

Back in 312, Constantine was involved in a civil war with Maxentius to become undisputed Roman Emperor. While marching toward Rome, he and his soldiers saw a sign in the sky — a cross with a crown around the lower portion. This is not where I would crown a cross, but that’s what they saw! Also, they saw the Latin words “In hoc signo vinces”, “In this sign you will conquer. Each soldier painted a cross on his shield, and Maxentius was defeated! Those are the facts!

In 326, Constantine’s mother Helena travelled to Jerusalem, and there she found the Holy Cross on which Jesus was crucified. Look up when you enter Holy Cross in Pickens, and you will see a stained glass window of the cross seen by Constantine and his soldiers, with the words now printed below.



Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

- Sun., 10 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM Blood Drive
- KOC Pancake Breakfast
- Sr. High Youth Mtg.
- Jr. High Youth Mtg.
- Tue., 12 7:00 PM RCIA
- Wed., 13 6:00 PM Confession
- 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (grades 1-6)
- Adult Bible Study
- Thu., 14 12:15 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM CWO Mtg.
- Sat., 16 8:30 AM Master’s Garden Club Mtg.
- 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross
- 7:00 PM Mass
- Sun., 17 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.

Readings for the Week

- Sun Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Mon Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tue Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, and 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wed Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thu Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Fri Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Sat Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 1415, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sun Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners: B. Ahearn, G. Amorosia, Mr. & Mrs. A. Bazza, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, K. Tallyen, M. Tobon, A. Young

Friends and Relatives: D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, B. Authement, Bolt Family, George Cohen, Jr., D. DeLise, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, L. G. Marcengill, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O’Quinn, L. O’Quinn, L. Paradis, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, C. Robinson, M. Sanchez, T. Shayne, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current & former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

Mass Intentions

- Thu., 14 12:15 PM Betty Brzezinski †
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- Sat., 9 7:00 PM For the People
- Sun., 10 9:00 AM Priest Intention



Happy birthday to everyone celebrating birthdays this week! May God bless you on your special day!

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Youth Group Yard Sale: The youth going to Heart Camp this summer are holding a yard sale on May 14 in Pickens to help defray the cost of the trip. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to Annunciation Hall after any Sunday Mass in April or on Wednesday evenings in April.

Azalea Festival 2016: St Luke's and Holy Cross Catholic Church women's groups are hosting a booth at the Pickens Azalea Festival on Saturday, April 16. We are in need of volunteers to make baked goods to sell and perhaps to man the booth. If you can help in any way, please call Pam Buckley, 864-561-9906. Please contact Nancy Mawhinney at 859-3799 if you have baked goods to donate.

The Master's Garden: If you plan to attend the *Garden Stepping Stones Workshop* on Saturday, April 16, please complete a registration form early and leave it at the office with the fee (\$16). Class size is limited, **last day to register is April 10**. Forms are located on top of mailboxes by staff offices.

Attention: We are recycling old Palms. If you have palms from prior years or any time after Palm Sunday this year, you can place them in the basket in the entrance to the church. These will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday next year.

Anointing of the Sick: Mass with the anointing of the sick is celebrated the third Friday of each month during the 12:15 PM Mass at Holy Cross.

Lighthouse Media CDs: *The Eucharist: Our Very Life* As a medical doctor and licensed psychotherapist, Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald knows very well the deep hunger and inner needs of the human heart. He explains how the Holy Eucharist becomes the core and center of our lives since only Jesus can fill what is lacking within the human spirit that is bruised and broken. Discover the immensity of God's love revealed by His Real Presence. All CDs are only \$3.00 which benefits our Catholic Outreach ministry.

Stewardship Report

April 2-3, 2016

Weekly\$4,242.56
 YTD Collection.....\$176,726.49
 Surplus/ (Deficit)..... (\$27.51)

Growth & Development Report

April 2-3, 2016

Weekly\$1,321.18
 YTD Collection\$15,217.74
 Surplus/ (Deficit).....\$167.06

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

April 16-17, 2016

7:00 PM Lector: G. Bida
 Servers:M. Kline
 K. Kline
 A. Bissonnette
 Greeters:D. Jacob
 G. Miller

9:00 AM Lector: Youth
 Servers: Youth
 Greeters: Youth

Holy Cross Catholic Church
 558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC
 Mass Schedule*

Saturday.....5:00 PM
 Sunday.....11:15 AM
 Monday.....8:15 AM
 Wednesday.....12:15 PM
 Friday.....12:15 PM

**Check the website to confirm.*

Capital Campaign Report April 4, 2016

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| Cost to Date | \$1,174,692 | From Growth/Dev | \$550,000 |
| Balance Due | \$69,334 | Donations & Int. | \$449,953 |
| <u>Loan Interest (5 yr)</u> | <u>\$29,645</u> | <u>Pledges Expected</u> | <u>\$101,870</u> |
| Total Cost | \$1,273,671 | Total Funding | \$1,101,823 |
| | Funds Needed | | \$171,848 |