

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

January 1, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31, 5:00 PM
Diane Maslowski
by Robert and Mary Roberts

Sunday, January 1, 8:00 AM
† Kristie T Smith
by Diane Stamm and
Randy Courtney

Sunday, January 1, 10:00 AM
Ted Lempka
by Deacon Mike and Mary Brescia

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

Monday, January 2
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 3, 8:00 AM
Maret Mika
by Barbara Mika

Wednesday, January 4, 5:30 PM
† Mary Cox
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, January 5, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Friday, January 6, 8:00 AM
† Zachary Joseph Morley
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Saturday, January 7 5:00 PM
† Leon Wojciechoski
by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, January 8, 8:00 AM
† Terry Rogers
by Rick Fox and
Tonya Parisi

Sunday, January 8, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 8, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 17th and 18th was \$5315.00
This Includes \$1388.00 from online giving. This is \$1385.00 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00 The offertory collection for December 24th and 25th 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.

St Mary's Altar Society

The red candles in the church windows are new to the Christmas decorations. They are battery operated and can be easily lit and extinguished with a remote device. This makes them a safer addition when fresh greenery is used at Christmastime. The candles were purchased with money donated to the Altar Society No Bake Sale this past February. Thank you to all who generously support this annual fund drive. St Mary's Altar Society wishes all our parishioners and friends of St. Mary's a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



Save A Date
Sweetheart Dinner
Saturday, February 11, 2023



Behold,
I make
all things
new
Revelation 21:5



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

THANK YOU to the many contributors who were able to take their time and resources to help us gather the food and supplies to make up the Knights' 50 Christmas Food Boxes, which made up the total of one hundred that were distributed December 20th out of Friendship Hall on the old St. Cyprian campus. Those who were able to attend witnessed many smiling and thankful faces who clearly were earnestly looking to gather enough food for their family Christmas meal. Special Thanks as well to Grand Knight Bob McMahan and Brother Knights Phil Lazzari, Tom Macedo, Gregory Danese and Colin Peterson- and Brother Freddie Hughie's son Christain- who compiled the boxes that Monday morning for Tuesdays' Program. This entire project was totally A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MOMENT! Merry Christmas to All!!

The Wreaths Across America Program on December 17th at the Veterans Memorial Park located on the grounds of the Georgetown VFW and the American Legion was again incredibly special this year. Georgetown Mayor Carol Jayroe was the special speaker for the morning, the 30th such occasion that the VFW and the Legion have hosted this ceremony. Our Father Philip Grant 4th Degree Assembly 3272 again provided the presentation and the retiring of the colors; and our Grand Knight Bob McMahan wrapped up the program by playing the Bagpipes in a fitting closure to the event! The Veterans Memorial especially honors Georgetown County soldiers from each branch of the service and the POW/MIA's who gave their lives during all our military conflicts.

Made your New Year's Resolution(s) yet? Please remember that our Knights of Columbus groups meet as follows: Jos. Miguel Ros Sr. Council 3067 meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Maryville Social Hall at 2009 S. Fraser St. in Maryville at 6 pm; and the Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 meets the 4th Thursday at Founders Hall, located behind PBOC Catholic Church on Waverly Ave. in Pawleys Island, at 6 pm. Hope to see you there!!

Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1,3c-4, 5-6,
Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20
Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11
Vigil
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a ,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Roles

Jan 7th Saturday 5:00 PM	Jan 8th Sunday 8:00 AM	Jan 8th Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: C Ramsey	B Clark	P Lazzari
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	J Tupacz G Danese
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Petrino	B Pittman	M Walsh
Altar Servers: Barbara Mathis	Greg Baker	Rumalda Arreaga
Altar Care: Cheryl Ramsey	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

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.

Church Office Hours

Closed Monday, January 2, 2023

Ambo (Pulpit) Talk

What is Cursillo ?

The word Cursillo means "Short Course". Cursillo is a short course in what is fundamental for being Christian. It is a four day weekend that starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. There is a series of 15 talks. Simply put, talks start with "God loves me" and ends with "how can I spread God's love in my world"

When the weekend is over you start the next phase of Cursillo called the "the fourth day", which is the rest of your life. You are invited to meet regularly (in Ultreyas and Group Reunion) who share their life as Christians. We hold a monthly Ultrey at St. Michaels or at Precious Blood in Pawleys Island on the first Monday of the month at 6:30.

Stay tuned for information on up coming weekends. Anyone interested in attending one of these weekends or learning more about Cursillo is encouraged to call 860-729-4749 for more information.

They will visit us on January 14 and 15 after each Mass.

Gospel Meditation

January 1, 2023

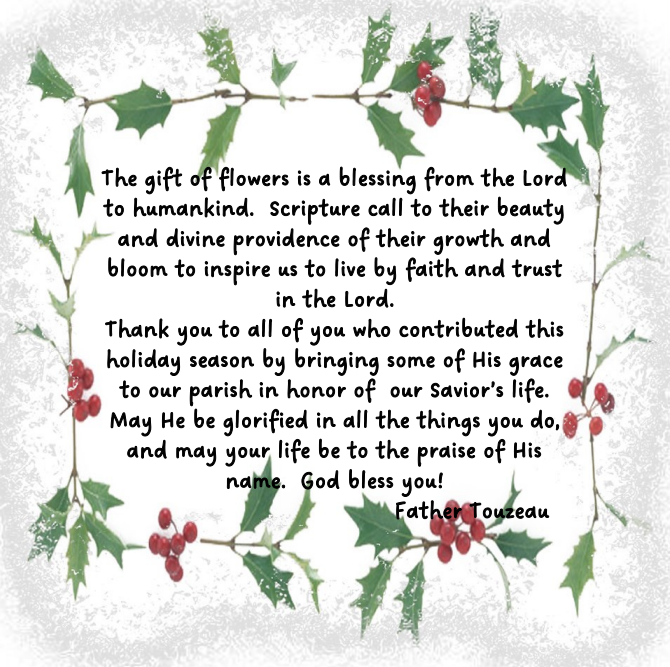
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir



The gift of flowers is a blessing from the Lord to humankind. Scripture call to their beauty and divine providence of their growth and bloom to inspire us to live by faith and trust in the Lord.

Thank you to all of you who contributed this holiday season by bringing some of His grace to our parish in honor of our Savior's life.

May He be glorified in all the things you do, and may your life be to the praise of His name. God bless you!

Father Touzeau