

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

June 28, 2026

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



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

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A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

Rev. Anthony Swamy, MSSCC

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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/>



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 29
No Mass

Tuesday, June 30
No Mass

Wednesday, July 1, 5:30 PM
†Leonard Messineo
By Cecilia Carlton

Thursday, July 2
No Mass

Friday, July 3
No Mass

Saturday, July 4, 5:00 PM
Emily Golpe
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, July 5, 8:00 AM
†John Gartland
By Wade & Terry Marsh

Sunday, July 5, 10:00 AM
Bill & Lynn Pierce (Anniversary)
By Frances Howard

Sunday, July 5, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for June 20th and 21st was \$7,312.50 **This includes \$1,333.00 from online giving.** This is \$612.50 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.

Wishing all of our parishioners a safe and HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY
From the Staff of 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.



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

Friday, July 3
Friday, July 10 Through
Sunday, Jul 12
Monday, July 20
Thursday, July 23
Wednesday, August 5
Sunday, August 9

Office Closed for Independence Day
Spanish Marriage Retreat
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Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Hispanic Ministry Meeting 7:00PM
Plating Grace Luncheon
Cross Catholic Outreach

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

Receiving

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to receive it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Food Drive Weekend Results

Due to your generosity, 126 pounds of food was donated to Helping Hands this month by the Knights of Columbus food drive.



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Fourth Degree Assembly 3272 is holding a nine-hole golf tournament on June 30th at the Tradition Golf Club in. Registration fee is \$70/person. If you have registered, good luck!

Council 3067 will be preparing breakfast for anyone who wishes to have a nice meal to start off the day on Sunday August 9th. This will be similar to our seminarian breakfasts, but any donations will go towards our Council charity fund from this event. This fund supports our giving to charities throughout the year. We hope you can join us for some fellowship and delicious food. We will be serving from 9:00am - 11:30 AM.

The next Columbus Hope Fund Drive at Wal Mart will be on August 14th & 15th. We need to cover 2-hour shifts at three different doors from 8 am - 6 pm on both days so we need plenty of volunteers. If you can sign up for a shift or two, please contact Tom Macedo (401-640-7112). All proceeds go to three charities in the area (JOY School, Special Olympics, and Georgetown County Board of Disabilities).

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11 14-16a Ps 89:2-3 16-19
Rom 6:3-4 8-11 Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8 17 18
Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-8 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15 21-24 Ps 50:7-13 16bc-17
Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9-14 Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2 8-11 13-14
Rom 8:9 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

Liturgical Roles

July 4 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 5 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 5 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Wagner	R Humphries	B Yacavino
Ushers: P Medved Volunteer	T Clarke N Giesler T/D Carvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: P Lareau A Vega	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
Altar Care: M Roberts	D Kimbrough	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers

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

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

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

God is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

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

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 Father Anthony and his family.*

*His father, Selva Nathan passed away
on Sunday, June 21, 2026.*

*Please keep Fr Anthony and his family
in your prayers.*

May his soul rest in peace.

Cross Catholic Outreach Update

This is the home of the Gonzales family. Imagine life inside a heavy-duty garbage bag. Their entire home, constructed from thick plastic, has no windows, no ventilation, and no relief from the heat. Imagine, the temperature outside is 102 degrees, the heat index 114. Inside, it feels like standing under a heat lamp—well over 120 degrees. This small, suffocating space is home to two parents and their two-year-old child.

And yet, there is hope. Construction on their new home began this May—made possible because of your generosity. They have expressed such joy and gratitude. They know they have been blessed, and you are part of that blessing.

