

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 22, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 PM
† Zachary Morley
Jeffery and Barbara Morley
by Carl and Robin Neidhardt

Sunday, January 22, 8:00 AM
† Jonathan Moore
by Wade and Terry Marsh

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 AM
† Gregory Mika
by Barbara Mika

Sunday, January 22, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 23
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 24, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 PM
People of the Parish

Thursday, January 26, 8:00 AM
Gary Robinette and Family
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Friday, January 27, 8:00 AM
People Of the Parish

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 PM
Paul and Mary Jo Karre
by Stuart and Julie Snyder

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 AM
Alfred DeRiggs
by Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, January 29, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for Jan. 14th and 15th was \$6258.00 **This includes \$ 1298.00 from online giving.** This is \$442.00 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.



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'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.

SWEETHEART DINNER

Saturday, February 11 at 6PM

St Mary Our Lady of Ransom

Enjoy a 3 Course dinner,

Live entertainment,

dancing and a good time

65.00/couple

35.00 /Individual

Tickets on sale starting 1/21/23



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"



Knight Awards- January 2023: Family of the Month- Randy J. Courtney and Diane Stamm. While Randy first joined the Knights back in 1993 in Ohio, he, and Diane- with her eventually joining him in retirement- just relocated about this time a year ago to their home and property that they had purchased years earlier in the Red Hill section of the far western portion of Georgetown County. Randy soon thereafter joined our local Council 3067. Randy and Diane over the recent months have "discovered" the St. Cyprian Outreach Center; and as Randy says, it appears "they have found their ministry"! They were the first direct financial contributors to our Council's St. Cyprian Christmas Food Box Project this year and each readily volunteered for key roles in the distribution on December 20th; and they have since made themselves available to assist in some of Centers' upcoming community educational outreach training programs. Thank You Randy and Diane! **Knight of the Month-** Thomas M. Macedo. Tom joined Georgetown Council 3067 on January 27, 2016, shortly after retiring and relocating with wife Diane to their current home in the Wedgefield Community of Georgetown. Tom has been active from the onset, serving most recently as our very capable Council Recorder; always actively volunteering on most council projects; as well as an active member of our St. Mary's Choir- of which he did yeoman's duty through the recent holidays. Tom was one of the first to volunteer to join the team for the St. Cyprian Outreach Christmas Food Box Program, whereby we loaded our assigned fifty boxes; and then assisted in the distribution of all one hundred boxes the next day! Thank You Tom for your active involvement in our council AND St. Mary's Catholic Community!

FOOD PANTRY 2023 kicks off **THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 21-22, 2023!** This important Community Food Drive will continue throughout the year on the **3rd Weekend of each month**, with our food donation boxes located at the weekend Masses in the narthex of St. Mary's Church. All canned and dry food items will be delivered the following week to St. Cyprian Outreach Center and Georgetown Helping Hands. Please call project chair Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771, should you need any assistance in transporting your donation to St. Mary's.

Thank You for those who volunteered for the VERY SUCCESSFUL Columbus Hope Foundation Drive for 2022, raising \$14,028; of which locally we presented on January 19th checks of \$3,792 each to Special Olympics, The J.O.Y. School and Georgetown Disabilities and Special Needs! Our first Drive for 2023 will be on Friday and Saturday April 7-8, 2023, again at Walmart!

Great to see Council Brother Bill Kennedy in Church last Sunday! His son Billy and his granddaughter brought him back for the weekend, as Bill continues to recoup his health with his son and family in Charlotte.

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23-30
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11 Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8, 10 Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-

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

Altar Society will meet the third Tuesday of the month, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served during the meeting. 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)

Liturgical Roles

Jan 28 Saturday 5:00 PM	Jan 29 Sunday 8:00 AM	Jan 29 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: L Lauro	J Dumm	T Howard
Ushers: C Peterson D Smith	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	T Macmanus B Yacavino E Kimbrough H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike
Altar Servers: D Macedo	G Baker	A Brown
Altar Care C Ramsey	P Hughes	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

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



Religious Education

Religious Ed would like to thank Robbie Humphries for organizing, cooking and setting up for the pileau dinner fundraiser. Also like to thank everyone that was involved including all those that have purchased a meal. It was a success!

Cecilia Carlton will be out of the office from Wednesday, January 25th until January 28th

Save A Date

Pancake Breakfast Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:00 pm-7:30pm

Stations of the Cross will start on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm. There will be a meal served each Friday afterwards. If your group or organization would like to provide a meal, please contact the church office.

Feb. 24th Altar Society Mar. 17th Office Staff
 Mar. 3rd Mar. 24th
 Mar. 10th Mar. 31st Knights of Columbus (Fish Fry)

There will also be signup sheets at the church for volunteers.

Gospel Meditation

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.—

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