

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 6, 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: 8:00 AM
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 5:30 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/>



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5, 5:00 PM
†Curran O'Connor
By Gina Henry

Sunday, September 6, 8:00 AM
†Mary Jo Karre
By Erin, Julia & Kate

Sunday, September 6, 10:00 AM
†Assunta Mathis
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, September 6, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, September 7, 8:00 AM
Maura Duggan (Healing)
By Mary Flynn

Tuesday, September 8
No Mass

Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 PM
†Richard Dockx
by Jennifer Pizzi

Thursday, September 10, 8:00 AM
†Jeff Sweeney
By Jennifer Pizzi

Friday, September 11, 8:00 AM
Patriot's Day
25th Anniversary of 9-11
by David and Anneva White

Saturday, September 12, 5:00 PM
†Mary Jo Karre
By Barbara Mathis

Sunday, September 13, 8:00 AM
†Gregory Mika
By Barbara Mika

Sunday, September 13, 10:00 AM
†Joe McCrorey
By Doug & Amy Wagner

Sunday, September 13, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for August 29th and 30th was \$5,196.97. **This includes \$948.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,503.03 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.



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

Sunday, September 6
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
Sunday, September 20
Monday, September 21
Saturday, September 26

Welcome Home Pot Luck Dinner for Fr. Anthony
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
Catechetical Sunday Recognition 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Church Picnic immediately after 1:00 Mass
Finance Council Meeting, 5:00 PM
Confirmation Retreat 9:00AM to 4:00 PM



Knights Corner

"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.

Congratulations to Bill Hudson who became a fourth degree Knight on August 29th!

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.

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website www.stmaryourladyofransom.org, scroll down to find the box that says "Give Now" or the one that says "Online Giving". Click on the Online Giving Give Your Gift Today box to set up your account.

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1 2 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7 12 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mt 5:1-4a Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16 18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11 12 14-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7 11-13 Ps 139:1-3 14 23 24 Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19 22-27 Ps 84:3-6 12 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12 13 17 18 Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Liturgical Roles

September 12 Saturday 5:00 PM	September 13 Sunday 8:00 AM	September 13 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector:		
L Lauro	E Teller	J Pizzi
Ushers:		
P Medved	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant	J Tupacz H Moore B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau A Vega	N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers:		
B Mathis	B McMahan	J 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.		

CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE Help Bring Christmas Joy to 60 Families!

This Christmas, Catholic Charities is assisting **60 local families** who are in need of help, providing food and gifts for their children. Our parish is partnering with the **Knights of Columbus** and Catholic Charities to make the season brighter for these families. We are asking for donations of:

New, unwrapped toys for children of all ages
Non-perishable food items for Christmas meals
Monetary donations, if you prefer
to help with the purchase of food and gifts

Every donation, large or small, can make a meaningful difference. Together, we can help ensure that these families experience the joy and hope of Christmas.

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community!

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 meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the CCD classroom. All are welcome to join in a discussion of the readings for the coming Sunday. Bring your Lector Workbook, Bible or Word Among Us to follow along.

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

Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 13th at 11:30 AM. A parent meeting will be held at 11:00 AM. **September 13 is also the final day to register** your child for Religious Education.

Adult Bible Study - Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the Earth. **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom** is a Bible study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. St Mary's will begin a twenty-week Bible study, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom on September 21st at 5:30 PM. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The registration fee is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Cecilia Carlton in the Parish office.

Catechetical Sunday is September 20th. We will recognize our dedicated catechists and give thanks for their generous service to our parish. Our catechists will receive a special blessing at the 10:00 AM and the 1:00 PM Masses. Please join us as we pray and celebrate those who generously share the faith with our children and youth.

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

Devotions, Explained!

Lectio Divina, Explained!

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of *Lectio divina* dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for *Lectio divina* is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (*lectio*) multiple times, and the reader takes notes of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (*meditatio*) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (*oratio*) and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the readers understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (*contemplatio*).