

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 19, 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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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:

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18, 5:00 PM
John Weiss
By Eileen Weiss

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 AM
Betty Curran
By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 AM
†Ann Wilson
By Grace Swierk

Sunday, July 19, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, July 20
No Mass

Tuesday, July 21
No Mass

Wednesday, July 22, 5:30 PM
†Doug Compton
By Mary Flynn

Thursday, July 23
No Mass

Friday, July 24
No Mass

Saturday, July 25, 5:00 PM
†William Piciulli
By William & Gabriella Piciulli

Sunday, July 26, 8:00 AM
Lorry & Faye Altman (60th Anniversary)
By The Dieter Family

Sunday, July 26, 10:00 AM
†Billy Sr. & †Ann Wilson
By Frances Howard

Sunday, July 26, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for July 11th and 12th was \$8,223.11 This includes \$1,251.00 from online giving. This is \$1,523.11 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.

*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 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, Sandy Peterson, Fr. Dan Carson, Jeff Johnson, Maura Duggan, Carlos Carrasco and Rose Mellor.



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, July 20
Sunday, July 26
Thursday, July 23
Sunday, July 26
Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, August 5
Sunday, August 9
Wednesday, August 12
Sunday, August 16
Tuesday, August 18
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Thursday, September 17

Finance Council Meeting 5:00PM
Hispanic Food Sales
Hispanic Ministry Meeting 7:00PM
Hispanic Food Sales in the Courtyard
Plating Grace Luncheon
No Mass
Cross Catholic Outreach
Prayer Service with Deacon Mike Brescia, 5:30PM
Food For The Poor
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00PM
Columbiettes Meeting 6:00PM



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).

Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH EVENTS



Sunday:

Weekly Readings

Wis 12:13 16-19 Ps 86:5 6 9 10 15 16
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

Monday:

Mi 6:1-4 6-8 Ps 50:5-6 8-9 16 17 21 23
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Mi 7:14 15 18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday:

2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6 8 9
Jn 20:1 2 11-18

Thursday:

Jer 2:1-3 7 8 12 13 Ps 36:6-7b 8-11
Mt 13: 10-17

Friday:

Jer 3:14-17 31:10-13 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b 2-6 My 20:20-28

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5 7-12 Ps 119:57 72 76 77 127-130
Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

Liturgical Roles

July 25 Saturday	July 26 Sunday	July 26 Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
M Roberts	B Clark	T Howard
Ushers:		
C Lindner J Cavanaugh	T Clarke N Gielser T/D Corvelli	M/S Edwards G Martinez J Martinez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
M Lee K Macedo	B/MJ Clark D Stamm	J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers:		
Volunteer	M Carlton	C Chaj C Velasquez
Altar Care:		
C Ramsey	M Roberts	Assigned Extraordinary Ministers
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Religious Education

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

Our annual backpack distribution will take place on Sunday, July 19 for those who registered in advance. Any remaining backpacks will be distributed on a first come first serve basis while supplies last.

We will be hosting a Movie Night for children in 6th grade or under on Friday, July 24 at 6:00PM. Popcorn, ice cream and drinks will be provided at no cost. Additional snacks will be available for purchase. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Our High school class chose Carowinds for their end-of-year trip this year. We had a wonderful day together filled with fun, laughter and fellowship. Thank you to all who who participated to provide our students with a well deserved opportunity to celebrate another successful school year.



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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing. When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

Father John Muir

Plating Grace Luncheon

What does Jesus' command "**Do This in Remembrance of Me**" mean to you in your life today? Our next Plating Grace Luncheon theme is a very special inspirational presentation, Heaven Touches Earth--the foundation of our Catholic faith--the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacred Banquet--the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please join us on Wednesday, August 5 at 12 pm for a wonderful meal and community fellowship! RSVP to Joyce Fick 843-359-8613 on or before August 3 so we can reserve a special place for you!