



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Fourth Sunday of Advent - ✠ December 24, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading on December 20th was from Isaiah 7:10-14. This is one of the most amazing predictions of the birth of Jesus — born of a virgin. The Hebrew word is “maiden”, or “young woman”. Many young women are virgins, but women about to give birth are not virgins — with one exception! Hebrew uses the same word for young woman and for virgin. Hebrew also uses the same word for kinsman, brother, and cousin. Most Bibles translate this word as “virgin”, and indeed the first time that Isaiah was translated from Hebrew to Greek it was translated with the Greek word for virgin, which is distinct from the Greek word for young woman.

What did Isaiah mean? Well, God was going to give King Ahaz a really surprising sign. A young woman having a son is always amazing, especially to the parents. Amazing as is the miracle of life, it’s really not that unusual. A virgin giving birth, now that’s amazing to everyone!

I hope that you will open your heart to be amazed by God this Christmas!

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ◆ There will be a Parish Christmas Potluck, Sunday, January 7 after Mass.
- ◆ There will be no daily Masses Tuesday, January 9-Friday, January 12.
- ◆ The Women of St. Helena will hold their January meeting on Saturday the 27th at 9:00 AM.

Readings for the week of December 25

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| Mon | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 |
| Tue | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 |
| Wed | 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Thu | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Fri | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Sat | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 |
| SUN | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 |

Stewardship Report

December 16&17.....\$4353.00
 Online Giving..... 12%

*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

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| Mon. 12/25 | 9:00 AM 11:30 AM | Office Closed Christmas Mass (SL) + Beverly Breen Christmas Mass (HC) Offered for Fr. Emmanuel Efiang |
| Tue. 12/26 | 5:00 PM | Office Closed Choir Practice (HC) |
| Wed. 12/27 | 10:30 AM 12:15 PM | Men's Group (CH) Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention |
| Thur. 12/28 | 9:00 AM-Noon 12:15 PM | Catholic Outreach (VH) Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention |
| Fri. 12/29 | 12:15 PM | Office Closed Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention |
| Sat. 12/30 | 2:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM | Confessions (HC) Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners |
| Sun. 12/31 | 9:00 AM 11:30 AM | Mass (SL) Offered for † Joseph & Elinor Kiesznoski Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners |
| Mon. 1/1 | 9:00 AM 11:30 AM | Office Closed Solemnity of Mary Mass (SL) Solemnity of Mary Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention |

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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