

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

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Max Angeles

Finance Council:

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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

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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

December 18, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17 5:00 PM

† Rosemary Darrow
by Ann Huffaker, Mark Miller,
Bob and Sue Miller

Sunday, December 18 8:00 AM

† Gloria Jane Wagner
By The Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 18, 10:00

† Maureen and Tom Delahunt
by Eleen and Bob Walsh

Sunday, December 18, 1:00 PM

People of the Parish

Monday, December 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 20

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 21, 5:30

Jim and Linda Lauro
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, December 22, 8:00

† Johnathan Moore
by Robert and Mary Moore

Friday, December 23 8:00 AM

† Michael and Catherine Foremay
by Mary L Leonard

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM

† Rosemary Darrow
by Ann Huffaker, Mark Miller, Bob
and Sue Miller

Sunday, December 25, 8:00 AM

People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM

People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, 1:00 PM

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Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 10th and 11th was unavailable at the time of printing.

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

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website
www.stmaryourladyofransom.org
select "Parish Life," and then select
"Online Giving".



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 and Diane Maslowski



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, Matthew Mathis, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, and Paloma Martinez Bermudez.



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.



*Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Jonathan Patrick Moore** who passed away December 5, 2022.*

Church Office Hours

The church will be closed
Monday, December 26, 2022.



Merry Christmas from the staff of St Mary's
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The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"



THIS weekend, December 17-18, 2022, will be our *final Food Pantry Drive* for 2022! When possible, please focus on the St. Cyprian Christmas Food Box List, shown last week as an insert to the regular bulletin, although all food and monetary donations will be accepted. The food will be distributed the following Tuesday morning, December 20th at the Friendship Hall on 1905 West Front St. Those preferring to donate money toward this worthy community cause this Christmas, please leave a check or cash in a sealed labeled envelope in the K of C boxes in the St. Mary's Church narthex or in our Knights' mailbox in St. Mary's Office; and food for this cause will be purchased from that! The Knights are joining St. Cyprian Outreach, by supplying fifty of the one hundred Christmas boxes of food that will be given out to one hundred families on December 20th. Merry Christmas!

Saturday December 17th starting at 10 am at the Georgetown Veterans Memorial Site, located between the VFW and the American Legion at Hwy 17North and Broad St., will be the **National Wreaths Across America Program**, honoring those veterans who gave their lives so that we would be free! This brief, but special and solemn ceremony, will feature a guest speaker and the presentation and retirement of the Colors by our Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Honor Guard, wrapped around the solemn mounting of special Christmas Wreaths at each of the flagpoles denoting each branch of the armed services! This ceremony is open for everyone to attend.

Our regularly scheduled Knights of Columbus Meetings will resume in January 2023, with the Jos. M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month on January 12, 2023, at the Maryville Social Hall, located at 2009 South Fraser St. in Maryville; and the Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 4th Degree Meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at Founders Hall/Father Pat's Kitchen located behind POC Catholic Church on Waverly Road in Pawleys Island.

Agent/Brother Knight Shane Goheen remains available to service our Insurance and Financial Investments Needs. Please give him a call at (843) 457-5757.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom1:1-7 Mt 1;18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12, 20-21 Lk 1;39 45
Thursday: 1Sm 1:24-28 (Psalm) 1Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1: 46-56
Friday : Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 1:67-69
Vigil: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25
Next Sunday Is 52:7-10 Ps 98: 1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

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. 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.

Liturgical Roles

Dec 24th Saturday 4:00 PM	Dec 24th Saturday 10:00 PM	Dec 25th Sunday 8:00 AM	Dec 25 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	T Howard	J Dumm	Colin Peterson
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved C Peterson D Smith	T Clarke J Joseph	M Edwards S Edwards J Tupacz	TBD TBD
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:			
TBD	A Vega	TBD	TBD
Altar Servers: A Huerta L Hernandez I Reyes	M Carlton	M Ortiz	A Angeles Y Angeles
Altar Care: M Roberts	L Goldbach	M Clark	L Ortiz

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.



With Advent upon us, we focus on the spirit of giving through our annual Angel Tree.

Please select a numbered envelope from the tree and legibly print your name and telephone number at the corresponding number in the Angel Book. Envelopes may be returned in Mass collections or to the office by December 23rd. Request for assistance should be submitted to the office for confidential consideration of direct payment to providers. Thank you For your continued support and participation.



Gospel Meditation 4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

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Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse. Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home." He was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi