St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom

Catholic Church

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

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Ann Boone, Co-Chair
Mary Roberts, Co-Chair
Meets monthly September - May

Lazarus Committee:
Christine Walker
Bereavement Assistance

Knights of Columbus:
Bob McMahan

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Monday – Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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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
	Friday	8:00 AM
Confession:	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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 13, 2021 5:00 PM
† Daniel Vega
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, November 14, 2021 8:00 AM
Fr. Richard C. Wilson for his birthday
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:00 AM
† Elmore J. Parks
by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Sunday, November 14, 2021 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, November 15, 2021
No Mass

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:00 AM
† Margaret Naranjo
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:30 PM
† Donald Router
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:00 AM
Fr. Touzeau
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Friday, November 19, 2021 8:00 AM
† Thomas G. Moore
by Ben Alexander

Saturday, November 20, 2021 5:00 PM
† Daniel Vega
by Alina Vega

Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:00 AM
Fr. Ron Farrell for his birthday
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, November 21, 2021 10:00 AM
† Ray Boelke
by Mary Boelke

Sunday, November 21, 2021 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for November 6th and 7th was $6,233.00. **This includes $1,861.00 from online giving.** This is $833.00 over our weekly goal of $5,400.00.

Sign Up For Online Giving

To access online giving visit our parish website www.stmaryourladyofransom.org then select "Parish Life," and then select "Online Giving".

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.

Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:
Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Angel Khoury, 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 and John Kenny.

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.**

RENEW THE SPIRIT AND REFRESH THE MIND

Enjoy time out for a personal retreat at Springbank Retreat in nearby Kingstree, SC. Private rooms ensuite as well as spiritual direction are available. Set on 80 acres of quiet beauty with rich cultural history, Springbank offers retreats, day and weekend programs and small group meeting space. For information, visit www.Springbankretreat.org or call Sr. Anita Brazanza at #843-372-6311

A donation was made to
St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom
in memory of
Elwood J. (Jerry) Parks
by CJ Brockington, III.

The Knights Corner
"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

Thank you to all those who were able to take advantage of the 4th Degree Assembly 3272 Veterans Fundraiser Project of Advent and Christmas wreaths and decorations the past several weeks. Live Christmas wreaths and decorations from the pacific northwest can still be ordered, but now ONLY DIRECT with the manufacturer ONLINE to be delivered direct to your house. Orders can be placed on the assembly website: kofc3272.org. A limited amount of ADVENT wreaths and calendars remain and please call Colin Peterson (843-344-9771) if you would like to purchase one.

The 36th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED fundraising and planning is in full swing! Donations are still needed and can be left in our mailbox at St. Mary's office. Please make checks payable to "K of C Council 3067". We still need volunteers AT 2 PM the TUESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING (November 23rd), to pick the meat from the 40 turkeys we will serve this year; and then 7 AM on THANKSGIVING DAY to finish the preparation and serving of the 400 or so meals we will serve from St. Mary's Hall by noon! If you would like to assist in this effort, please contact Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771.

The November Food Pantry Drive is NEXT WEEKEND, Saturday and Sunday, November 20th - 21st. Canned and dry good donations can be left in our boxes in the narthex of St. Mary's Church; and will be delivered the following Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. We will further be donating additional food items to St. Cyprian the second week of December for this year's special Christmas Food Box Program; and we will again be donating as well two boxes of new winter coats for children! Thank you to all those who are able to help out with these very special programs that mean so much for the many in need in our community!

Due to a date conflict with Thanksgiving this November, the Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant 4th Degree Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus will be meeting this next Wednesday, November 17th at Founders Hall at PBOC Parish in Pawleys Island. The meeting will start at 6 PM followed by a social dinner. The Assembly's Honor Guard and parade flotilla Santa Maria were in this past Veteran's Day Parade in Georgetown; and plans are for the same at Georgetown's Christmas Parade starting at 11 AM on Saturday, December 4th! If any Knight would like to join the 4th Degree Assembly 3272 which focuses on Patriotism, please contact Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent Shane Goheen remains available as needed for your insurance and investment needs at (843) 457-5757.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11-12 Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Liturgical Roles

November 20 **Saturday** **5:00 pm**	**November 21** **Sunday** **8:00 am**	**November 21** **Sunday** **10:00 am**
Lector:		
M Roberts	J Dumm	C Howard
Ushers:		
P Wolfe	B Roberts	J Tupacz
S Salamon	C Bryant	T Tupacz
	T Clarke	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike	N/B McMahan	B Renault
A Starnes		
A Petrino		
Altar Servers:		
D Macedo	M Ortiz	A Huerta
Altar Care:		
M Roberts	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

Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Parish Events

Mass Intentions for 2021 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021 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

St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 2 PM in our parish hall. Our next meeting is November 16th. 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).

Religious Education

On November 21st we will have a children Mass at 10 AM.

The office will be closed on Sundays from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM to avoid having unauthorized people in the building during religious education classes. If you need assistance with religious education, Mrs. Cecilia Carton will be happy to assist you after 1:00 PM. Thank you for you cooperation with this matter in order to keep the children of St. Mary's Church in a safe environment.

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Gospel Meditation

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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