



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

First Sunday of Advent - ☩ December 3, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Two years ago we introduced Flocknotes to the parish. During Lent of that year, many parishioners read through all of the four Gospels beginning Ash Wednesday and finishing on Good Friday. Each day, I provided some comments meant to provoke thought. Participants really enjoyed the discussions.

I'm starting a different group for this Advent & Christmas based on the readings for Mass each day. Each day's Flocknote will include two links for the readings for the day — one to read, and another to hear a podcast. I will be including notes about the readings for the day, and I trust that many parishioners will join in the discussions as well. When you have successfully signed up, you will receive a welcome email. If you have any trouble, email or call any of the church staff and they will be glad to help!

The first note goes out this Sunday, and the last is scheduled for the Baptism of the Lord — January 8.

From the parish home-page, go to the bottom right and you can sign up for this “Advent Reading” group. And, you can read the recent Flock notes as well even if you do not sign up to join.

I hope that our efforts will help us use Advent as a time to prepare to celebrate Christmas with great joy!

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ◆ The Giving Tree sponsored by the Women of St. Helena will be in the narthex through the weekend of December 17. Please see the back of the bulletin for more information.
- ◆ The Adult Education class will not meet during the month of December. We will resume on January 3, 2018.

Readings for the week of December 4

Mon Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tue Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wed Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

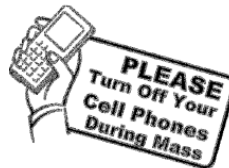
Thu Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



Stewardship Report

November 25&26	\$2,437.00
Online Giving.....	13%

Thank you for your generosity and support.

The facilities of Holy Cross are available to all ACTIVE parishioners. This includes the use of the church for Baptism, Weddings & other Sacramental events. Active Membership is determined as follows:

1. Registered in the parish for 6 months..
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Financial support of the church according to your means.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the office at least EIGHT months prior to the wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Priest.

Baptism: Parents must attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.

The Week Ahead

Mass Times:

Sat 4:00 PM
 Sun 11:30 AM
 Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15 PM

Office Hours:

Mon-Wed 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Fri 9:00 AM - NOON

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Mon.	12/4	10:30 AM	Men's Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Tue.	12/5	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed.	12/6	10:30 AM	No Adult Education (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Thur.	12/7	5:15 PM	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Vigil Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri.	12/8		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)
		10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
		7:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Sat.	12/9	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun.	12/10	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for Deceased Members of the Stancil Family
		9:30 AM	DTS (Youth Group - VH)
		9:30 AM	RCIA (CH)
		11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners

HC-Holy Cross, CH-Church Hall basement, VH-Villano Hall, SL-St. Luke

For additional information about happenings in the Diocese of Charleston and other churches in our area, please see the bulletin board, contact the church office or visit the church webpage.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress: As of Oct. 31, 2017, the BAA has collected over \$3.3 million. Our parish has contributed \$29,797.00 towards our goal of \$12,307.00. This represents 242.11% of our goal from 39.05% of our registered families. All gifts are meaningful and appreciated.

Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2018

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.

The Women of St. Helena are sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit patients at Manna Health and Rehabilitation. The tree will be located in the narthex on the weekends of **December 2-3 and 9-10 for tag selection.** Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and place the wrapped present under the tree, with the tag by **December 17.**

Gifts will be distributed to patients at Manna Health and Rehab on December 21.



Have you registered with the parish?

If not, register online through our parish website: holycrossstluke.org using the "My Own Church" button. Call or email the parish office if you'd like to receive envelopes.

Please don't forget to notify the parish office if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. If you have a My Own Church account you can log in and make these changes.

Going on vacation or out of town? To find a church near your favorite vacation spot or business travels, check out masstimes.org. Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory while you are away! Go to holycrossstluke.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.



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