

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 3, 2026

317 Broad Street (Corner of 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://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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2, 5:30 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

Monday, May 4, 8:00 AM
 † John (Fritz) Renitski
 By Richard & Lynn Swiech

Tuesday, May 5
No Mass

Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 PM
 † Kane Grimes
 By Jennifer Pizzi

Thursday, May 7, 8:00 AM

Friday, May 8, 8:00 AM

Saturday, May 9, 5:00 PM
 † Patricia Giordano
 By the Nolan Family

Sunday, May 10, 8:00 AM
 In Memory of
 † Rev. Col. Timothy Mannix Gahan
 Semper Fidelis

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 AM
 † Martha Ros Isaac
 By Joe Isaac Jr. & Family

Sunday, May 10, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for April 25th and 26th was \$6,670.00 **This includes \$838.00 from online giving.** This is \$30.00 under 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 Cavaliere, 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

Plating Grace Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Parish Hall
 Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefit Event 7:00 PM
 Olive Wood Arts & Crafts in Courtyard
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 Finance Council Meeting, 5:00 PM
 Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
 Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00 PM
 Graduation Acknowledgements 10:00 AM

Wednesday, May 6
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 Saturday, May 9
 Sunday May 10
 Monday, May 18
 Thursday, May 21
 Friday, May 22
 Sunday, May 31

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store. This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways. I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way. And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way. There it is: the part that matters. *The way.* Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?" See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though. You'll know him when you see him.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Knights of Columbus Council 3067 would like to thank the following volunteers for the service cleanup work they performed in Andrews; Dwight Frazier, Mark Melnychuk, John Cieslewicz, Mike & Sheila Edwards, Mike Macedo, Tom Macedo, and Richard Swiech. Thanks also to Jim & Linda Lauro for supplying the water for the two days and lunch for the crew on Thursday.

Council 3067 is sponsoring a Fraternal Benefits night on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm. Professionals will be providing information concerning insurance issues and financial investments, as well as preparations that should be made to reduce risks your family may encounter in the future. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The monthly food pantry food collection will be on 5/16 - 5/17/26. Please consider donating non-perishable food. The donations can be dropped off in the Narthex during that weekend. The food will be distributed to area residents by Friendship Place.

Our second Columbus Hope fundraising drive of 2026 will be held Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16th. We are still in need of volunteers to work 2-hour shifts from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on both days. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to donate funds to the cause, please contact Tom Macedo (401-640-7112) or Mike Macedo (843-325-7191). The funds collected are donated to local organizations that help people with special needs.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

For centuries, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Mother of the Church and our Blessed Mother. Special benefits and graces are received to those who honor and pray to Mary, the Mother of God. The rosary and Litany to the Blessed Mother will be prayed every Saturday during the month of May at 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 Mass. Members of our parish's rosary group will lead us in prayer. Whether you already have a Marian devotion or, are interested in beginning one, all are welcome and encouraged to join us in prayer. Members of our rosary group who will lead us in prayer are Jennifer Pizzi-May 2, Mary Roberts-May 9, Barbara Mathis-May 16, Mary Jo Clark-May 23, Grace Swierk-May 30.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2 4-5 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4 15-16
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab 21
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3 10 Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10 12 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3 5 Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8 14-17 Ps 66:1-7 16 20
1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Liturgical Roles

May 9 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 10 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 10 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J McCrorey	R Humphries	M Duggan
Ushers: Volunteer P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryana	J Tupacz H Moore B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau M Lee A Vega	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	M Angeles A Angeles Y Angeles
Altar Care: P Lareau	MJ Clark	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Evelyn De La Cruz Mezquite who passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Please keep Nicandro De La Cruz and Felipa Mezquite Dominguez and their family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

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

OCIA registration for the 2026-2027 classes will begin this week. Monday, May 4th at 7pm in Spanish and on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30pm 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.

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, May 10th in observance of Mother's Day.

All students graduating this year are asked to 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.

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Fabiana Chavez Camacho who passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

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