

# St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

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Ann Boone, Co-Chair  
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Meets monthly September - May

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**Monday – Thursday**  
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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, January 15, 5:00 PM  
 † Daniel Vega  
 by Alina Vega

Sunday, January 16, 8:00 AM  
 † Massimo Spezzaferro  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, January 16, 10:00 AM  
 † Lawrence Fick  
 by Joyce Fick and Kelly, Kaylee, and  
 Kenzie DeMarchi

Sunday, January 16, 1:00 AM  
 People of the Parish

Monday, January 17  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, January 18, 8:00 AM  
**No Mass**

Wednesday, January 19, 5:30 PM  
**No Mass**

Thursday, January 20, 8:00 AM  
**No Mass**

Friday, January 21, 8:00 AM  
**No Mass**

Saturday, January 22, 5:00 PM  
 † Elaine Cross  
 by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Sunday, January 23, 8:00 AM  
 The living and deceased members  
 of the Paliotti Family  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, January 23, 10:00 AM  
 People of the Parish

Sunday, January 23, 1:00 AM  
 † Maria Eugenia Pucheta Antele  
 by Maria Pucheta

**No Mass or Adoration this Week**

**Daily Mass will not be held Monday, January 17 through Friday, January 21. Eucharistic Adoration will not be held on Wednesday, January 19. Father Touzeau will be away at a priest retreat.**

**Parish Support**

Due to an increase in our budget this fiscal year, we need to raise our weekly goal to \$6,700. The offertory collection for January 8th and 9th was \$5,496.00. **This includes \$1,153.00 from online giving.** This is 1,204.00 under 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.*



**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.**



Donations were made to St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in memory of Maureen Delahunt by Shirley Cauthen and in memory of Elaine Cross by Leslie Throckmorton and Linda and Jim Lauro.



Congratulations to Paula Hernandez-Reyes and Samuel Rosetti-Pulido who were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, January 15th.

Hispanic food sales will be on Sunday, January 16th after the 10 AM and 1 PM Masses.



**The Knights Corner**

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

Your Council and Assembly was represented at the very successful Proudly Pro-Life Weekend in Columbia Saturday, January 8, 2022. Further Father Richard Wilson (now at North Augusta) came over during the march to the rally on the State House steps to say "Hello" and to wish all our parish a very Happy and Blessed New Year! While the guest speaker Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch had to give her remarks via a specially prepared video, the usual excellent program of speakers were introduced by our South Carolina Attorney General Allen Wilson; and the large attendance again this year, despite a crisp/cool but sunshiny morning, clearly demonstrated that the entire state of South Carolina continues to strongly support the ongoing work of the South Carolina Citizens for Life!

The National March For Life in Washington D.C. is scheduled for FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022. If you are interested in bus transportation, please contact our Life Director Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 1 to 6:00 PM. You can now go online to register with the Red Cross to donate blood or contact project chair Jim Lauro (610)513-2869 to donate and/or to volunteer as a knight to help in this important project. Hope to see you there, in both capacities if possible, as the need for donated blood remains quite high in South Carolina!

The Annual State Charity Fundraiser continues on toward the wrap-up at the South Carolina State Convention, this year in April in Myrtle Beach. Please turn in your tickets and donations to project chair Brian Clark (843)240-1441 in our mailbox at St. Mary's, or mail them to him in the return envelope he provided in his mailing.

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND continues on the 3RD WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH in 2022, with boxes located THIS WEEKEND in the narthex area of St. Mary's Church. All can and dry good items continue to be needed by the two delivery points we donate each month: St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Please mark your calendars as our Parish donations continue to help make a difference each month for several families in our community!

The Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 meets the 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at Founders Hall at PBOC in Pawleys Island. The next meeting is Thursday, January 27th starting at 6 PM. Contact Brother Knight Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771 for more information. If you would like to join the 4th Degree, the next Exemplification remains scheduled for the Knights of Columbus State Convention in April 2022 in Myrtle Beach. And registration has already started!

For more information and/or assistance on Life Insurance and Investments, please contact our K of C Insurance Agent Shane Goheen at (843) 457-5757.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23  
 Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
 Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7  
 Mk 3:20-21  
**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15  
 1 Cor 12:12-30

## 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.



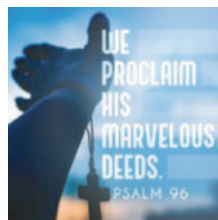
**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

### 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. 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).

## Liturgical Roles

January 22th Saturday 5:00 pm	January 23rd Sunday 8:00 am	January 23rd Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Lector:</b> M Roberts	R Humphries	T Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> C Peterson D Smith	B Roberts C Bryant T Clarke	H Moore E Kimbrough B Yacavino T Macmanus
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> A/A Vega	J/P Duncan	T Howard
<b>Altar Servers:</b> B Mathis	B McMahan	M Ortiz
<b>Altar Care:</b> M Roberts	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		



### Religious Education

A sincere thank you to the high school and confirmation classes for adopting younger students for Christmas (Secret Santas). There were a lot of happy faces both receiving and giving gifts.

In fulfilling the 'Give Drink to the Thirsty' Act of Mercy, the high school class will be serving hot chocolate to the parishioners after the Masses on Sunday, January 23rd. Please stop by and enjoy a cup or just say hello.

### Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

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