

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

May 31, 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

Jos M Ros Columbiettes:

Amy Wagner

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 30, 5:00 PM
 †Sally & †Sam Paternostro
 By Harry & Sally Knudsen

Sunday, May 31, 8:00 AM
 Linda Paliotti
 By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 AM
 John, Jr. & Magen (Anniversary)
 By Frances Howard

Sunday, May 31, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Monday, June 1, 8:00 AM
 †Joe DiFranco
 By Jennifer Pizzi

Tuesday, June 2
No Mass

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 PM
 † Patricia Giordano
 By the Nolan Family

Thursday, June 4, 8:00 AM

Friday, June 5, 8:00 AM
 William Lafferty
 By Mike & Donna Saguto

Saturday, June 6, 5:00 PM
 †Peggy Sheehan
 By Mark Sheehan

Sunday, June 7, 8:00 AM

Sunday, June 7, 10:00 AM
 †Joseph Isaac III
 By Joe Isaac Jr., & Family

Sunday, June 7, 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

Due to the holiday printing schedule, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

To protect the health of our parishioners during a recent increase in public illnesses, we will not be offering the Blood of Christ at Communion.

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.

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.



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 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, May 31
 Monday, June 1
 Sunday, June 7

Monday, June 8
 Monday, June 22
 Friday, July 3

Graduation Acknowledgements 10:00 AM
 Columbarium Meeting 10:00 AM
 First Communion 10:00 AM
 Eucharistic Procession after Mass
 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 PM
 Vacation Bible School Begins
 Office Closed for Independence Day

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining hypostasis, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: Any further than this, I dare not go.

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



Knights Corner

“Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity”

Our recent Columbus Hope drive raised \$1,925.75. Thanks to all who volunteered to collect donations at Walmart.

We collected 125 pounds of food at the May food pantry drive which was delivered to Helping Hands of Georgetown. Our next food pantry collection will take place the third weekend of June (6/20/26 - 6/21/26). We encourage all parishioners to donate if you are able. The non-perishable food can be dropped off in the Narthex that weekend.

Congratulations to Dahir Trujillo Martinez and Jimena Reyes Arreaga who were co-winners of the Council Catholic Essay award. Their essays have now been entered in the district competition. flyer with their photos is posted on the Knights bulletin board in the Narthex.

The Council monthly business meeting will be held June 11th at the Maryville Social Hall. Dinner and lecture at 6:00 pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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

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 Most Holy Trinity



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6 8-9 Dn 3:52-56 2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2 14-16 Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a 17-18 Ps 90:2-4 10 14 16
Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2f
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5ab 8-10 14
Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157 160 161 165 166
2 Tm 168 Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9 14-15ab 16-17, 22
Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3 14-16a Ps 147:12-15 19-20
1Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

Liturgical Roles

June 6 Saturday 5:00 PM	June 7 Sunday 8:00 AM	June 7 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	L Altman	C Howard
Ushers: P Medved Volunteer	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A Starnes A Wagner	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: B Mathis	R Arreaga I Arreaga	F Hernandez A Angeles Y Perez
Altar Care: C Ramsey	D Stamm	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

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Food Drive Weekend Results

Due to your generosity, 125 pounds of food was donated to Helping Hands this month by the Knights of Columbus food drive.

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

Next week at the 10:00 AM Mass, nine of our Religious Education students will receive their First Holy Communion for the very first time! We invite the parish community to join us for this joyful and sacred celebration as these students receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Following the Mass, the students will also lead the Eucharistic Procession. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they reach this important milestone in their faith journey.

Registration for Vacation Bible School for children in grades 6 and below has begun. Please register as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Marriage preparation classes will begin in June at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom. If you are planning to get married within the next year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to begin the preparation process. We look forward to accompanying you as you prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Registration for Religious Education 2026-2027 will be FREE during the month of June! We encourage families to register early and take advantage of this opportunity. Please note even if your child registered last year, a new registration form must be completed for the current year. Beginning July 1st, the registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child in the immediate family.



The flowers on the altar this week are in memory of Sally and Sam Paternostro by Harry and Sally Knudsen

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly

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