

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

September 20, 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/>

Our Lady of Ransom



Pray for us

September 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19, 5:00 PM
†Paul Hockman
By Doug & Amy Wagner

Sunday, September 20, 8:00 AM
Diane Stamm (Birthday)
By Joyce Fick

Sunday, September 20, 10:00 AM
†Selva Nathan
By St Mary's Rosary Group

Sunday, September 20, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, September 21, 8:00 AM
†Mindy Marsh Harrelson
By Wade & Terry Marsh

Tuesday, September 22
No Mass

Wednesday, September 23, 5:30 PM
†Emily Serna
By Jennifer Pizzi

Thursday, September 24, 8:00 AM
Orichi McDonald
By Cecilia Carlton

Friday, September 25, 8:00 AM
Mike & Cynthia Greiman
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Saturday, September 26, 5:00 PM
†Mindy Marsh Harrelson
By Evanna Teller

Sunday, September 27, 8:00 AM
Bob & Mary Roberts 50th Anniversary
By St Mary's Rosary Group

Sunday, September 27, 10:00 AM
†Selva Nathan
By Plating Grace Committee

Sunday, September 27, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for September 5th and 6th was \$7,077.00. **This includes \$1,893.00 from online giving.** This is \$377.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The combined offertory collection for September 12th and 13th was \$6,987.00. **This includes \$1,308.00 from online giving.** This is \$287.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.



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 20
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Monday, September 21
Saturday, September 26
Sunday, September 27
Monday, September 28
Sunday, October 4
Thursday, October 15
Saturday, October 17
Tuesday, October 20

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
Food Sales in Courtyard until 3:00 PM
Building & Grounds Meeting 5:00 PM
Confirmation (Bilingual) 3:00
Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM Parish Hall
St Mary's Fall Festival
Altar Society Meeting 10:00 AM



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all who volunteered or attended the Seminarian Breakfast on September 13th. We had a record turnout, including our Religious Education students on their first day back to class! Our net proceeds were \$623.12. All proceeds from donations are used to support two Seminarians in the Diocese in their journey towards priesthood.

Council 3067 will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for our church picnic this Sunday. Bob McMahan will lead the cooking. If you can assist, please contact Bob.

The next Columbus Hope fund raising drive at Walmart will be held on October 10-11th. We need Volunteers! Please contact Tom Macedo (401-640-7112) or Mike Macdedo (843-325-7191) if you can volunteer for a two hour shift.

Council 3067 will have a food booth at the St Mary Fall Festival on October 17th. Mark Melnychuk will be leading this project and will need some help to man the booth. Please contact Mark if you can help.

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.

If you choose to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to **Catholic Charities and include "Christmas - Georgetown County"** on the memo line. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community!

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 Feast Day of Our Lady of Ransom

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2 3 8 9 17 18
Phi 1:20c-24 27 Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6 10-13 Ps 119:1 27 30 34 35 44
Wednesday: Lk 8:19-21
Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29 72 89 101 104 163
Thursday: Lk 9:1-6
Friday: Ecc 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6 12-14 17 Lk 9:7-9
Saturday: Ecc 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b-4 Lk 9:18-22
Ecc 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6 12-14 17
Next Sunday: Lk 9:43b-45
Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

Liturgical Roles

September 26 Saturday	September 27 Sunday	September 27 Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
P Ness	B Pittman	B Yacavino
Ushers:		
C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke Volunteer T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	B/N McMahan	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers:		
B Mathis	N Giesler	A Santos A Angeles
Altar Care:		
P Lareau	M Roberts	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

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.

Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese if you have 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.

*Wishing all of our Parishioners a very blessed
Feast Day of Our Lady of Ransom
From Father Anthony and the Office Staff*

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

IMPORTANT: SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

Now that Religious Education classes have begun, and more children and youth are regularly on our campus, the safety and protection of our children, youth and vulnerable adults is a top priority. Anyone serving in a ministry or volunteer position that provides access to children, youth or vulnerable adults **MUST** be in compliance with all the diocesan Safe Environment requirements. This includes completing the required online background screening and Safe Environment training/video series for ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Etc. If you are not in compliance, you may not serve in a position involving access to children, youth or vulnerable adults until all requirements have been completed and your compliance has been verified. If you are unsure of your compliance status, please contact Cecilia Carlton immediately. These requirements are mandatory and are in place to help ensure a safe environment for everyone in our parish community. Thank you for taking this responsibility seriously.

Registration for Religious Education is now closed. Thank you to everyone that registered early.

This weekend we are celebrating Catechetical Sunday and recognizing our dedicated Catechists for their generous service to our parish. Our Catechists will receive a special blessing at the 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Masses. Please join us in praying for and celebrating those who generously share the faith with our children and youth.

ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM begins on September 21 at 5:30 PM at St Mary's. This 20-week Bible study explores the Acts of the Apostles and the growth of the early Church through engaging video presentations, discussion and fellowship. The registration fee is \$20. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cecilia Carlton in the parish office to register or for more information.

Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: **"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."**

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."