

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

April 26, 2026

317 Broad Street (Corner of Broad & Highmarket), Georgetown, SC 29440 \* Established 1899 \* Dedicated 1902



	<b>Mass Schedule</b>
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.)

## A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

**Rev. Anthony Swamy, MSSCC**

*Parish Administrator*

**Rev. Deacon Michael Brescia**

**Charlotte Skipper**

*Parish Secretary*

**Cecilia Carlton**

*Director of Religious Education*

**Kathy Adams**

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**Facebook:** St Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

## 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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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 25, 5:30 PM  
† Helen Walsh  
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 AM  
Kelly, Kaylee & Kenzie DeMarchi  
By Joyce Frick

Sunday, April 26, 10:00 AM  
† Matthew Heiler  
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, April 26, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, April 27, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 28  
**No Mass**

Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 PM  
† Denis Nolan  
By the Nolan Family

Thursday, April 30, 8:00 AM

Friday, May 1, 8:00 AM  
† Peggy Sheehan  
By Mark Sheehan

Saturday, May 2, 5:00 PM  
† Peggy Sheehan  
By Mark Sheehan

Sunday, May 3, 8:00 AM  
Father Anthony  
By Cecilia Carlton & Charlotte Skipper

Sunday, May 3, 10:00 AM  
† Peggy Sheehan  
By Mark Sheehan

Sunday, May 3, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

**Parish Support**

The combined offertory collection for April 18th and 19th was \$8,224.00 **This includes \$1,333.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,524.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

**Olive Wood Art & Crafts from the Holy Land**

**Saturday, May 9 & Sunday, May 10**

We are honored to bring our handcrafted olive wood figures and religious items to **St. Mary Our Lady Of Ransom Catholic Church**. Each piece is made by local Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land. Due to ongoing economic challenges and historical conflict, Christians now represent less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land. Because the region relies heavily on tourism, olive wood craftsmanship has become one of the primary sources of income for these families. By supporting this mission, you help preserve the Christian Catholic presence in the land of Christ's birth. We hope these sacred crafts will be a blessing to your homes and families.

Cash and credit/debit cards are accepted



**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 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, 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 26  
Thursday, April 30  
Wednesday, May 6  
Saturday, May 9  
Sunday May 10  
Tuesday, May 19  
Thursday, May 21

World Youth Day Food Sales, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM  
Hispanic Ministry Meeting, 7:00 PM, Parish Hall  
Plating Grace Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Parish Hall  
Olive Wood Arts & Crafts in Courtyard  
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Altar Society Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Parish Hall  
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall

**Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface**

**The Devil's Long Con**

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something is right because it feels right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



**Knights Corner**

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thank you to all who contributed to the Knights of Columbus food drive last weekend. Due to your generosity, 110 pounds of food was donated to Helping Hands.

The next Cor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4/29/26 at 6:00 pm. It will be held in one of the classrooms in the Parish hall. The subject will be "The waters of Lourdes." All men are welcome to attend.

Our annual parking project at the McClellanville Shrimp Festival will be held on Saturday May 2. We need volunteers to help us park cars and collect parking fees. There will be two shifts of volunteers. First shift is 9:00 am - 1 pm. The last shift is from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. We are in good shape for the morning shift, but need more volunteers for the 1:00- 5:00 pm shift. If you can volunteer, please contact Bob McMahan at 843-729-6463.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

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

**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 six months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Please register with our parish in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Please either visit our website at [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org) and complete the form under "Newcomers" or visit the church office and fill out a registration form.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3 43:3-4  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3 5-6 8  
Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3 21-22 25 27  
Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2 4-5 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

## Liturgical Roles

May 2 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 3 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 3 Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> C Ramsey	J Dumm	T Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke N Giesler T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>		
M Lee K Macedo P Lareau	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
<b>Altar Servers:</b> F Hernandez	C Humphries	J Angeles A Mezquite M Mezquite
<b>Altar Care:</b> P Hughes	D Stamm	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<b>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</b>		

*Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Ann Wilson who passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.*

*Please keep Denise and Kenny Gainey and Frances Howard and their families in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.*

### Everyday Stewardship

#### Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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.

### Plating Grace Luncheon

May 6, 12-2 PM

Mark the date! All are invited to join us for our next Plating Grace Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, from 12 noon to 2:00 PM in the parish hall. Enjoy a beautiful meal, fellowship, and reflections on **Inspire Us, Ignite Us, Infuse Us, Unite Us - A Journey with the Holy Spirit.**

### Religious Education

Join us on Sunday, April 26 for a delicious food sale! Enjoy a variety of Hispanic dishes and hot dogs while supporting our youth—proceeds will go toward World Youth Day 2027.

OCIA registration for the 2026-2027 classes will begin on May 4th at 7pm in Spanish and on May 6th at 5pm in English. Please contact Cecilia Carlton if you are interested in enrolling. Classes are one year long, beginning and ending during the Easter season.

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

All students graduating this year, please contact Cecilia Carlton, as there are several opportunities and important details that need to be shared. The Graduation Recognition Mass will be held on Sunday, May 31st.

### Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

#### John 10:1-10

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

Father John Muir ©LPI



# *Plating Grace Luncheon*

**May 6, 2026 12 noon  
Parish Life Center**

## *A Journey with the Holy Spirit* **Inspire Us, Infuse Us, Ignite Us, Unite Us**

*Inspire us to seek and do your will. Infuse in us the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Ignite the flame of your Most Sacred Heart burning with your love. Unite us to live as one Body in Christ.*

*We'd love to know if you'll be joining us so we can reserve a special place just for you!*

*To RSVP, please call or text Joyce at  
843-359-8613 by Monday, May 4th.*