

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 12, 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 (English)  
1:00 PM (Spanish)  
Monday: 8:00 AM  
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://charlestdiocese.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**

**Phone: 843-546-7416**

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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 11, 5:30 PM  
 † Louise Joseph  
 By Barbara Mathis

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

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

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

Monday, April 13, 8:00 AM  
 Barbara Mathis Celebrating 80 Years!  
 By Jim & Peggy Hughes

Tuesday, April 14  
**No Mass**

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 PM  
 † Barbara Dumm  
 By Jim Dumm

Thursday, April 16, 8:00 AM  
 Kelly, Kaylee and Kenzie DeMarchi  
 By Joyce Fick

Friday, April 17, 8:00 AM  
 † Marilyn Maloney  
 By Grace Swierk

Saturday, April 18, 5:00 PM  
 † Angel Khoury  
 By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 AM  
 † John DeRiggs, Sr.  
 By Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, April 19, 10:00 AM  
 † Joseph Isaac, Sr.  
 By Joseph Isaac, Jr. & Family

Sunday, April 19, 1:00 PM  
 People of the Parish

**Parish Support**

The combined offertory collection for March 28th and 29th was \$6,795.00 This includes **\$973.00** from online giving. This is \$95.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The combined offertory collection for April 4th and 5th was \$11,930.59 This includes **\$1,716.00 from online giving**. This is \$5,230.59 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

**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.

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

**To Report Abuse**

The Diocese of Charleston treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122.



**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, Cheyenne 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, 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**

Sunday, April 12  
 Monday, April 13  
 Thursday, April 16  
 Monday, April 20  
 Tuesday, April 21  
 Sunday, April 26  
 Wednesday, May 6  
 Tuesday, May 19

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM  
 Finance Council Meeting, 5:00 PM  
 Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall  
 Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00 PM  
 Altar Society Meeting, 10:00 AM, Parish Hall  
 World Youth Day Food Sales, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM  
 Plating Grace Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Parish Hall  
 Altar Society Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Parish Hall

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

*St. Pope John Paul II, Regina caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005*

**Devotions, Explained!**

**Retreat, Explained!**

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from one's daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning to that daily life transformed.

It was Christ himself who was the greatest and earliest advocate of spiritual retreat. In the Gospels, he is constantly depicted as withdrawing from other people to be alone in prayer. Likewise, participants in a modern retreat most often go somewhere like a retreat center to seek silence, solitude and communion with God. There are many different varieties of retreats; they can be guided and take place in a group setting, or they can be undertaken alone by just one person. Some are focused on a specific topic or theme; some are defined by periods of total silence. Though clerics are compelled by canon law to go on retreat regularly, all faithful are encouraged to make retreat part of their spiritual life. ©LPI



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**Knights Corner**

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Our council is holding "clean up" days at the yard of a parishioner in need of help. We will be conducting the project on April 23, 24, and 25. If you can volunteer for one or more days your assistance will be most appreciated! Contact Grand Knight Dwight Frazier if you can volunteer. Dwight's phone number is 609-351-4422.

The monthly food pantry drive will be the weekend of April 18 and 19th. Please drop off your non-perishable food in the Narthex. All donations go to Helping Hands of Georgetown to help those in need in the local area.

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.

**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.

# Sunday of Divine Mercy



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-9 Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20  
Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

## Liturgical Roles

<b>April 18 Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>April 19 Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>April 19 Sunday</b> 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> L Goldbach	B Pittman	C Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant	J Tupacz H Moore B Kwarteng
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>		
P Lareau B Mathis A Vega	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
<b>Altar Servers:</b> F Hernandez	N Geisler	C Velasquez J Angeles
<b>Altar Care:</b> C Ramsey	M Roberts	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

### Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org), select "Parish Life," and then "Online Giving". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

### Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

#### Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "anima Christi, sanctifica me" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me."

Then comes my favorite part: "within thy wounds hide me."

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

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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 through 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

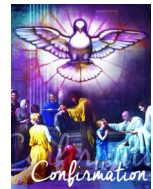
St. Mary's Rosary group meets each Tuesday at 1:15 PM in the church to pray for special intentions and needs of family and friends. All are welcome (men and women) to come and pray the rosary together.

### 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

Congratulations to our two catechumens, Dustin William Bouchette and Brian Espinoza Mezquite, who received full initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass! Also, congratulations to Marcial Hernandez Ocampo, Hailey Victoria Wilder and Bryan Ramirez Garcia who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and to Laura Arreaga Morales, Leonardo Morales Arreaga, Nery Morales Velasquez, Susan Ann Palace and Amy Helen Garcia Moya who received the sacrament of Confirmation!



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.

### Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

#### John 20:19-31

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

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