

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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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18, 5:00 PM
† Jesse James Robinette
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Sunday, February 19, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, February 19, 10:00 AM
† James Myers
by the Weiss Family

Sunday, February 19, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, February 20
No Mass

Tuesday, February 21, 8:00 AM
Mary Tuttle
by St. Mary's Altar Society

Ash Wednesday, February 22
12:00 PM
Rudi Schwartz
by Michael Carlton
7:00 PM
Barbara Mahaffey

Thursday, February 23, 8:00 AM
Betty Barr

Friday, February 24, 8:00 AM
† Hal Ness
by Pamela Ness

Saturday, February 25, 5:00 PM
† Zachary J. Morley
by Carl and Robin Neidhardt

Sunday, February 26, 8:00 AM
James Harrelson, III

Sunday, February 26, 10:00 AM
† Kristy Rae Smith
by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, February 26, 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, Matthew Mathis, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, and Paloma Martinez Bermudez.



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.

A Note from Father

The season of Lent in the Catholic Church is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and most of all, giving of ourselves for the needs of others. This 40-day time reminds us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his public ministry.

We begin this journey on Ash Wednesday. We will be distributing ashes at Mass at Noon in English and at 7:00 P.M. in Spanish.

On the Fridays of Lent, we will be having the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 P.M. They will be bilingual. Afterwards we will continue the tradition of having a light meal.

Lent is a time of penance. I will be adding extra times for confessions during Lent. On Wednesdays we have a 5:30 P.M. daily Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8:00 P.M. I will be hearing confessions during Adoration from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. I will also be hearing confessions on the Fridays of Lent from 5:30 P.M. until 6:15 P.M., before Stations of the Cross.

I look forward to journeying with you this season of Lent preparing ourselves for Jesus, the light of the world, and for the glorious celebration of Easter.

May God Bless You. Father Touzeau



The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of John Howard, Sr. by the Howard family.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The new **Annual Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Memorial Pasta Dinner** this weekend will have its first award for our own Sir Knight and Brother John R. Howard, Sr., who just passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2023. There will be the normal Deceased Knight Memorial Award Certificate during the repast for John and his family; and then Frances will be given an opportunity to decide if she would like to make a religious memorial donation in his name. Tickets will be sold and donations will be accepted through this weekend toward the 4th Degree Memorial Fund. Contact Sir Knight Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771.

Food Pantry Weekend returns this weekend at all Masses, with donations of canned and non-perishable food items to be left in the narthex area of St. Mary's Church. The donations will be delivered the following week to meet the ongoing needs at St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands.

Quite a difficult week in St. Mary's Parish, with the loss of 3 parishioners last week and their respective funerals this week: Br. John Howard, Sr., Br. George Hanson's wife, Florence, and long time parishioner and always knight supporter, Mrs. Beverly Turbeville. Hopefully you were able to participate in some fashion in remembering these special children of God, who graced us with their contributions over the past many years. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Thanks to all those who were able to participate in our American Red Cross Blood Drive this week, with all the funeral plans around St. Mary's causing it to be relocated from the parish hall to its new location at the VFW meeting room on Church St. Further updates forthcoming upon completion.

The Knights are assisting Br. Father Touzeau with our parish's Fat Tuesday Celebration on Tuesday, February 21st. The Knights have again agreed to prepare the complete full breakfast as part of this celebration before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Father will again offer this **TOTALLY FREE** celebration in our Parish Hall!

The Joseph Miguel Ros Sr. Council No. 3067 presented in February the following awards: **Knight of the Month**- Brs. Dave Smith and Colin Peterson, who were recognized for not only organizing a very successful Columbus Hope fundraiser in 2022, but their also saving a great deal of cost to the Council for the January 19th Annual Columbus Hope Banquet by totally taking charge of organizing, setting-up and delivery of the very successful banquet. **Family of the Month**- Doug & Amy Wagner, who relocated to Georgetown a little over a year ago. Doug joined the Knights in June 2022. They both immediately became VERY active in volunteering with our council AND the parish, including filling very important needs in the church and the religious education program and other functions in the parish. Thanks Doug and Amy for all you do!

Parish Support

The offertory collection for Feb. 11th and 12th was \$6,511.00 **This includes \$1,313.00 from online giving.** This is \$189.00 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.*

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.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2
Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19

Liturgical Roles

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22		
Noon (English)		7:00 PM (Spanish)
Lector:		
M Roberts	TBD	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
B Mathis	TBD	
Altar Servers:		
C Humphries	Y Angeles I Mezquite Reyes	
Altar Care:		
M Roberts		
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 26
Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Lector:		
J Strenk	B Pittman	P Lazzari
Ushers:		
D Smith	D/T Corvelli	J Tupacz
C Peterson	T Clarke	G Danese
	J Joseph	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike
Altar Servers:		
D Macedo	B McMahan	A Huerta
Altar Care:		
A White	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Lenten Mission 4 Nights of Healing!



The Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church Lenten Mission with Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC and Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani will be held Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2 with talks after the 8:30 AM morning Mass and again each evening after 6:00 PM Mass. All events will be held in the church.

Sr. Briege was born in Ireland. After suffering with rheumatoid arthritis, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed at the age of 24, and later received the gift of healing, for which she is widely known. She has ministered hope and healing to countless people all over the world!

Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani was born in Spain and has ministered in numerous countries, including pro-life and youth work, and retreats in war zones. He has a special mission to help priest renew their priesthood and has joined Sr. Briege in her ministry to priests and at parish missions.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL DIOCESAN VIDEO CONTEST

All are invited to enter the Diocesan video contest "The Gift of the Eucharist" for a chance to win \$500 and to have your video featured on the Diocesan website and social media pages. Themes may include personal encounter, reinvigorating devotion, deepening formation, and missionary sending and there will be categories for both youth and adults. The submission deadline for videos and accompanying forms is April 30th. For a complete list of suggested topics, rules, and submission details please visit www.charlestondiocese.org/revival.

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

The Altar Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Light refreshments will be served. Hostesses this month are Cheryl Ramsey and Amy Wagner. 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)

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of John Howard, Sr. who passed away February 8, 2023.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Beverly Turbeville who also passed away February 8, 2023.

Our deepest sympathies also go out to the family and friends of Florence Hanson who passed away February 9, 2023.



*Please keep their families in your prayers.
May our Lord bless and comfort them during this time of loss.*

May their souls rest in peace.

Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Simply Catholic

Religious Ed

A special thanks to everyone that participated in the planning of, preparing for, and those who attended the Sweetheart dance last week. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to making this an annual event.

This year the Lenten project for the Religious Education students will be fulfilling the act of mercy - "Clothe the naked". They will be giving their alms to Birthright of Georgetown. Starting this week, they will be using juice bottles that they put together (Birthright does not provide baby bottles anymore) to collect their change and will hand them in by Palm Sunday. If anyone would like to participate along with them, there are a couple of bottles at the back of the church for you to take home.

Attention: All High School Seniors! Please contact Cecilia Carlton regarding a scholarship opportunity to win \$1,500.

Adult Bible Study Group will begin on Monday, February 20th at 6:30 pm. The program will be using the text and video - "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Though Christ's Passion". Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact the office.

On Sunday, February 26, nine R.C.I.A. and five R.C.I.C. students will be attending the celebration of the Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston at 2:30 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.