

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

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Deacon

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SACRAMENTS

Mass:	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	
Confession:	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

January 29, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 PM
Paul and Mary Jo Karre
by Stuart and Julie Snyder

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 AM
Alfred DeRiggs
by Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, January 29, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 30
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 31, 8:00 AM
Anne Boone
by Altar Society

Wednesday, February 1, 5:30 PM
Mandy Moore
by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Thursday, February 2, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Friday, February 3, 8:00 AM
Ed and Natalie Wozniak
by Bob and Neena McMahan

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

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

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

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

Parish Support

The offertory collection for Jan. 21st and 22nd was \$5228.00 **This includes \$ 1183.00 from online giving.** This is \$1472.00 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.



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 Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thanks to all those who were fortunate enough to be able to share in the Columbus Hope Awards Banquet January 19th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The 30 attendees shared in a complete chicken dinner, including Kudzu cookies and a beautiful fresh flower bouquet- that was presented at the end to the 2 Walmart Managers who were recognized for allowing us to again operate our fundraiser in front of their store. Over \$14,000 had been collected last year and checks of \$3,792 were presented to each of their representatives and guests from the Special Olympics Program, J.O.Y. School and the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs! Thanks to project chairs Colin Peterson and David Smith, who organized this special event.

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](#).

Congratulations to Br. Robbie Humphries and Courtney for a successful Chicken Pelau sales for the World Youth Day Fundraiser on January 14th at St. Mary's, raising around \$1,189! Thanks also to Brs. Paul and Jeanette Duncan, Br. Phil Lazzari and other Knights and members of the parish who helped make this a success! The children will be leaving for this Youth Conference in July.

Br. John Cross has notified us that the McClellanville Shrimp Festival has been set again this year for the first Saturday of May- **May 6, 2023!** This very important fundraiser for our council will require a minimum of 12 persons for the 2-shift operation on John's field, to cover the admission and parking of cars on John's property located immediately across from the festival. Please contact chair Colin Peterson at (843) 344-9771 to volunteer. The Annual Deceased 4th Degree Sir Knights Pasta Dinner will be **Saturday February 18th** from 5:00 to 8 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center- eat-in or take-out! Tickets (\$15) can be purchased in advance after all weekend Masses beginning this week; or contact Br. Sir Knight Colin Peterson.

The Council has agreed with Br. Father Touzeau to prepare the (FREE) **2nd Annual Pancake Dinner** for the Parish at the Fat Tuesday celebration on **Tuesday February 21st** in the Parish Hall! Please contact Br. Mike Macedo (843-325-7191) to volunteer to help in the kitchen and serve the pancakes.

Added Assembly 3272 Dates to remember: The 4 Chaplains Program will be 2/2/23, 8:30 am, after the 8:30 am Mass at PBOC. Brother and SK Dr. Tim Joseph's Diaconate Ordination is scheduled for 2/4/23 at 11 am Mass at St. John The Baptist in Charleston.

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-3 Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
 Friday: 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Liturgical Roles

Feb 4 Saturday 5:00 PM	Feb 5 Sunday 8:00 AM	Feb 5 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: D Wagner	R Humphries	J McCrorey
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Corvelli D Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	J Tupacz G Danese
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Petrino	B Pittman	C Peterson
Altar Servers: B Mathis	B McMahan	A Angeles
Altar Care P Hughes	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Reflections Saint Vs. Blessed

Question:
What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?
Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor

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)

Save A Date

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. 0

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 21st, 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 will begin at 6:00 P.M. and go until around seven-thirty P.M. It is free, so please feel free to drop by for some fun and fellowship
 Father Touzeau

Gospel Meditation

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

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