

# 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: Monday 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

February 5, 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 4 , 5:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 AM  
Michael Joseph Edwards Jr  
by Ed and Luciann Slomkowski

Sunday, February 5, 10:00 AM  
† Mavianna and Franczek Wawer  
by Barbara Mika

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, February 6  
NO Mass

Tuesday, February 7  
No Mass

Wednesday, February 8,  
No Mass

Thursday, February 9, 8:00 AM  
† Ray Boelke  
by Mary Boelke

Friday, February 10, 8:00 AM  
Mary Boelke  
by Bob and Neena McMahan

Saturday, February 11, 5:00 PM  
Dorman Walker  
by Mark and Rachel Zaffrann

Sunday, February 12, 8:00 AM  
† David Matthew Cupp  
by Teresa Robinette

Sunday, February 12, 10:00 AM  
† George Smith  
by The Joe Isaac Jr. Family

Sunday, February 12, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish



**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, Sigrid Smith. London Gomez, Diane Maslowski, Ann Boone and  
Mandy Moore



**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,



**St. Mary's Rosary Group**

St. Mary's Rosary group meets each Tuesday at 1:15 pm in the church to pray for special intentions and needs of family and friends. All are welcome (men and women) to pray the rosary together.

**SWEETHEART DINNER**

Saturday, February 11 at 6PM

St Mary Our Lady of Ransom

Enjoy a 3 Course dinner,

Live entertainment,

dancing and a good time

65.00/couple

35.00 /Individual

Tickets on sale starting 1/21/23



The flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Cruz who were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, February 4, 2023.



**The Knights Corner**

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

The Annual Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Memorial **Pasta Dinner** fundraiser for the Memorial Program will be **Saturday February 18, 2023** at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 5 to 7:00 PM, eat-in or take out! The menu will be pasta, with homemade sauce recipe from the old country served with meatballs. Along with a garden salad and fresh garlic bread sticks, there will be wine, soda and water to purchase! Cost will be \$15.00 per adult and kids under 10 yrs. old eat free! Tickets will be available after all Masses starting this weekend **February 4th & 5th and February 11th & 12th**; as well at the Parish Office; or by contacting Br. and Sir Knight Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771. Thank You for your continued support!

A special **4-Chaplains Memorial Service** was held **Thursday February 2, 2023** at PBOC Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, following this parishes 8:30 am Mass. The very moving, ceremony, hosted by our 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272, especially honors the 4 Military Chaplains who gave up their life jackets so other fellow shipmates could survive the freezing waters as their ship was sinking in the freezing ocean waters following an attack by the Germans in WW II. The write-up of this historic moment will be on display in our Knights exhibit in St. Mary's narthex the next couple of weeks.

Please keep in your prayers Br. Timothy Joseph from K of C Council 11028 in Pawleys Island, as he completes his Diaconate at the 11 AM Mass at the Cathedral in Charleston, Saturday February 4, 2023. Tim practices Dentistry with his cousin Br. Johnny Joseph on Front St., by the town Clock!

**Blood Drive** Chair Br. Jim Lauro (610-513-2869) indicates that we are still in need of **BLOOD DONORS** for the Blood Drive to be held from **1 to 6 pm, Tuesday February 14th** at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Our goal for this drive is 46 appointments and 37 usable units. Donors and volunteers, please call Jim

Georgetown Council 3067 next meets this **Thursday February 9th** at 6 pm at Maryville Social Hall; and the Georgetown/Pawleys Island Assembly 3272 next meets **Thursday February 23rd** at 6 pm at Founders Hall, located behind PBOC Church in Pawleys Island!

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for Jan. 28th. and 29th was \$5351.00 **This includes \$ 1153.00 from online giving.** This is \$1349.00 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00

**Safe Environment Program**

**All volunteers** who serve at Masses or teach 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.

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

## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16  
Monday: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35  
Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30  
Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

## PARISH EVENTS



**Mass Intentions for 2023** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



**To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2023** 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 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 will meet the third Tuesday of the month, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served during the meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information about our group call Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800)

Stations of the Cross will start on **Friday, February 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm**. There will be a meal served each Friday afterwards. If your group or organization would like to provide a meal, please contact the church office.

Feb. 24th Altar Society Mar. 17th Office Staff  
Mar. 3rd Mar. 24th  
Mar. 10th Mar. 31st Knights of Columbus (Fish Fry)

There will also be signup sheets at the church for volunteers.

On **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** our Parish will host a **Shrove Tuesday** celebration in our Parish Hall. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, when Lent officially begins. Shrove is an ancient word that means "to hear the confession of someone". It is also known by other names such as, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras in France, and Pancake Day in England. Why pancake Day? Well, way back in six hundred A.D. Pope Saint Gregory prohibited the eating of all forms of animals and animal products during Lent. So, Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk, and butter in preparation for Lent. We will be serving pancakes, and other breakfast foods to go along with them. It is free, so please feel free to drop by for some fun and fellowship  
Father Touzeau

### Gospel Meditation

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better

Father John Muir ©LPI

## Liturgical Roles

Feb 11 Saturday 5:00 PM	Feb 12 Sunday 8:00 AM	Feb 12 Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> L Goldbach	B Clark	B Yacavino
<b>Ushers:</b> D Smith C Peterson	N Geisler T Corvelli D Corvelli T Clarke	S Edwards M Edwards
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>		
A Starnes	B Clark	M Walsh
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	C Humphries	R Arreaga
<b>Altar Care</b> P Hughes	M Clark	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

### Reflections

What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.