



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Third Sunday of Advent - ☩ December 17, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

This week I saw an article with the title “Do I really have to go to church twice on December 24, 2017?”. The article said “yes” — but that is not the whole truth..... Faithful Catholics do what they can to go to Mass for every Sunday, and for every Holy Day of obligation. Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are the two most important Holy Days for the United States — they are observed every year even when they occur on Fridays and Mondays. At Holy Cross and St. Luke, we have a Sunday Mass on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. Similarly, we have a Christmas Mass at each church on the evening of December 24th, as well as on the morning of December 25th. So, Catholics don’t need to go to Mass on December 24th — they can go on Dec 23 and 25th! We can go to Mass twice on the 24th, and receive the Eucharist both times providing we are properly prepared. The two Masses for these days are very different in tone. The fourth Sunday of Advent is marked with great expectation. Christ’s Mass — Christmas — celebrates the fulfillment of expectation!

We are quite blessed to have four masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent and four more for Christmas. Join me in thanking our musicians who practice during the week, before Masses, and assist at Masses during the holidays. Of course, we also thank the sacristans who help set up for each mass, the greeters who welcome people and pass the offering baskets, the lectors who proclaim God’s word, and the special ministers of the Eucharist who help distribute the consecrated hosts. Thanks to our staff, our parishioners who help maintain the buildings, those who decorate, and all who financially support our church.

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ◆ There will be a Parish Christmas Potluck, Sunday, January 7 after Mass.
- ◆ The Adult Education class will not meet during the month of December. Watch the bulletin for further information.
- ◆ Mary’s Mantle will not meet during the month of December. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Readings for the week of December 18

Mon Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tue Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wed Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thu Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Fri 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Sat Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Stewardship Report

December 9&10.....\$4922.25
 Online Giving..... 10%

*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.

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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In our Parish

Mon. 12/18	10:30 AM	Men's Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † members of the Stencil family
Tue. 12/19	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 12/20	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Thur. 12/21	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri. 12/22		Office Closed
	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Sat. 12/23	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Alex King
Sun. 12/24	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (SL)
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (HC)
Mon. 12/25		Office Closed
	9:00 AM	Christmas Mass (SL)
	11:30 AM	Christmas Mass (HC) Offered for Fr. Emmanuel Efiog

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.



Parish Christmas Potluck
Sunday, January 7 after Mass



Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving And Helps Our Church Continue Living

Please remember our church this Christmas with a tax deductible gift.

Christmas Afternoon Television Special in the Upstate Featuring the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Join us on **Christmas Day at 4:00pm on Fox Carolina Television Channel 21** for "An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston". There will be singing, dancing, storytelling and a Christmas message from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston. Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Dwight Longenecker will also share the good news. You can't celebrate Christmas without good food. Sister Pamela Smith and Sister Roberta Fulton will join us at the Cook Station in downtown Greenville for a cooking segment called "Sister Act 2 in the Kitchen". Fr. Patrick Tuttle OFM, will share our traditional Christmas Story, "If I Were A Goose", and the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir will sing and dance. Please join us as we celebrate the day our Savior was born.

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 helps sustain our parish.



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