

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 5, 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:

No Mass

Tuesday:

No Mass

Wednesday:

5:30 PM and Adoration 6:00—8:00 PM

Thursday

8:00 AM

Friday:

8:00 AM

Saturday:

5:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Sunday 12:15 - 12:45 PM (or by appt.)

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/>

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:

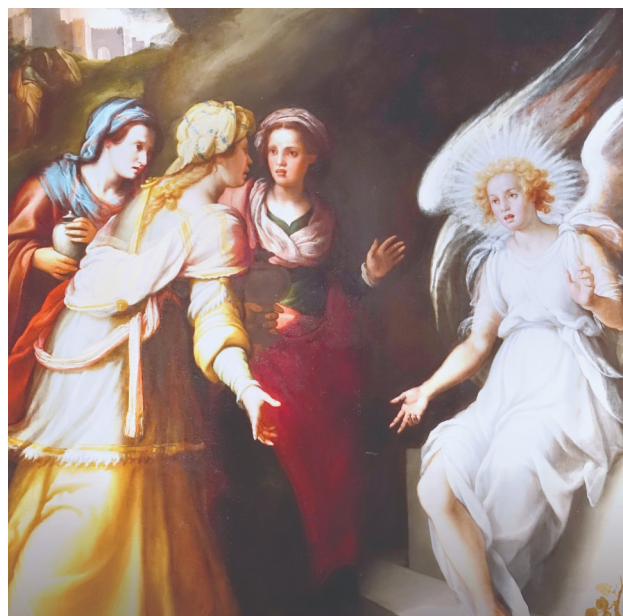
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 6
No Mass

Tuesday, April 7
No Mass

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 PM
†Kathy Yacavino
By Barbara Mathis

Thursday, April 9, 8:00 AM
Mary Jackson (healing)
By Ben Alexander

Friday, April 10, 8:00 AM
Michael & Mary Brescia
By Jennifer Brescia

Saturday, April 11, 5:00 PM
†Louise Joseph
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, April 12, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12, 10:00 AM
Columbiettes Auxillary
By Amy Wagner

Sunday, April 12, 1:00 PM
†Souls in Purgatory
By Maria Angeles

Parish Support

Because of the Easter holiday, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

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

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.

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.



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.



Monday, April 6
Sunday, April 12

Monday, April 13
Thursday, April 16
Monday, April 20
Tuesday, April 21
Sunday, April 26

Upcoming Events

No Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00PM
Hispanic Food Sales 10:00AM—3:00PM
Religious Education Classes Resume
Finance Council Meeting, 5:00PM
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM, Parish Hall
Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00PM
Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM, Parish Hall
World Youth Day Food Sales 10:00AM—3:00PM



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all that volunteered at the Columbus Hope Drive. We raised \$1,662 in this first fund drive of the year.

Thanks also to all who provided food for the soup and bread supper on March 20th. We had plenty of delicious soup and bread for all attendees.

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

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as spiritual but not religious, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question "Why do you believe what you believe?" it usually comes out as "Why do you go to church?"

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb "while it was still dark." I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It's possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter's dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 10:34a 37-43 Ps 118:1-2 16-17 22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a 5 7-11
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5 18-20 22
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4 6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab 5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 4 22-27a
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 4-15ab 16-21
Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4 13-15 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Liturgical Roles

April 11 Saturday 5:00 PM	April 12 Sunday 8:00 AM	April 12 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Macedo	L Altman	B Yacavino
Ushers: J McCrorey P Medved	T Clarke N Geisler T/D Carvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	N McMahan B Pittman Volunteer	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	F Morales L Mesquite A Angeles
Altar Care: P Lareau	D Kimbrough	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

We pray the peace of Christ upon all of our parishioners during this Easter Season.

May you all be blessed, indeed.

Fr. Anthony & St. Mary's Church Staff

Devotions, Explained!

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained!

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed using an ordinary five-decade Rosary. To begin, make the Sign of the Cross, then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed. On each of the large beads (where the Our Father is said), pray: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On each of the 10 smaller beads (used for the Hail Mary), pray: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." This pattern is repeated for all five decades of the Rosary. To conclude the chaplet, pray three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

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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 Wook book, 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.

Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes Easter Sunday. Classes will resume Sunday, April 12th, Divine Mercy Sunday. Religious Ed will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and a few Columbiettes, together with members of the youth group, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on Sunday, March 22nd. The gathering included prayer, fellowship, and a shared meal, along with friendly socializing and a few games of pool at Corner Tavern. It was a joyful opportunity to connect across generations, strengthen our parish community, and get to know one another better. We are grateful for the time shared and look forward to many more moments of faith and fellowship.

OCIA registration for the 2026-2027 classes begins 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 in support of World Youth Day are available after Mass and any afternoon in the office. Please see Cecilia Carlton.

Please return your Birthright donation bottles as soon as possible.

Quinceañera prep classes will be on April 15th at 6pm in the classroom. The next opportunity to begin classes after this session will be September. All five classes must be completed before the Quinceañera celebration can be scheduled. If you plan to celebrate a Quinceañera this year, it is very important to attend this session. Please contact Cecilia Carlton to register or if you have any questions. Registration closes on April 12th .

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 20:1-9

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best. Father John Muir ©LPI