

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

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



Pastoral Council:

Hispanic Ministries Council:
Max Angeles

Finance Council:

Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

Organist/Choir Director:
Edwin Hopkins
Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15am

Organist/Hispanic Choir Director:

Choir Practice: Friday 5:00pm

Altar Society:
A
Mary Roberts, Co-Chair
Meets monthly September - May

Lazarus Committee:

Bereavement Assistance

Knights of Columbus:
Bob McMahan

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm
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A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

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SACRAMENTS

Mass:	Saturday	5:00pm
	Sunday	8:00am and 10:00am
	Sunday	1:00pm (Spanish)
	Monday	No Mass
	Tuesday	8:00am
	Wednesday	5:30pm
	Thursday	8:00am
	Friday	8:00 am
Confession:	Saturday	4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appointment

Religious Education: 11:30am -12:45pm Sunday, Grades 1-12
September-May

December 4, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 PM
† Jim MacGillis
Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Sunday, December 4, 8:00 AM
Mary Barbara Triche
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, December 4, 10:00 AM
† Gary Lasko
by Larry and Jean Howard

Sunday, December 4, 1:00 PM
People Of The Parish

Monday, December 5
No Mass

Tuesday, December 6, 8:00 AM
† William Scott Grimmins
by Bill and Pat Grimmins

Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 PM
† Father Michel
by The Rosary Group

Thursday, December 8, 9:00 AM
† Leon and Helen Wojciechowski
by Mary Lou Leonard

† Christopher Robert Deni
by Suanne and Frank Brecka

Friday, December 9, 8:00 AM
† Mike Miguel
by David and Anneva White

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 PM
Julia and Stewart Darling and Family
by Julie and Stuart Snyder

Sunday, December 11, 8:00 AM
† Rosa Basssett
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, December 11, 10:00 AM
† Ciara Jekel
by The Parisi Family

Sunday, December 11, 1:00 PM
People Of The Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 13th and 14th was \$6662.00 **This includes \$1025.00 from online giving.** This is \$38.00 under our weekly goal. The offertory collection for November 19th and 20th was \$4835.50 **This includes \$1340.00 from online giving.** This is \$1864.50 under our weekly goal. The offertory collection for November 26th and 27th was \$5710.00 **This includes \$1038.00 from online giving.** This is \$990.00 under our weekly goal.

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: James A. Harrelson III., Barbara Mahaffey, and Florence Hanson



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of: Natalie and Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby, John Yaniga, Sigrid Smith, London Gomez, Gloria Diggs and Maria Handy



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 and Paloma Martinez Bermudez



St Mary's Rosary Group
St Mary Rosary group meets each Tuesday. We will meet at 1:15 PM to pray together. All are invited.

Advent Wreath

The beautiful Advent wreath on the altar the First Sunday of Advent is an annual gift to St. Mary's in loving memory of parishioners George Amann, Zion Amann, and George Amann Jr. from the Amann children and grandchildren. Zion Joseph Amann was a lifelong member of St Mary's and local florist who for many years generously gave of her talent to our church. Thank you to the family for their memorial gift.



Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of obligation. This year we will have a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity on **Wednesday, December 7th**, at the normal time of our Wednesday Mass at **5:30pm**. It will fulfill your Holy Day of obligation to attend this Mass. Thank you.



**The Knights Corner
"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

Our 37th Thanksgiving for Those in Need saw 380 members of our Georgetown Community partake in a wonderfully prepared and tasty complete Turkey dinner out of St. Mary Lady of Ransom Parish Hall. Further, through the inspiring efforts of one of our knights, we were also able to donate the remaining one hundred dinners to another Thanksgiving Program being offered later that afternoon in Georgetown! Since its humble beginnings from the old K of C Hall located at the time at 711 Highmarket St., when a few Knights started this program for a couple of families in need in 1985, through now a well-coordinated effort- involving over 30 active Joseph Miguel Ros Sr. Council 3067 Knights, a number of fellow Knights and Sir Knights from our sister Pawleys Island Council 11028 and our 4th Degree Assembly 3272 AND a number of family, parish and community members who continue to contribute- so we are able to continue to offer these meals **FREE** again this year! This is a wonderful community project that we all can be **VERY PROUD** to be a part of! THANK YOU ALL!

Work is already underway on our food contributions to this year's St. Cyprian's Food Box Program, to be given away in December to those In Need! Our Council has agreed to help fund fifty of the one hundred boxes of food to be given away that day, as well as *again* this year we are giving away two boxes of new *Coats for Kids* children's winter coats! This is funded again this year from the Charity Fundraisers we conduct throughout the year. More on this opportunity next week! Contact Chair Colin Peterson for more details at 843-527-3272.

The December Knights Meeting will be as follows: Georgetown Council No. 3067- Thursday December 8th- immediately after Mass at Parish Hall; Georgetown/Pawleys Island Assembly 3272- Christmas Meeting/Social- Sunday December 11th- PBOC Founders Hall: Noon to 6 pm.

First Sunday of Advent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35: 1-10 Lk5: 17-26

Tuesday: Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Mt 17: 9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

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 look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome.

Liturgical Roles

December 10th Saturday 5:00 pm	December 11th Sunday 8:00 am	December 11th Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: C Ramsey	B Pittman	P Lazzari
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke N Geisler P Karre W Hoppe	J Tupacz T Tupacz
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: A Stames	C Humphries	B Renault
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	R Arreaga
Altar Care: P Hughes	C Humphries	L Ortiz

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

Gospel Meditation Second Sunday Advent 2022

For six years I lived with a priest from Iraq. His hospitality was amazing. Every single morning, he would greet me with gracious words and a friendly tone. "Father, good morning! It's good to see you, my friend!" He never stopped doing it, even though we lived in the same house for years. It was remarkable, and I never forgot it.

It's not easy to welcome those we live with, is it? Familiarity, grudges, resentments, fatigue, and distractions gunk up our daily interactions. Saint Paul says in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? With mercy, tenderness, joy, and above all, love ... not because we deserve it, but "for the glory of God."

New year challenge: This morning, how did you greet the first three persons you encountered? If you're like me, it was a bit routine, token, and love-less. I invite you this week to increase the love with which you greet people — especially if you see them every day. Instead of saying, "Hey" try "Good morning, beautiful." Instead of "Hi" try "It's really good to see you, how are you?" and so on. Above all, greet them with love. That's how the Lord welcomes us.

— Father John Mu ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

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