

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

March 29, 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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Sunday:

Mass Schedule

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:

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Bilingual

Friday:

3:00 PM Good Friday English

7:00 PM Good Friday Spanish

Saturday:

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Bilingual

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM Bilingual

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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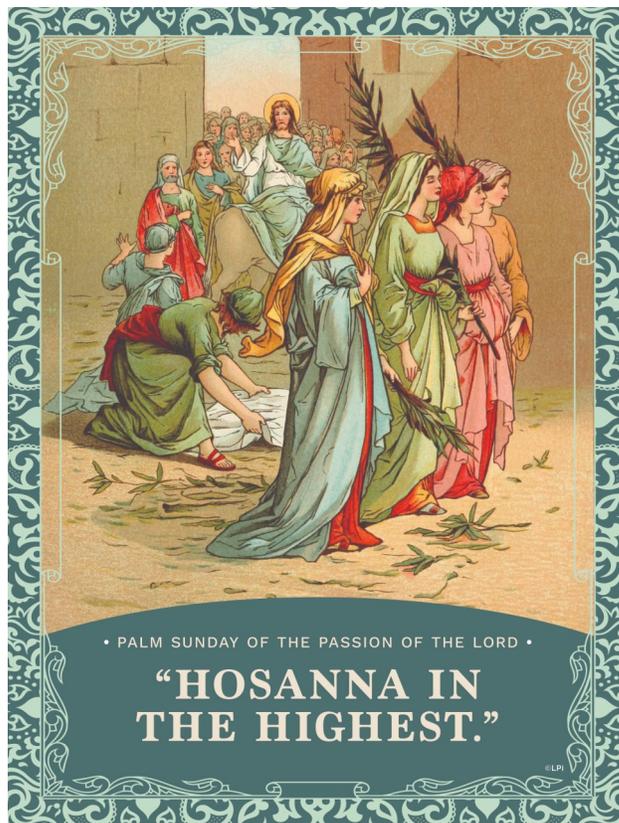
VIA FIDELIS Year 2 2026

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:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis-home/>



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28, 5:00 PM
 †John Howard
 By Barbar Mathis

Sunday, March 29, 8:00 AM
 † Thomas Clark
 By Mike & Karen Macedo

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM

Sunday, March 29, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Monday, March 30, 8:00 AM
 †Barbara Mahaffey
 By Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, March 31
No Mass

Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 PM
 †Colin Peterson
 By Barbara Mathis

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM
 Holy Thursday Bilingual

Friday, April 3, 3:00 PM
 7:00 PM Spanish

Saturday, April 4, 8:30 PM
 Vigil Mass Bilingual

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 AM
 People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 AM
 Barbara Mathis
 By St Mary's Rosary Group

Sunday, April 5, 1:00 PM
 †Gabriel Angeles
 By Maria Angeles

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for March 21st and 22nd was \$7,086.00 **This includes \$808.00 from online giving.** This is \$386.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, April 3, our diocese will take up a collection for the Franciscan friars working in the Holy Land, striving to support the Christian presence and promote peace. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is part of a worldwide network of Commissariats of the Holy Land which function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2: 7:00PM Bilingual
 Friday, April 3: 3:00PM English
 7:00PM Spanish
 Saturday, April 4: 8:30PM Vigil Mass
 Bilingual
 Sunday, April 5: 8:00AM
 10:00AM
 1:00PM Spanish



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 Cavaliere, Andy Crocker, Chet Maslowski, Cecilia McGee, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson, Ann Wilson, 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, March 28
 Thursday, April 2
 Friday, April 3
 Saturday, April 4
 Monday, April 6
 Monday, April 13
 Thursday, April 16
 Monday, April 20
 Tuesday, April 21

Prince George Tour of Homes Event, Parish Hall
 Holy Thursday 7:00PM Bilingual
 Office Closed
 Good Friday 3:00PM English, 7:00PM Spanish
 Confession 4:00—5:00PM
 Easter Vigil 8:30PM Bilingual
 No Mass
 Finance Council Meeting, 5:00PM
 Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM, Parish Hall
 Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00PM
 Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM, Parish Hall



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered to collect donations at our successful Columbus Hope Drive last weekend. Special thanks to our Columbiettes for participating!

Congratulations to the new Jos M Ros Council 3067 Columbiettes Auxiliary had their initiation ceremony on March 19th. Twenty-three women have joined the auxiliary!

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

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophecy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophecy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a 5ab-6ab 15 17
Jn 13:21-33 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10 21-22 31 33-34
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8 11-14 Ps 116:12-13 15-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2 6 12-13, 15-17 25
Heb 4:14-16 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:4

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2 5-6 10 12 13-14 24
Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2 4-6 11-13 Is 55:1-11
Is 12:2-6 Bar 3:9-15 32-4:4 Ps 19:8-11
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Ps 42:3 5 43:3-4
Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a 37-43 Ps 118:1-2 16-17 22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

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 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.

Liturgical Roles

April 2 Thursday 7:00 PM	April 3 Friday 3:00 PM	April 4 Saturday 8:30 PM
Lector: D Macedo	C Ramsey B Yacavino	A Predieri
Ushers: T Clarke B Roberts	H Moore Volunteer J Joseph B Kwarteng	C Lindner J Cavanaugh
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: G Swierk		
Altar Servers: D Martinez M Carlton Y Angeles Y Perez J Angeles D Angeles	B Mathis	D Martinez M Carlton A Angeles J Servin D Ramos R Angeles
Altar Care: M Roberts S Frazier A Wagner	M Roberts	P Hughes
April 5 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM	April 5 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM	
Lector: N McMahan	J Pizzi	
Ushers: T Clarke J Joseph T&D Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino M Edwards	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: B/MJ Clark D Stamm		
Altar Servers: C Humphries	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright	
Altar Care: MJ Clark	C Chaj P Lux D Angeles Assigned Extraordinary Ministers	
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Religious Education

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated, prayed, and supported our youth during the Living Stations. Your presence made the evening even more meaningful for our students, and your encouragement truly helps them grow in their faith. We are so blessed by your support.

If you feel called to share your faith and help others grow closer to Christ, consider becoming a Catechist for OCIA (formally known as RCIA) or Adult Formation. It is a rewarding and faith-filled experience to walk with others as they learn more about the teachings of the Church and deepen their relationship with God. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is invited to contact Cecilia Carlton for more information. We would love to have you join us in this important and meaningful work.

OCIA registration for the 2026-2027 classes will begin the first week in May. Please contact Cecilia Carlton if you are interested in enrolling. Classes are one year long, beginning during the Easter season.

\$50 Food Lion cards are now available after the Masses and in the afternoons in the office. Please see Cecilia Carlton.

Reminder, please return your Birthright donation bottles as soon as possible.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.