

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 7, 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.)

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

Bob McMahan

Hispanic Ministry Council:

Max Angeles

Finance Council:

Mary Lee

Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

Mike Macedo

Organist/Choir Director:

Edwin Hopkins

Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Altar Society:

Mary Jo Clark, 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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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/>



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: 'I am the living
bread that came down from heaven.'" John 6:51

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, June 7, 8:00 AM
†Anthony Fort
By Grace Swierk

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

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

Monday, June 8, 8:00 AM
†Malon McGee
By Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, June 9
No Mass

Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 PM
Todd McDowell
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Thursday, June 11, 8:00 AM
†Bill Saparito
By Barbara Mathis

Friday, June 12, 8:00 AM
†Jackie Smith
By John Bagnell

Saturday, June 13, 5:00 PM
†Tommy Lee
By Mary Lee

Sunday, June 14, 8:00 AM
†James Callahan
By Grace Swierk

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 AM
Mike & Beth Regan (Anniversary)
By Frances Howard

Sunday, June 14, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for May 23th and 24th was \$8,814.00 **This includes \$793.00 from online giving.** This is \$2,114.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The combined offertory collection for May 30th and 31th was \$5,865.00 **This includes \$918.00 from online giving.** This is \$835.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

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.

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

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.



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, June 7

Monday, June 8
Sunday, June 14
Monday, June 22
Friday, July 3

First Communion 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Procession after Mass
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 PM
Hispanic Food Sales in the Courtyard
Vacation Bible School Begins
Office Closed for Independence Day

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

True Food

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as "curvy" (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is "true food" and "true drink," when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Congratulations to all of our High School graduates! Congratulations also goes to Jimena Reyes Arreaga who was presented with the 2nd annual Colin Peterson Youth Leadership award at last Sunday's mass.

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.

The beautifully crafted brass flower vases adorning the altar are a gift to St. Mary's from Rene King in loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Mary Agnes Cathou King and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Patterson Cathou. During their lifetimes, both ladies were dedicated members of St. Mary's and the Altar Society. Mr. King remembers as a child accompanying his grandmother to the church and watching her while she carefully polished and prepared sacred vessels for Mass. These ladies spent many hours keeping Our Lord's house in order. Thank you, Rene, for the lovely memorial gift to St. Mary's.

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3 14-16a Ps 147:12-15 19-20
1Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1bc-8 Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2b 4-5ab 8 11
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26 13:1-3 Ps 65:10-13
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4 6-8 10 1 Jn 4:7-16
Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a 5 7-10
Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-3 5 Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

Liturgical Roles

June 13 Saturday 5:00 PM	June 14 Sunday 8:00 AM	June 14 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: P Ness	B Pittman	B Yacavino
Ushers: C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke N Giesler T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Lee K Macedo	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: F Hernandez	N Giesler	J Servin A Angeles R Angeles
Altar Care: P Hughes	MJ Clark	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers

**If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled,
please remember to find a substitute.**

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Heart of Worship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

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 does not meet June, July or August. Meetings will resume Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00AM in the CCD classroom. If you are interested in joining the group for study and discussion of Sunday's Gospels, please come. Bring your Lector Workbook, Bible or Word Among Us to follow along. There is no homework. Happy Summer everyone!

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

We are currently accepting registration forms for Vacation Bible School which will be held from June 22nd through June 26th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and we will end at 8:30 PM each night.

Registration for 2026-2027 Religious Education classes have begun. There will be no registration fee if your child registers during the month of June. As of July 1st, the fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

World Youth Day 2027

Food Sales on May 31, 2026 raised \$3,210.73 for World Youth Day 2027.

A Heartfelt Thank You to St. Mary's From Deacon Mike and His Wife Mary

Mary and I want to thank Fr. Anthony, Cecilia Carlton and all the parishioners who helped and attended our 50th anniversary Mass and celebration at St. Mary's. It was indeed a blessed day for us and it was wonderful to share it with our parishioners. We pray that Our Lord continue to bless our parish with His Graces and eternal love. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mike Macedo for his beautiful rendition of the hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place." It is a memory that is forever imbedded in our hearts. May Our Lord continue to bless you all and may Our Lady of Ransom keep all of us close to her Immaculate heart.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

John 6:51-58

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: **"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."** (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ. We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

Father John Muir ©LPI