sunday, January 25, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 26, 8:00 AM
Charlotte Skipper
By Cecilia Carlton

Tuesday, January 27
No Mass

Wednesday, January 28 5:30 PM
Alfred DeRiggs
By Cecilia Carlton

Thursday, January 29, 8:00 AM
Derek Colantonio
By Grace Swierk

Friday, January 30, 8:00 AM

Saturday, January 31, 5:00 PM
†Diana Davis
By the Kiluk Family

Sunday, February 1, 8:00 AM

Sunday, February 1, 10:00 AM
Maura Duggan
By Mary Flynn

Sunday, February 1, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for January 10th and 11th was \$6,850.00 **This includes \$983.00 from online giving.** This is \$150.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

Due to the holiday printing schedule, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

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.

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.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:

Betty Barr, James A. Harrelson Sr and Louise Ullman.

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, Cecilia McGee, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson, Ann Wilson, Scott Stecz, Jeff Johnson and Maura Duggan.

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

Knights of Columbus COR Meeting at 6PM
Hispanic Ministries Meeting at 7:00PM
Seminarian Breakfast, Parish Hall 7:00AM - Noon
Escuela De La Fe Graduate Recognition at 1:00PM Mass
Plating Grace Luncheon 12-2:00PM
Parish Dinner Dance 6:15PM
Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Knights of Columbus Pancake Supper 6-7:00PM
Red Cross Blood Drive, Parish Hall 11:00AM—7:00PM
Ash Wednesday Masses 12:00PM English 7:00PM Spanish
Building & Grounds Meeting at 5:00PM

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "Come after me" (Matthew 4:19). And immediately they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

Father John Muir ©LPI

Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Council 3067 will host a breakfast on Sunday, February 1st from 9:00 AM – 11:30 am. Donations will be accepted to support two seminarians that are sponsored by our council. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and french toast. We hope to see many parishioners attend.

The Knights of Columbus has initiated a faith program for men. The program is called COR. Cor is a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood. Men do not need to be a Knight of Columbus to participate. Council 3067 is implementing the COR program at St. Mary our Lady of Ransom. The first COR meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 6:00 PM at the Parish Life Center. The topic of this meeting will be the history of the rosary.

Council 3067 is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday February 17th from 1:00 – 6:00 PM at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Parish Life Center. If you are able to donate blood, please register on the Red Cross website or contact Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869.

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

Congratulations to Alexis Miquel Martinez Bermudez and Brenda Yvette Eudave Gomez on the Baptism of their son, Alexis Jose Martinez on January 3, 2026.

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our next Plating Grace Luncheon on **Wednesday, February 4, at 12 PM** as we celebrate the theme: **Seasons of Life Through Mary's Eyes**. Enjoy a meal, Scripture reflections, and uplifting fellowship for everyone. Let us know if you'll be attending so we can reserve a special place just for you! To RSVP, please **call or text Joyce Fick at 843-359-8613** on or before **Monday, February 2nd**.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17
Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10
1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

Liturgical Roles

January 31 Saturday 5:00 PM	February 1 Sunday 8:00 AM	February 1 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	J Dumm	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough C Carrasco H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Volunteer	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	B McMahan	C Hernandez J Angeles
Altar Care: P Hughes	D Stamm	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

In the interest of protecting the health of our parishioners during flu season, we will not be offering the Blood of Christ at Communion.

Devotions, Explained!

Patience, Explained!

In treating others with a spirit of patience, said Pope Francis, we "look at them ... with God's gaze, knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults."

"Rushing and impatience are enemies of spiritual life," he continued. "God is love, and those who love do not tire, they are not irascible; they do not give ultimatums. God is patient, God knows how to wait."

Patience is sometimes referred to as being "annexed" to the moral virtue of fortitude. In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good. St. Thomas Aquinas describes patience as a means to "safeguard the good of reason against sorrow, lest reason give way to sorrow" (Sum. II-II, 136, Art. 1).

The virtue of patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and as Christians who have received the Holy Spirit we are called to "be patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12) and to "preach the message (of Christ) ... with great patience" (2 Timothy 4:2).

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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.

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



To Dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2025 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.



*The flowers on the altar this week are given
in Celebration of Family
by Bob and Neena McMahan*

Religious Education

High School Youth Conference (DYC) - Join us on March 7-8, 2026, for our High School Youth Conference! Registration is \$150 per person and due by February 1st. Please contact Cecilia Carlton to reserve your spot.

High School CLI - The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is a transformative five-day experience for students from across the state. They will come together with adult ministers to build leadership skills and grow as Christian leaders, preparing them for service in schools, parish youth programs, and their communities. This camp is for rising 9th-12th grade students from July 13th-17th at Camp Kinard. The cost is \$250 per person.



St. Mary's 4th annual Dinner and DANCE

Saturday February 7th at 6:15 PM
Enjoy a Full Course Dinner, Music, Dancing and a Good Time!
Includes: Appetizers, Salad, Main Course, and Dessert
Tickets are \$65/couple and \$35/Individual



Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Jesus as the Main Thing

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as the main thing.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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