



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - ✠ August 27, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Would you agree that "faith" is "the firm belief in something for which there is no evidence"? If so, you do not share a Jewish or Christian understanding of faith. If anyone were to believe without evidence, that would be insane. Here are some better definitions of faith:

- 1) Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing.
- 2) Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance: *keeping faith with one's supporters.*

These fit the Hebrew use of the term, especially applied to Abraham who remained steadfast in his obedience to God even though God did not fulfill the promises to Abraham for a long time. Indeed, the promise that Abraham would become "the father of many nations" is a promise that Abraham could not see in his earthly life. God's promises to Abraham have been fulfilled.

For Christians, we add a new meaning to the word faith: "the objective tenets held by Christians." Subjectively, the individual Christian is called to be steadfast in living out the objective tenets. Faith has both subjective and objective aspects.

Let us each do the work of understanding the faith, learning the facts that we have before us and the solid logic that allow reasonable people to believe. Adult classes in preparation for "RCIA" teach the basics of the faith. Classes at Holy Cross will start September 10 at 9:30 AM in the church hall and classes at St. Luke start on August 29 at 7:00 PM in Annunciation Hall. People of either church can attend either class — whichever fits your style or time schedule.

Once we learn the faith, let's be steadfast in living it and fervent in sharing!

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ⇒ The Adult Education Class will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:30AM in Villano Hall.
- ⇒ RCIA at Holy Cross will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 AM in the church hall.
- ⇒ DTS will hold a parent/student meeting September 10 at 10:00 AM in Villano Hall and start classes on September 24 at 9:30 AM in Villano Hall.
- ⇒ Holy Cross will hold a Feast Day Picnic on Sunday September 17 @ 12:30 PM.
- ⇒ There will be no daily Masses September 18-22.
- ⇒ Mary's Mantle will meet Monday, September 18 at 10:30 AM in Villano Hall
- ⇒ Religious Education registration forms are available on the table in the narthex and on the parish website. For dates and times of the parent meetings, see the announcement on the back on the bulletin.



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:

Sat4:00 PM
 Sun11:30 AM
 Mon, Wed, Fri12:15 PM

Office Hours:

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

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Become a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner
 The Diocese will host it's 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, kellihsball@gmail.com or (803)807-0158.

Mon.	8/28	10:30 AM	Men's Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Emma Skelton
Tue.	8/29	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed.	8/30	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
Thur.	8/31	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Fri.	9/1	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
		12:45 PM	Adoration with Daily Prayer (HC)
Sat.	9/2	2:30 PM	Confessions
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Andy Anderson
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun.	9/3	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Betty Houston
		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.

Religious Education Registration

Registration forms for the 2017-2018 religious education program (Grades 1-12) are now available on the parish website and on the table in the narthex. Completed forms and fees should be returned to the parish office.

Grades 1-8

Grades 1-8 participate in parish assisted home catechesis. **There will be a meeting for the parents of students in the home program at 10:15 AM, Sunday, September 24 in Villano Hall.**

Grades 9-12

Students in grades 9-12 participate in the DTS (Dead Theologian Society) which meets on Sunday mornings and studies the lives of the saints. Classes will begin on September 24 at 9:30 in Villano Hall. **A meeting for the parents of DTS students is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 10 in Villano Hall.**

Please contact Faye Fazio at 855-9039 or ffazio@charlestandioocese.org if you have questions prior to the meeting.

The Office of Family Life will be hosting its annual Conference on September 16, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. This year's theme is Mary, Patroness of the Vulnerable featuring Fr. Joseph Pearce, Fr. Scott Francis Bennet, and Fr. Jeffery Kirby. The event will begin with 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Guglielmone who will also commission the parish respect life coordinators. Please register by emailing familylife@catholic-doc.org or call [803-547-5063](tel:803-547-5063). Everyone is welcome, lunch will be provided and a \$20 donation is appreciated.

Readings for the week of August 28

- Mon** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
- Tue** 1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29
- Wed** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
- Thu** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
- Fri** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
- Sat** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
- Sun** Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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