

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 17, 2026

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



A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

Rev. Anthony Swamy, MSSCC

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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:

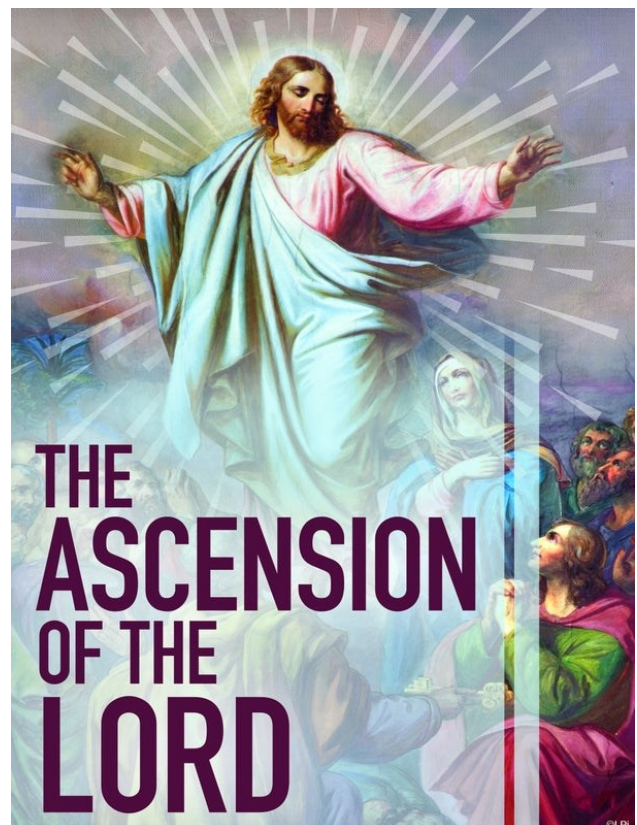
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16, 5:00 PM
Adam Mika
By Barbara Mika

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 AM
† Liz Fischer
By Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 AM
† Genoveba Marcantoni
By the Marcantoni Family

Sunday, May 17, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, May 18, 8:00 AM
†Mr. & †Mrs. Wirt Cook
By Bob and Neena McMahan

Tuesday, May 19
No Mass

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 PM
† Carl Schiller
By Frank and Suzanne Brecka

Thursday, May 21, 8:00 AM
† Mary Triana
By Wade and Terry Marsh

Friday, May 22, 8:00 AM
† Ann Wilson
By Wade and Terry Marsh

Saturday, May 23, 5:00 PM
†Leon & †Helen Wojciechowski
By Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 AM
† Luigi Lembo
By Mary Ellen Plecha

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 AM
Brian & Ashli Howard (Anniversary)
By Frances Howard

Sunday, May 24, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for May 9th and 10th was \$6,895.00 **This includes \$1,283.00 from online giving.** This is \$195.00 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.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

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 Mary Jo Clark-May 23, Grace Swierk-May 30.



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

Monday, May 18
Thursday, May 21
Friday, May 22
Sunday, May 31
Sunday, June 7

Monday, June 22

Finance Council Meeting, 5:00 PM
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00 PM
Graduation Acknowledgements 10:00 AM
First Communion 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Procession after Mass
Vacation Bible School Begins

Practicing Catholic – Beneath The Surface

When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The May Council Business meeting will be held Thursday, May 21st at the Maryville Social Hall. Dinner and lecture begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. All Council members are encouraged to attend to stay abreast of all the Council activities.

Congratulations to Richard Swiech who became a Knight in April. Rich has already been very active in council activities since becoming Knight. Welcome aboard!

The Knights of Columbus Council 3067 is sponsoring the second annual Colin Peterson Youth Action Award. The nominations will be evaluated by a selection committee and will be presented to the award recipient on May 31st. The award recognizes a High School student that displays leadership in their Catholic faith through actions such as youth ministries, participation in faith activities, and conduct that exemplifies living a strong Catholic faith. If any parishioner wishes to nominate a High School youth, please contact Cecelia Carlton at the parish office and provide your reasons for the nomination to Cecelia by May 24th.

Our monthly Food Pantry drive is this weekend. If you have non-perishable food you would like to donate, please drop it off in the church narthex this weekend. The food will be delivered to Helping Hands where it will be distributed to those in need. Thanks to all that donate to this worthy cause.

REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED AS AN AED LIAISON

If you are a registered nurse with CPR/AED training, we would love for you to volunteer to be a part of a ministry here at St. Mary's. We have AEDs (automated external defibrillators) located in the Church Narthex and in the Parish Hall. Best practice dictates that we have a RN with CPR/AED training to act as lead "liaison" in case of a medical emergency. Contact Diane Stamm (937-823-4284) for more information.

The Ascension of the Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47: 2-3 6-9 Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab 4-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30 33-36ab
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a 5 7-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2 11-12 19-20b
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20 30-31 Ps 11:4-5 7
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1 24 29-31 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Liturgical Roles

May 23 Saturday 5:00 PM	May 24 Sunday 8:00 AM	May 24 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: P Ness	E Teller	B Yacavino
Ushers: J McCrorey P Medved	T Clarke N Giesler T& D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	M Carlton	Y Angeles C Velasquez F Hernandez
Altar Care: D Macedo	D Kimbrough	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

Everlasting Easter

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Adult Literacy Coaches Needed – Georgetown Library

Providing assistance to patrons to improve English skills. Patrons are evaluated prior to being assigned a coach. Coaching in English at the Georgetown Library, scheduled by the coach and participant. Training and resource materials are provided. Contact: Mary Rana at 843-359-9029

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

The Graduation Acknowledgement Mass will be held on May 31 at the 10:00 AM Mass. If you know of a graduating senior, please have them complete a form and return it to Cecilia Carlton by May 24. Graduation Acknowledgement Mass will be held on May 31 at the 10:00 AM Mass. If you know of a graduating senior, please have them complete a form and return it to Cecilia Carlton by May 24.

The First Communion Mass will be celebrated on June 7th at 10:00 AM followed by a Eucharistic procession for Corpus Christi, led by the First Communicants.

Vacation Bible School registration for children grade 6 and below begins May 24. Please register early so we can plan accordingly. Students in grades 7 and above who would like to earn community service hours should contact Cecilia Carlton as soon as possible!

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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 17: 1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

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