

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

August 23, 2026

317 Broad Street (Corner of Broad & Highmarket, Georgetown, SC 20440 * 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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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/>



21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 5:00 PM
†Ann Wilson
By Danny & Barbara Pittman

Sunday, August 23, 8:00 AM
Gary T. Pope
By Ben Alexander

Sunday, August 23, 10:00 AM
†Amelia Isaac
By Joe Isaac, Jr. & Family

Sunday, August 23, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, August 24
No Mass

Tuesday, August 25
No Mass

Wednesday, August 26, 5:30 PM
†K. Logan Jackson
Ben Alexander

Thursday, August 27
No Mass

Friday, August 28
No Mass

Saturday, August 29, 5:00 PM
†Joseph Amann
By Jim Dumm

Sunday, August 30, 8:00 AM
Robbie Humphries
By Courtney Humphries &
Jackson Duncan

Sunday, August 30, 10:00 AM
†Bill Saparito
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, August 30, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for August 15th and 16th was \$6,558.00 **This includes \$1,501.00 from online giving.** This is \$142.00 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.*



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, Janie Williams and James Harrelson, III



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 Johnstone, Brandi Gunter, Betty Chrismon, Helena Blackowitz, Bill Fowler, Brian L. Brodzik, Mary Cavalieri, Andy Crocker, Chet Maslowski, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson, Jeff Johnson, Maura Duggan, Carlos Carrasco, Rose Mellor and Joe Strenk



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, August 24
Tuesday, August 25
Sunday, August 30
Monday, September 7
Tuesday, September 8
Wednesday, September 9
Sunday, September 13
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Tuesday, September 15
Thursday, September 17
Sunday, September 20
Saturday, September 26

Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:00PM
Catholic Charities Produce Distribution, Friendship Hall
Food Sales in the Courtyard until 3:00PM
Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday
Knights of Columbus - COR meeting
Gospel Study Group Resumes
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
2026-2027 Religious Education Classes Begin
Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00PM
Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM Parish Hall
Church Picnic immediately after 1:00 Mass
Confirmation Retreat 9:00AM to 4:00 PM



Knights Corner

O"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Our next Cor meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 8th from 6:00 - 7:00PM. We will meet in a classroom of the Parish Life Center. We have invited some of the youth of our parish who made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France; Fatima, Portugal; attended World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in 2025; and those attending World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea to talk about their Catholic faith and what it means to them.

Cor (Latin for "heart"), a Knights of Columbus initiative, is a Catholic men's program designed to strengthen faith, virtue and brotherhood through prayer, formation and fellowship. It is open to all men of the parish.

The Fourth-Degree Assembly will be hosting an Italian Dinner at PBOC on the evening of September 12th. Tickets are \$25 per person with kids under 10 free. There is a flyer posted in the Knights bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like tickets, please contact Doug Wagner (843-461-7672) or Mike Macedo (843-325-7191).

Our council will be holding the Seminarian Breakfast on Sunday, September 13th in the Parish Life Center from 9:00 - 11:45AM. All proceeds from donations are used to support two Seminarians in the Diocese as they journey towards priesthood.

As always, Mike Allen who is our District Field Agent, is available to answer any questions a brother Knight may have concerning the Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products. You can contact Mike Allen at 803-397-7803 or mallen1072@aol.com

Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese. 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 Benefits of Membership

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community! 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 6 months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Please register with our parish to participate in our programs, ministries and activities. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, in the church office and on our website at www.stmaryourladyofransom.org under the tab "Newcomers". We are glad you are here!

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3 6 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10 16-18 Ps 128:1-2 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2 4-5 10-11 Mt 23:8-12
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13 18-21
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-17

Liturgical Roles

August 29 Saturday	August 30 Sunday	August 30 Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
D Wagner	B Clark	B Yacavino
Ushers:		
P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph T/D Corvelli	E Kimbrough M Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes A Wagner	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers:		
B Mathis	M Carlton	R Arreaga I Arreaga
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>		

Smith Medical Clinic

Offering free medical care to low income residents of Georgetown County who have no form of health insurance. Two locations in Georgetown:

1102 Highmarket St
or
606 Black River Rd

For more information call 843-237-2672 Ext. 114

Thank You

To all who donated to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive this month. Because of your generosity, we donated 80 pounds of food to Helping Hands for those in need.

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



To dedicate flowers for the Altar please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.

Gospel Study Group

The Gospel Study Group does not meet in June, July or August. Meetings will resume on 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 10:00am 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.

Communion to the Homebound

Please let us know if you or your loved one are confined to the 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

Reminder: The children's Mass books are provided by St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom to help our young parishioners follow and participate in the celebration of the Mass. We kindly ask that these books remain in the church after each Mass, so that they are available for everyone to use. If you would like a copy to keep at home, additional books may be ordered for \$5 each. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you for helping us care for these parish resources.

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year is still open except for the Pre K/Kindergarten and First Communion for grades 4 and up classes which are now full. Please register your child now and do not wait until the last minute. Early registration allows us to order materials, prepare classrooms and ensure we are ready to welcome all of our students. Thank you for helping us prepare for a successful year! **Classes start on September 13th.**

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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St Peter's Basilica in Rome, it's majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

Father John Muir