

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 5, 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

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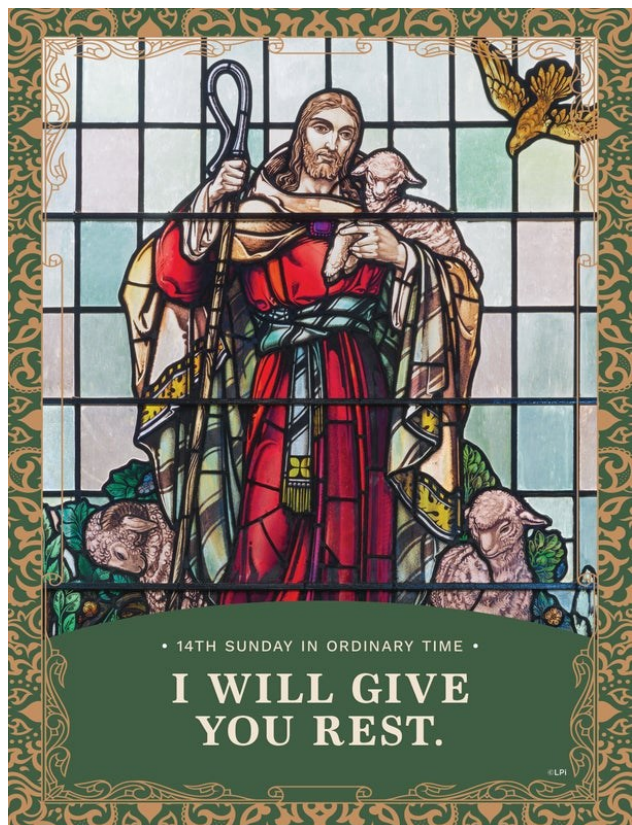
VIA FIDELIS Year 2 2026

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/>



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 6
No Mass

Tuesday, July 7
No Mass

Wednesday, July 8, 5:30 PM
†Patricia Hank
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Thursday, July 9
No Mass

Friday, July 10
No Mass

Saturday, July 11, 5:00 PM
Kate Blackman
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, July 12, 8:00 AM
Anthony Carlton
By Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, July 12, 10:00 AM
†John Daniels
By Doug & Amy Wagner

Sunday, July 12, 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 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 10 Through
Sunday, Jul 12
Monday, July 20
Thursday, July 23
Wednesday, August 5
Sunday, August 9
Tuesday, August 18
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Thursday, September 17

Spanish Marriage Retreat
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Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Hispanic Ministry Meeting 7:00PM
Plating Grace Luncheon
Cross Catholic Outreach
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00PM
Columbiettes Meeting 6:00PM

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, "Don't touch anything!" She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Council 3067 breakfast originally scheduled for August 9th has been rescheduled for Sunday September 13th. 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. Moving the breakfast to September 13 will allow us to provide breakfast to the religious education students who will be attending their first class of the school year.

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).

Attention All Volunteers!

Anyone involved in a parish ministry must contact the office to confirm that they are in compliance with Diocesan regulations. They have recently updated to a new system and some data was not transferred. Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese of Charleston if you have any interactions with children or vulnerable adults which include any person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical or developmental disability or dysfunction, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2 8-11 13-14
Rom 8:9 11-13 Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16 17c-18 21-22 Ps 145:2-9
Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7 11-13 Ps 115:3-10 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3 7-8 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac 3b 15-16
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4 8-9 12-14 17
Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23

Liturgical Roles

July 11 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 12 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 12 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	E Teller	C Howard
Ushers: C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant	J Tupacz H Moore B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
Altar Care: P Hughes	D Stamm	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

*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

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

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

The Spanish Marriage Retreat will be next weekend, July 10-12. 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.

Registration for 2026-2027 Religious Education classes has begun. The Registration fee is \$40 for each child. Classes begin September 13, 2026.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School. We are grateful to say that attendance was higher this year than in previous years. Your dedication and support helps great things happen!

*Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy
to the family of Tom Macmanus who passed away
on Friday, June 5, 2026.*

*Please keep Mary and the Macmanus family
in your prayers.
May his soul rest in peace.*

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **“They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’”** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

Father John Muir ©LPI