

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 21, 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:	No Mass
Tuesday:	No Mass
Wednesday:	5:30 PM
Thursday:	No Mass
Friday:	No Mass
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

Phone: 843-546-7416 Fax: 843-546-7003

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/>



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many
sparrows." - Mt 10:31*

June 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20, 5:00 PM
Andrew Weiss
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, June 21, 8:00 AM
Daniel DePorter (70th Birthday)
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, June 21, 10:00 AM
Claudia Ann Howard
By Frances Howard

Sunday, June 21, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, June 22
No Mass

Tuesday, June 23
No Mass

Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 PM
†Lucius Fishburne
By Ben Alexander

Thursday, June 25
No Mass

Friday, June 26
No Mass

Saturday, June 27, 5:00 PM
Renee' Pinand
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, June 28, 8:00 AM
Mary Hanson
By Mike & Donna Saguto

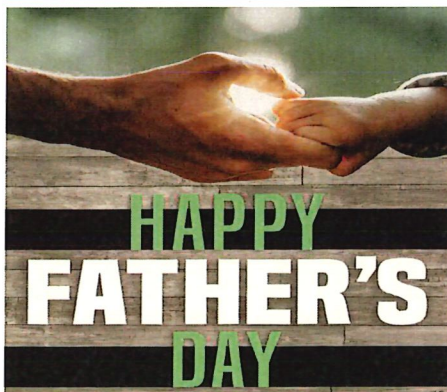
Sunday, June 28, 10:00 AM
Barbara Mathis
By Frances Howard

Sunday, June 28, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for June 13th and 14th was **\$7,369.00** This includes **\$1,143.00** from online giving. This is \$669.00 over 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.



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 Cavallieri, 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, June 22
Friday, July 3
Friday, July 10 Through
Sunday, Jul 12
Monday, July 20
Thursday, July 23
Wednesday, August 5

Vacation Bible School Begins
Office Closed for Independence Day
Spanish Marriage Retreat
Spanish Marriage Retreat
Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Hispanic Ministry Meeting 7:00PM
Plating Grace Luncheon

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

Fear No One

In the 1883 painting "Mass in a Connemara Cabin," a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O'Kelley, depicts a "station Mass," offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the "emancipation" of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word "emancipation" because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family's prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn't matter that most Americans identify as "Christians" — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O'Kelley's Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

"Mass in a Connemara Cabin" illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously? Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Adams who passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Please keep Kathy and the Adams family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

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

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-3 5 Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8 13-15a 18 Ps 60:3-5 12-13
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11 14-21 31-35a 36
Ps 48:2-4 10-11 Mt 7:6 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3 13-15 Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-5 8-9 Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2 10-14 18-19 Ps 74:1b-7 20-21
Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11 14-16a Ps 89:2-3 16-19
Rom 6:3-4 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

Liturgical Roles

June 27 Saturday 5:00 PM	June 28 Sunday 8:00 AM	June 28 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: A Predieri	J Dumm	M Duggan
Ushers: C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Carvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
Altar Care: C Ramsey	D Macedo	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

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

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 Wookbook, 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 accepting late registrations for Vacation Bible School, June 22-26. The fee is \$20 per child. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, and activities will conclude at 8:30 PM each evening. Please contact the parish office for registration forms.

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.

A Spanish Marriage Retreat will be held July 10-12. Registration is now open. The cost is \$70 per couple. This retreat is open to all married couples as well as couples planning to get married. It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your relationship and grow together in faith. Participation in this retreat is required as part of the marriage preparation program for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

*Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy
to the family of Joe McCrorey who passed away
on Sunday, May 17, 2026.*

*Please keep his son, Sam and the McCrorey family
in your prayers.
May his soul rest in peace.*

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an "indignant despair." Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: **"Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body."** (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, "Do not be afraid," hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

Father John Muir ©LPI

**Beginning July 1, 2026
Regular Second Collection For Repairs & Renovations
Will Cease**

In 2024, the Diocese informed us that special permission would be required to continue this collection. We applied for and received a one-year extension. Although that extension officially ended on December 31, we were granted permission to continue the collection through the end of our fiscal year on June 30. The Diocese now requires that second collections be designated for a specific purpose, and general maintenance and upkeep no longer meet that requirement.

This collection began in the late 1990s as we raised funds to build our Parish Life Center. Over the past 25 years, these gifts have helped us pay off that debt and provide for ongoing repairs and improvements to our facilities. Thanks to your generosity, we currently have approximately \$55,500 set aside in savings for future repairs and renovations.

As many of you know, we are blessed with a 120-year-old church and a 25-year-old Parish Life Center. Both buildings require continual maintenance and periodic repairs.

While we will no longer conduct a formal second collection for this purpose, parishioners who wish to continue supporting repairs and renovations may still do so. We will continue to include the designated envelope in the offertory packet, and a basket will be placed in the narthex each week for these contributions. We will also continue to participate in all Diocese-approved second collections as we currently do.

We ask you to prayerfully consider continuing your support, either by making a designated gift toward repairs and renovations or by increasing your regular weekly offertory contribution to help meet the ongoing needs of our parish facilities.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to the care and stewardship of our parish home.