

Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - ✠ July 9, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Everything we do at Mass carries an important meaning. Understanding the meaning can help us benefit from the Mass all week. Two weeks ago we looked at the parts common to the priest and lay faithful. Last week we looked at parts unique to the faithful, and this week we turn to the parts and gestures unique to the priest.

All Christians are united to Christ the priest (prayer), prophet (teaching), and king (governing). Priests, in particular pastors, are configured also to Christ the head of the visible body of Christ -- the Church. Though sometimes a deacon or other priest will preach at Mass, preaching belongs to the priest celebrating a Mass because he is then praying and teaching as Jesus Himself.

Each Mass has three "presidential" prayers -- the Collect (opening prayer), Prayer over the Gifts, and Prayer after Communion. These prayers provide a single focus to the beginning, middle, and end of the Mass. Usually they are addressed to God the Father. The Eucharistic Prayer is always addressed to God the Father. During Mass, the priest acts in the person of Christ the Head of the Body (the Church) praying to the Father. The priest, united to Jesus, offers Himself as a living sacrifice of praise. The gestures unique to the priest reflect his unique roll at Mass.

The extension of hands in greeting is an action only of the priest. It indicates an invitation by one person to many people. "The Lord be with you" is the one priest inviting everyone else to recognize the presence of God. The faithful reply to the individual priest, and just keep their hands folded.

The extension of hands in prayer is another action only of the priest. It indicates that the priest is praying to the Father on behalf of all the people. The faithful pray for everyone, but they do not pray on behalf of everyone. At the Our Father, for example, the faithful should simply fold their hands as during other prayers.

The extension of hands in blessing is yet another action only of the priest. It indicates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The lay faithful can bless others, and can be indicated by placing a hand on the head or shoulder of the person being blessed. This is how Isaac blessed Jacob.

I hope this series of letters helps you understand what we do during the Mass.

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ⇒ Holy Cross Outreach Monetary Donations: All Donations for the Catholic Outreach should be placed in the offertory basket. Checks need to be made payable to Holy Cross Catholic Church with a note in the memo field of the check "Outreach". If your donation is cash, please place it in a plain white envelope and write "Outreach" on the outside. Please do not use the offertory envelopes for your Outreach donation.
- ⇒ Mass followed by Adoration will be Friday, July 14th
- ⇒ Join us for Fr. Jim's 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception immediately following Mass on Sunday, July 16th
- ⇒ Mass with Anointing of the sick will be Friday, July 21st
- ⇒ If you are missing an umbrella, check in the waste basket in the narthex to see if you left it at church.
- ⇒ Any dishes left in the church hall after a celebration for over a month will be donated or added to the church supply cabinets.

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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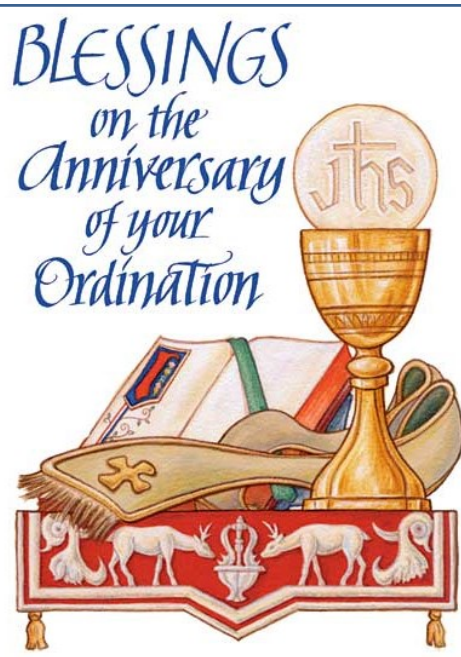
Father Jim also serves:

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Mon. 7/10	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC)
Tue. 7/11	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 7/12	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Fr. Jim, 20th Anniversary
Thur. 7/13	9:00AM-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (SL)
Fri. 7/14	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Fr. John Schmitz, 65th Ann. by Mr. & Mrs. T. Erlandson
	12:45 PM	Adoration with Daily Prayer (HC)
Sat. 7/15	2:30 PM	Confessions
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Amy Cooper
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Shirley Strickland
Sun. 7/16	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for Fr. Jim, 20th Anniversary Immediately following Mass Fr. Jim's 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception

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.



Become a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner

The Diocese will host its sixth Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program in Greenville, SC for those interested in teaching others how to use the natural family planning method. Applications are currently being accepted for the 13-month practitioner program. Making it easier for students to leave jobs and families for the training, Education Phase I will be conducted over two, 4-day weekends: September 8 - 11, 2017 and September 22 - 25, 2017. Education Phase II will be held March 13 - 18, 2018. For more information and to request an application, please contact Kelli Ball, Diocesan NFP Coordinator, at kellihball@gmail.com or (803) 807-0158.

Stewardship Report

July 2&3 \$4342.80
 Online Giving 8%
 Growth & Dev. \$401.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Readings for the week of July 10

Mon Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tue Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wed Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thu Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Fri Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Sat Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Sun Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23



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