



# Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

The Transfiguration of the Lord - ✠ August 6, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted by the efforts of the Women of St. Helena to plan a day of reflection on "Mary at the Cross: Yesterday and Today" for Saturday, August 19th. I rejoice that nine women volunteered to accept the seven parts needed during the day. I am surprised that the women decided to bring their own lunches instead of placing the food burden on a few. (Admit it -- this is a great idea!)

One parishioner asked who was leading this day and seemed surprised when I answered that parishioners were leading it. The full truth is that I, as pastor, am leading the day because parishioners have worked with me and allowed me to guide them. In the Church, there is a general rule that most things may be completed by an individual who has been designated by another to act in his or her place. Hence, when I was asked to be a Godfather for my niece, I could ask my father to stand in as proxy in my place. Oddly enough, I was present -- as the priest doing the baptizing! I could not ask another to be a proxy for this.

Several men asked if they could attend the day. The simple answer is NO. Since the '70's, society has assured us that men and women are completely interchangeable. To any honest and objective observer, this proposition is insane. This day of reflection is for the women of Holy Cross and St. Luke. "Women" are females 18 and older. I am optimistic that several wives will tell their husbands that the topics of the day of reflection may well benefit men. If so, I will gladly work with men of Holy Cross and St. Luke to coordinate a similar day of reflection.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

## Announcements

- ⇒ For information about the Masses and vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, please see the weekly calendar on the back of the bulletin or the church website.
- ⇒ August 19th at 9:00 AM the Women of St. Helena will host a day of reflection titled "Mary at the Cross: Yesterday and Today", for all women of Holy Cross and St. Luke. There will be a sign up sheet available August 5-6 and August 12-13 in the narthex for women interested in attending. For additional information see the announcement on the back of the bulletin.
- ⇒ The Women of St. Helena will meet on Saturday, August 26th at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall.



**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.



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# The Week Ahead

**Mass Times:**

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

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| Mon. 8/7         | 10:30 AM        | Men's Prayer Group (CH)                               |
|                  | 12:15 PM        | Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners                |
| Tue. 8/8         | 6:00 PM         | Choir Practice (HC)                                   |
| Wed. 8/9         | 12:15 PM        | Mass (HC) Offered for † Rodney Villano                |
| Thur. 8/10       | 9:00 AM-Noon    | Catholic Outreach (VH)                                |
|                  | 12:15 PM        | Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners                |
| Fri. 8/11        | 10:30 AM        | Women's Prayer Group (VH)                             |
|                  | 12:15 PM        | Mass (HC) Offered for † Joe Christ<br>by Sarah Christ |
|                  | <b>12:45 PM</b> | <b>Adoration with Daily Prayer (HC)</b>               |
| Sat. 8/12        | 2:30 PM         | Confessions   |
|                  | 4:00 PM         | Mass (HC) Offered for † Jim Villano                   |
|                  | 6:00 PM         | Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners                |
| Sun. 8/13        | 9:00 AM         | Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners                |
|                  | 11:30 AM        | Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners                |
| <b>Mon. 8/14</b> | 10:30 AM        | Men's Prayer Group (CH)                               |
|                  | <b>5:15 PM</b>  | <b>Assumption Vigil Mass (HC)</b>                     |
| <b>Tue. 8/15</b> | <b>12:15 PM</b> | <b>Assumption Mass (HC)</b>                           |
|                  | 6:00 PM         | Choir Practice (HC)                                   |
|                  | <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <b>Assumption Mass (SL)</b>                           |

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.**

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Meditations on the Cross are the basis for the "Stations of the Cross", the "Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary", and many other devotions. You will hear of some surprising miracles.

Doors open at 8:30 AM with introduction at 9:00 AM in the Church.

An elevator is available - you can park behind the church and use the lower doors to enter the hall. Coffee, tea, and water will be available along with light snacks throughout the day. We will break for lunch at noon. Bring what you would like for lunch, a refrigerator and microwave is available for your use.

The afternoon session will begin after lunch and will conclude around 2:30 PM, all are invited to stay for Confession, Rosary and the 4:00 PM Mass.

**Readings for the week of August 7**

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| <b>Mon</b> | Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21                       |
| <b>Tue</b> | Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36                        |
| <b>Wed</b> | Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28 |
| <b>Thu</b> | 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26                      |
| <b>Fri</b> | Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28                        |
| <b>Sat</b> | Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20                         |
| <b>Sun</b> | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33     |

**Stewardship Report**

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| July 29&30 .....   | \$3461.00 |
| Online Giving..... | 7%        |
| Growth & Dev. .... | \$0       |

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

**Have you registered with the parish?**

If not, register online through our parish website: [holycrossstluke.org](http://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 be able to 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](http://masstimes.org). Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory while you are away! Go to [holycrossstluke.org](http://holycrossstluke.org) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.