

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

317 Broad Street (Corner Broad & Highmarket) Georgetown, SC 29440 \* Established 1899 \* Dedicated 1902



**Pastoral Council:**  
Anneva White

**Hispanic Ministries Council:**  
Max Angeles

**Finance Council:**

**Buildings and Grounds Task Force:**

**Organist/Choir Director:**  
Edwin Hopkins  
Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

**Organist/Hispanic Choir Director:**  
Susan Williams  
Choir Practice: Friday 5:30 PM

**Altar Society:**  
Mary Roberts, President  
Ann Boone, Vice-President  
Meets monthly September - May

**Lazarus Committee:**  
Diane Macedo  
Neena McMahan  
Bereavement Assistance

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Friday**  
**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**Phone: 843-546-7416**



**A Church of the Diocese of Charleston**

**Rev. James Touzeau**  
Parish Administrator

**Rev. Mr. Mike Brescia**  
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## SACRAMENTS

<b>Mass:</b>	Saturday	5:00 PM	
	Sunday	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM	
	Sunday	1:00 PM (Spanish)	
	Monday	No Mass	
	Tuesday	8:00 AM	
	Wednesday	5:30 PM	
	Thursday	8:00 AM	
<b>Confession:</b>	Friday	8:00 AM	
	Saturday	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	
	or by appointment	Sunday	12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

**Religious Education:** 11:30 AM -12:45 PM Sunday, Grades 1-12  
September-May

July 24, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 23, 5:00 PM  
† Christine Smalls Walker  
by St. Mary's Altar Society

Sunday, July 24, 8:00 AM  
† Angel Khoury  
by Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, July 24, 10:00 AM  
† Eleanor G. Smith  
by the Joe Isacc, Jr. Family

Sunday, July 24, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, July 25  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, July 26, 8:00 AM  
† Rosemary Darrow  
by Ann Huffaker, Mike Miller,  
and Sue and Bob Miller

Wednesday, July 27, 5:30  
Joanne Hackwelder  
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, July 28, 8:00 AM  
† Ron Macedo  
by Peggy and Jim Hughes

Friday, July 29, 8:00 AM  
† Christine Smalls Walker  
by Peggy and Jim Hughes

Saturday, July 30, 5:00 PM  
† Regina Flannagan  
by Irene Braynard

Sunday, July 31, 8:00 AM  
† Angel Khoury  
by the Ted Solomon Family,  
and TJ, Diane, Shari and Jodi

Sunday, July 31, 10:00 AM  
† Ron Macedo  
by Karen and Mike Macedo

Sunday, July 31, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for July 16th and July 17th was \$6405.00. **This includes \$1147.00 from online giving.** This is \$295.00 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00

**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.*



**Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:**  
Barbara Mahaffey, Betty Barr, and James A. Harrelson, III.



**Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:**  
Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby John Yaniga, and Sigrid Smith.



**Pray for those in our Military:**

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez, and Matthew Mathis.



**St. Mary's Rosary Group**

St. Mary Rosary group will meet each Tuesday. We will meet at 1:15PM to pray together. All are invited and welcome to attend.

**The Lazarus Committee (Bereavement Assistance)**

At St. Mary's we are ready to provide a place for family and friends to meet to comfort each other and celebrate the life of the deceased on the day of the funeral. Our parish hall provides a pleasant and comfortable environment that can accommodate a large group. Men and women of the parish volunteer their services by donating food as well as serving and cleaning up after family and friends depart. This is a labor of love offered at no charge to the family of the deceased member of St. Mary's Parish.

We will now be offering a variety of choice sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit, vegetable trays and sweet desserts along with iced tea, water, and coffee.

Our mission is to provide hospitality on behalf of the deceased's family with the intention of giving family members time to visit and enjoy the company of those who have come to be with them during this difficult time.



**Save The Date  
St Mary's Fall Festival**

Saturday, October 15, 2022.  
Please watch bulletins for announcements.



**The Knights Corner**

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

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067**

Georgetown's Joseph Miguel Ros Sr. Council 3067 celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 28, 2022, with a catered dinner at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall. Dinner was preceded by a special Mass celebrated by Council Chaplain Father James F. Touzeau and a new council officer installation for 2022-23 by District 11 Deputy John Luse. Also featured at the dinner were historical memorabilia from 1947 to 2022, including a copy of the original Georgetown Council Charter with the names of the original 54 knights who started the Council, the Charter for the Georgetown Council's original Columbia Squires Youth Group in 1949, various Supreme Office Columbian and Star Council Awards over the years, pictures of past Grand Knights (including the first: Greg R. Duffy and our only SC State Deputy Frank L. Davis), a number of pictures of knights and family members at various knight's functions and activities over the years, and most recent Council Awards including the 2022 SC State Columbus Hope Platinum Award for the highest achievement over their fund raising target! Adding further to this display, which was left up for the next week for everyone in the parish to spend more time to peruse, was a letter of congratulations for the Council 3067's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from new Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, as presented that night by SC State Deputy Paul Burchell to Grand Knight Bob McMahan.

The Georgetown Council, the fifth K of C Council to be formed in South Carolina, first met in 1947 at the brothers Kelly and Louis Khoury's restaurant located at the time at the NE corner of Front and Fraser Streets in Georgetown. Further recognized that night at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was the final member of that charter member group to most recently pass away, Peter A. Thomas on September 8, 2016 and the wife of Kelly Khoury (Angel) who passed away March 21, 2022. Thanks to all those who were able to participate in this very special night!

**Safe Environment Program**

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All volunteers** who serve at Masses or teach (Ushers, Lectors, Catechists, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) and all parish office volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete Safe Haven online training. Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact the parish office for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse, go to <http://www.sccatholic.org> and click on "Child and Youth Protection" at the bottom left of the homepage.

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13  
**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28  
**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 Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Jn 11:19-27  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

## Liturgical Roles

July 30th Saturday 5:00 PM	July 31st Sunday 8:00 AM	July 31st Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> D Wagner	N McMahan	B Yacavino
<b>Ushers:</b> C Peterson D Smith	T Clarke T/D Corvelli J Joseph	J Tupacz T Tupacz
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Deacon Mike Deacon Mike Deacon Mike		
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	G Baker	A Angeles
<b>Altar Care:</b> M Roberts	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## PARISH EVENTS



**Mass Intentions for 2022** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

### To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2022

please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. We will not meet during June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

### St. Mary's Altar Society

Altar Society does not meet during June, July, and August. Business meetings will resume the third Tuesday of September, September 20th, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Coffee, juice and pastry will be served during the meeting. Members should continue scheduled linen and altar care during the summer. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information contact Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).



*The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Christine Smalls Walker by St. Mary's Altar Society for her years of dedicated service to our parish.*

### Welcome NIKO!

We would like to welcome Niko Aidan Martinez who was baptized Saturday, July 16, 2022, into the St. Mary community.

### Gospel Meditation

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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