

# 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

**Rev. Mr. Mike Brescia**  
Deacon

**Teresa Robinette**  
Parish Secretary

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Hispanic Ministries Coordinator

**Cecilia Carlton**  
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**Website:** [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org)

## 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

**Religious Education:** 11:30 AM -12:45 PM Sunday, Grades 1-12  
September-May

December 11, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10, 5:00  
Julia and Stewart Darling  
and Family  
by Julie and Stuart Snyder

Sunday, December 11, 8:00 AM  
† Rosa Bassett  
by Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, December 11, 10:00  
† Ciara Jekel  
by The Parisi Family

Sunday, December 11, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, December 12,  
Noon English  
† Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brescia  
by Deacon Mike and Mary Brescia  
Monday, December 12,  
7:00 PM Spanish  
People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 13, 8:00AM  
† Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ross  
by Deacon Mike and Mary Brescia

Wednesday, December 14, 5:30  
† Marguerite Schneider  
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, December 15, 8:00  
† Gary Lasko  
by Bob and Mary Roberts

Friday, December 16, 8:00 AM  
† Matthew Chase Skinner  
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette  
† Janice Zubrzycki  
by The Brown Family

Saturday, December 17, 5:00 PM  
† Rosemary Darrow  
by Ann Huffaker, Mark Miller, Bob  
and Sue Miller

Sunday, December 18, 8:00 AM  
† Gloria Jane Wagner  
by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 18, 10:00  
† Maureen and Tom Delahunty  
by Elieen Bob Walsh

Sunday, December 18, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

### Parish Support

The offertory collection for December 3rd and 4th was \$7196.00  
**This includes \$1904.00 from online giving.** This is \$496.00 over our weekly goal of \$6700.00

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](http://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 and London Gomez



**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.



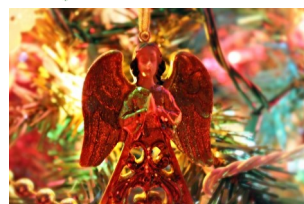
### St. Mary's Rosary Group

St. Mary Rosary group will meet each Tuesday. We will meet at 1:15PM to pray together. All are invited and welcome to attend.



### Hanging of the Greens

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas. On Sunday December 11th and December 17th, after the 1:00 pm Mass, we will gather to prepare the church.



**With Advent upon us, we focus on the spirit of giving through our annual Angel Tree.**

Please select a numbered envelope from the tree and legibly print your name and telephone number at the corresponding number in the Angel Book. Envelopes may be returned in Mass collections or to the office by December 23rd. Request for assistance should be submitted to the office for confidential consideration of direct payment to providers. Thank you For your continued support and participation.

### Religious Education

On Friday, December 16th, the Religious Ed. students will be fulfilling the Act of Mercy - *Give drink to the thirsty* by handing out cups of water to runners that are participating in the Harborwalk Lights marathon.

On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the students will be caroling at 'The Landings of Georgetown' fulfilling the Act of Mercy - *Visit the sick* which will also be the last day of classes before the holidays. The last day for RCIC and RCIA will be Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



### The Knights Corner

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

Our Food Pantry focus for next weekend, *December 17-18, 2022*, will be on the upcoming **St. Cyprian Christmas Food Box Program!** Our Knights of Columbus Georgetown Council No. 3067 has committed to support fifty of the one hundred food boxes that will be distributed to registered families who already make up clients that have qualified for their Outreach Program, operated on West Front St. under the sisters of Charity of the Diocese of Charleston. Whatever portion of this you would like to support by donating those items or making a financial contribution to our Knights mailbox or leaving in a sealed labeled envelope in our Food Pantry boxes in the Narthex of St. Mary's Church that weekend- whereby we will purchase these items- we will be compiling those 50 Christmas Boxes for distribution the next week along with the St. Cyprian Outreach personnel out of the St. Cyprian Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact project chair Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771.

Our Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 will be holding their Annual December Social/Meeting on this Sunday December 11th from 12 to 6 pm at the usual meeting place- Founders Hall/Father Pat's Kitchen- located behind PBOC Catholic Church in Pawleys Island! All 4th Degree Sir Knight members/widows and their guest are invited.

Everyone invited and encouraged to attend the *Wreathes Across America Program* at 10 A.M. Saturday December 17, 2022, at the wonderful Georgetown County Veterans Memorial, located between the VFW and the American Legion at the corner of Church St. (Hwy 17) and Broad St. in Georgetown. Our 4th Degree Honor Guard will open the session by presenting the Colors; and then retire the Colors after the WAA Wreathes are placed at each flagpole for each branch of our Armed Services and the POW/MIA flagpole. LET'S REMEMBER OUR VETERANS!

Our Assembly 3272 represented the Knights well by successfully navigating the *Santa Maria* boat last Saturday through the 2022 Georgetown Christmas Parade, *"TOYS, TRAINS AND CANDY CANES"*! Rumor had it that even Rudolph joined us onboard as well!!



# Third Sunday of Advent



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 35: 1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10  
 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11  
**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18,21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a Jn 5:33-36  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17  
**Next Sunday** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7  
 MT 1:18-24

## 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.

## Liturgical Roles

<b>Dec 17th Saturday 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sept 18th Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sept 18th Sunday 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector:</b> L Lauro	L Altman	D Wagner
<b>Ushers:</b> C Peterson D Smith	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	T Macmanus B Yacavino E Kimbrough
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> A Vega	B McMahan	M Walsh
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	G Baker	A Huerta
<b>Altar Care:</b> D Macedo	M Roberts	L Ortiz

**If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.**

## Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.  
 You can't pour from an empty cup.  
 All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible. The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth. If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## St. Mary's Altar Society

St Mary's Altar Society members are reminded to bring a covered dish to the Christmas luncheon in the Parish hall on Tuesday, December 13th at 12:00 Noon. A cookie exchange is also planned, Bring a sampling of your favorite Christmas cookies to be shared and a container to take some home. Please RSVP to Cheryl Ramsey (585-301-3373)

## Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese. If you have any interactions with children or vulnerable adults which include any person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical or developmental disability or dysfunction, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.

## Gospel Meditation

Third Sunday Advent 2022

For about a month I was consistently feeling annoyed by the people around me. A friend challenged me to simply notice my internal judgments against others throughout the day. Quickly I "heard" my internal voice saying things like: "He's so lazy." "She's weak and self-centered." "He's arrogant." "They are so stupid." And so on. To have those thoughts was one thing. But I was choosing them and quietly agreeing with them. They perhaps protected my fragile ego, but it fueled my frustration. My friend invited me to commit to refuse to agree with those judgments, and I felt much more at peace.

The Bible says, "Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged." (James 5:9). That word — "grumble" — beautifully describes what I was doing: quietly judging the inner character of people in my life. Of course, we judge actions and ideas all the time. So we must. But the grumble-judgment is about persons. It is never loving and always isolates and attacks. Happily, we don't have to waste that precious spiritual energy because Jesus alone is the judge of each person.

New year challenge: This week, I challenge you to do what my friend asked me to do: notice your internal judgments about those around you (perhaps also those on tv, social media, etc.), and then to refuse to agree with the judgments. Ask Jesus to help you resist those unloving judgments. It's not easy, but you'll be amazed at the peace that comes when Jesus liberates you from grumble Judgment Fixing the Scales

