

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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Deacon

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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 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Brianna Carlton
by Cecilia Carlton

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

Monday, January 9
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 10, 8:00 AM
John and Christine Badgett
by David and Anneva White

Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 PM
People of the Parish

Thursday, January 12, 8:00 AM
Joshua Carlton
By Cecilia Carlton

Friday, January 13, 8:00 AM
People Of the Parish

Saturday, January 14 5:00 PM
† Lawrence Fick
by Joyce Fick and Kelly, Kaylee,
Kenzie De Marchi

Sunday, January 15, 8:00 AM
† Richard Rogers
by Rick Fox and
Tonya Parisi

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 AM
Thomas Robinette
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Sunday, January 15, 1:00 PM

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 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.



Tickets for the Pileau Dinner on January 15th will be on sale after the Masses this weekend. The meal will include Pileau, String Beans, Coleslaw, roll, dessert and a drink for \$10. The meals will be available for pick up between 10:30am and 1pm in the parish hall. All proceeds will go to WYD



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.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

WELCOME to the new and exciting 2023! Local **Jos. M. Ros Council 3067 of the Knights of Columbus** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 6 pm at the Maryville Social Hall- i.e. next on *January 12, 2023*- and the **Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272** meets on the 4th Thursday of each month starting at 6 pm- i.e. next on Thursday *January 26, 2023* at Founders Hall, located behind PBOC Catholic Church on Waverly Avenue in Pawleys Island. The Council Meeting starts with a social dinner at 6 pm, followed by a business meeting around 6:45 pm; and the Assembly Meeting starts with a business meeting at 6 pm, followed by a social dinner at around 6:45-7 pm. For more information, please contact our Grand Knight and Sir Knight Bob McMahan at (843) 729-6463.

We begin our year with the annual **South Carolina March for Life Rally** in Columbia, SC **THIS SATURDAY January 7, 2023**, starting at 10 am at the Russell House, located on the campus of USC. From there the supporters, led by our own SC Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guards, march the few blocks down to the SC State Capitol Building, where the South Carolina Citizens For Life Organization sponsors a Pro-Life Rally on the steps of the Capitol Building. Guest speakers- often including our Bishop from the Diocese of Charleston whose organization continues to be one of the largest financial supporters of this annual statewide Pro-Life Rally- and state and national legislators and other dignitaries each make short presentations in support of this exceptional cause- **The Sanctity of Life!** Any questions, please contact our Council Life Director Br. Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771.

The 50th Annual National March for Life will again be in Washington, DC on Friday January 20th. Those interested in joining for a bus ride with others to this incredibly special pro-life event, can contact St. Michael's Catholic Church Parish in Garden City at 843-651-3737.

The Georgetown K of C Council 3067 finished 2022 with special financial Christmas Gifts for each of the 2 Dioecian Seminarians we support- Daniel Perry from Spartanburg (St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA) and Noah Yankovich from Myrtle Beach (St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boyton Beach, FL). We also joined our fellow parishioners with donations to the Annual Christmas Tree Fund and we made a special recognition to fellow Brother and Father, Rev. James Touzeau.

The Epiphany Of The Lord



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab 5-9 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8
Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Liturgical Roles

Jan 14th Saturday 5:00 PM	Jan 15th Sunday 8:00 AM	Jan 15th Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: Mary Roberts	B Pittman	B Renault
Ushers: C Peterson D Smith	T Corvelli D Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	T Macmanus E Kimbrough H Moore B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Starnes	B Clark	T Howard
Altar Servers: D Macedo	B McMahan	R Arreaga
Altar Care D Macedo	M Roberts	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Pray For God's Direction

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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.

St Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society will hold their January business meeting following the 8:00 am Mass, Tuesday, January 17th at 9:30. Light refreshments will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome to become active members.

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 Ultreys 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

The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir