

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

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



**Pastoral Council:**  
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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:**  
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Choir Practice: Friday 5:30 PM

**Altar Society:**  
Ann Boone, Co-Chair  
Mary Roberts, Co-Chair  
Meets monthly September - May

**Lazarus Committee:**  
Christine Walker  
Bereavement Assistance

**Knights of Columbus:**  
Bob McMahan

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Friday**  
**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
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## SACRAMENTS

<b>Mass:</b>	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	
<b>Confession:</b>	Friday	8:00 AM	
	Saturday	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	
	or by appointment	Sunday	12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
<b>Religious Education:</b>	11:30 AM -12:45 PM Sunday, Grades 1-12 September-May		

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 23, 5:00 PM  
 † Rosemary Darrow  
 by Renee and Bob Flowers

Sunday, April 24, 8:00 AM  
 † Father James O'Brien  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 AM  
 † Joseph T. Isaac, Sr.  
 by the Joe Isaac Family

Sunday, April 24, 1:00 PM  
 People of the Parish

Monday, April 25  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, April 26, 8:00 AM  
 † Thomas and † Maureen Delahunt  
 by Agnes and Ralph Edwards

Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 PM  
 † Margaret Peterson  
 by Frances and William Peterson

Thursday, April 28, 8:00 AM  
 † Angel Khoury  
 by the Ted Solomon Family and TJ,  
 Diane, Sharii, and Jodi

Friday, April 29, 8:00 AM  
 Adrianna Sanchez Aca  
 by Maria Aca

Saturday, April 30, 5:00 PM  
 † Hal Ness  
 by Alina and Augie Vega

Sunday, May 1, 8:00 AM  
 † Zada Lasco  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM  
 † Maureen Delahunt  
 by Joe Kinlock

Sunday, May 1, 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:**

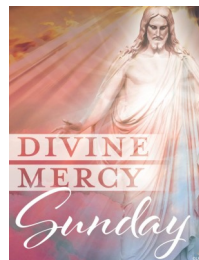
Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby and John Yaniga.

**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 and Matthew Mathis.

The names on our prayer lists will be printed for three months or less if the prayers are answered. Names on our military list will remain until we are notified by a family member. Please help keep our lists current.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. ~ Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come." ©LPI

**Thank You!**

St. Mary's Altar Society says thank you to all who responded so generously to the annual "No Bake Sale." These funds are used to supply needs for the altar: altar bread and wine, candle oil, replacement sanctuary and votive candles, the purchase of vestments and altar linens, replating and repair of sacred vessels. The beautiful Paschal candle renewed each Easter and the matching bees wax candles on the altar this year were purchased with your donations. These are just a few examples the funds are used for. Thank you to the members and friends of St. Mary's for your continued support.



**The Knights Corner**

**"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

Thank you to all those who were able to donate food to our Food Pantry Program last weekend! Those donations were delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Our next Food Pantry Drive for canned and dry food items will be the third weekend of May, May 21 - 22, 2022.

Our Council is joining over 60 other Knights of Columbus councils in South Carolina this weekend at the 101st South Carolina State Convention at Landmark Resorts in Myrtle Beach. Featured as well will be South Carolina's 86th 4th Degree Exemplification Saturday morning, of which one new sir knight will be joining our local Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272! Our local Joseph Miguel Ros Sr. Council 3067 will be recognized Sunday at the Convention Awards Banquet as a Platinum Award Winner in the Columbus Hope Foundation fundraising for 2021. We raised \$12,149 (377% of the target for our size council in the State)!!! The Council can be VERY PROUD of this recognition as being simply "the Best of the Best"! Our first drive for 2022 will kick off next weekend, April 29 - 30, 2022. Please contact chair Colin Peterson (843-344-9771) to take one of the volunteer two hour positions at Walmart of Georgetown. Our goal for 2022 will again be \$12,000 with the funds all going again to the Special Olympics - Area 9, The J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and Georgetown County Board of Disability and Special Needs.

The McClellanville Shrimp Festival has just been announced to return on the first Saturday of May, May 7, 2022! The Parking for this Festival had been our biggest single 1-Day fundraiser until the COVID cancellations over the past 2 years, so we are anxiously planning to resume this major 1-day project! Please immediately contact project co-chair Colin Peterson (843-344-9771) to join other fellow knights who are essential to work on this project, which is VERY IMPORTANT to the Festival itself AND our council's charitable plans for 2022. NOW IS THE TIME- WE NEED YOU!

The 4th Degree Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 meets the 4th Thursday of each month; and therefore the next meeting is next Thursday April 28th at Founders Hall, located behind PBOC Catholic Church in Pawleys Island. The business meeting starts at 6 pm, followed by dinner around 7 pm.

Your insurance and investment needs can be addressed by your Knight of Columbus Field Agent: Shane Goheen at (843) 457-5757.

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for April 9th and 10th was \$7,474.00. **This includes \$1,091.00 from online giving.** This is \$774.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

The offertory collection for April 16th and 17th was \$9,213.00. **This includes \$1,655.00 from online giving.** This is \$2,513.00 over our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

**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.*

## Sunday of Divine Mercy



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

## 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. 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

April 30th Saturday 5:00 PM	May 1st Sunday 8:00 AM	May 1st Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> M Roberts	R Humphries	B Renault
<b>Ushers:</b> S Salamon P Wolfe	P Karre T Clarke N Geisler W Hoppe	S/M Edwards
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> A/A Vega	B Pittman C Humphries	S Kaminski
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	C Humphries	D Martinez
<b>Altar Care:</b> L Goldbach	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 2 PM in our parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information call Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).

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## Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice. ~ When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working." ~ I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world. ~ But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection. ~ "Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say. ~ Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## Gospel Meditation - Divine Mercy Sunday

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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