

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 26, 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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Deacon Michael Brescia

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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/>



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44*

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 27

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28

No Mass

Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 PM

†John Daniels

By Doug & Amy Wagner

Thursday, July 30

No Mass

Friday, July 31

No Mass

Saturday, August 1, 5:00 PM

The Imbrogno Family

By William & Gabriella Piciulli

Sunday, August 2, 8:00 AM

†Teri Altman Benton

By Lorry & Faye Altman

Sunday, August 2, 10:00 AM

John Lutzky

By Mike & Donna Saguto

Sunday, August 2, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish

Parish Support

The combined offertory collection for July 18th and 19th was \$22,273.41. This includes \$1,411.00 from online giving. This is \$15,573.41 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

Sunday, July 26

Wednesday, August 5

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Sunday, August 9

Wednesday, August 12

Sunday, August 16

Tuesday, August 18

Sunday, September 13

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

Thursday, September 17

Hispanic Food Sales, Courtyard

Plating Grace Luncheon, 12:00 Parish Hall

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

Altar Society Meeting, 10:00AM

Columbiettes Meeting, 6:00PM Parish Hall



Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

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).

Congratulations to our August Family of the month and Knight of the month recipients.

Knight of the Month- is Bob McMahan. In GK's absence Bob ran the annual Shrimp Festival parking project. He is our council's Financial Secretary, an Altar Server, a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Pastoral Council, and a counter of offertory donations. He also volunteers for virtually all of our council's projects. Thank you Bob for all you do!!!!

Family of the Month- Is Julia Blackowicz. Julia is a very active member of St Mary's. She is a member of the church choir, a cantor, teaches religious education, and adult bible studies. She has also sponsored new candidates entering the Catholic faith at St Mary's.

We encourage men of the parish that are not already Knights, to become a Knight of Columbus. You will find that becoming part of an organization that is based on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and being a good Catholic gentleman is very fulfilling. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, you can contact Grand Knight Dwight Frazier at 609-351-4422, or any member of our council.

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

Knights of Columbus Food Drive Results

Due to your generosity, we collected 132 pounds of food for distribution to those in need last weekend.

Columbarium

The Columbarium Committee is making progress on plans for a columbarium for St. Mary's. As we further develop architectural plans for the columbarium, we will share additional information with our parishioners. If you are interested in reserving a niche in the columbarium and have not already provided your name and contact information to the parish, please complete the form available in the narthex. Drop your completed form in the basket provided or return it to the church office. *This is not a formal commitment to reserve a niche.* When we further develop plans and we are able to provide a cost estimate to reserve a niche, we will ask for formal commitments from parishioners.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	1Kgs 3:5 7-12 Ps 119:57 72 76 77 127-130 Rom: 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9 11 13 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10 16-21 Ps 59:2-4 10 11 17 18 Jn11:19-27
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5 8-10 14 Mt 13:54-58 1Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 14:25:33
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16 24 Ps 69: 15 16 30-34 Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8 9 15-18 Rom:8:35 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Liturgical Roles

August 1 Saturday	August 2 Sunday	August 2 Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
P Ness	L Altman	M Duggan
Ushers:		
P Medved Volunteer	T Clarke B Roberts C Bryant	J Tupacz H Moore B Kwarteng
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
P Lareau A Vega	B/N McMahan B Pittman	M/L Walsh G Swierk
Altar Servers:		
F Hernandez	C Humphries	Y Perez R Angeles
Altar Care:		
M Roberts	D Stamm	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 is still open. All students must register each year, even if they attended last year. Classes begin September 13, 2026. Adult Bible Study resumes in September with *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*.

We have had a busy and blessed summer! VBS welcomed 44 children with nearly 20 teen and adult volunteers. Nine of our youth participated in the Matthew 25 Project in Charleston, serving those in need while growing in faith through daily Mass and prayer.

St Mary's hosted its first on-site three-day Spanish Marriage Retreat with 26 couples. We hope to offer an English retreat in the future.

We have a limited number of school supplies available. If your family is in need, please contact Cecilia Carlton.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and support for our Religious Education and family ministry Programs.

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.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.
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!