



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - ✠ September 17, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday afternoon, I head to Atlanta for the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. Stewardship is meant to be much more than asking people to give money to the Church. Stewards are responsible to care for valuables belonging to another. All that we have, all that is valuable, all that we are — everything in the world — belongs to God. Catholic stewardship is about using all that God has given to produce fruit for God.

This week, I will not be free to celebrate daily Mass in our parish. If you need a priest for an emergency — imminent danger of death or a funeral — call our emergency number (864) 897-7980. Recently I was asked why we do not have communion services when I am not free for Mass. In short, it is because the Eucharist is so much more than receiving the host. The Eucharist — the Mass — is our obedient public thanksgiving for all that God has given us. At Mass, we are called to offer fruits of our work — and even our selves — in union with Jesus’ gift of Himself for the forgiveness of sin.

Catholics who arrange their weekends around the celebration of the Mass give a profound witness to our faith. Quite a few rely on family or friends to help them get to Mass, and we need to respect their sacrifice. I have been asked to switch the Sunday Mass times for Holy Cross and St Luke for only the day of a party marking the Feast of St. Luke. The convenience of a party, even to mark an important feast, is not sufficient reason to switch Sunday Mass times. Join me in praying for successful efforts to celebrate St. Luke’s feast while we witness that the Mass is the source and summit of our lives.

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ⇒ There will be no daily Masses September 18-22.
- ⇒ Mary’s Mantle will meet Monday, September 18 at 10:30 AM in Villano Hall
- ⇒ DTS for grades 9-12 starts classes on September 24 at 9:30 AM in Villano Hall.
- ⇒ There will be a meeting for the parents of children in the Religious Education home study program (grades 1-8) at 10:15 AM on September 24 in Villano Hall.

Stewardship Report

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| September 9&10..... | \$3,170.50 |
| Online Giving | 14.6% |
| Growth & Dev. | \$5.00 |

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 Online Giving



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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
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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.

Readings for the week of September 18

Mon 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tue 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wed 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thu Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Fri 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Sat 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sun Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
 Mt 20:1-16a

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| Mon. | 9/18 | 10:30 AM | Men's Group (CH) |
| | | 10:30 AM | Mary's Mantle (VH) |
| | | 12:15 PM | No Mass |
| Tue. | 9/19 | 6:00 PM | Choir Practice (HC) |
| Wed. | 9/20 | 10:30 AM | Adult Education (VH) |
| | | 12:15 PM | No Mass |
| Thur. | 9/21 | 12:15 PM | No Mass |
| Fri. | 9/22 | 12:15 PM | No Mass |
| Sat. | 9/23 | 2:30 PM | Confessions |
| | | 4:00 PM | Mass (HC) Offered for † Erma Skelton |
| | | 6:00 PM | Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners |
| Sun. | 9/24 | 9:00 AM | Mass (SL) Offered for † Joseph & Gladys Egan |
| | | 9:30 AM | DTS (Youth Group - VH) |
| | | 9:30 AM | RCIA (CH) |
| | | 10:15 AM | Religious Education Parent Meeting (VH) |
| | | 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

Students in grades 1-8 participate in parish assisted home catechesis. There will be a meeting for the parents of students in the home study 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. Classes will begin on September 24 at 9:30 in Villano Hall.

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

No Daily Mass October 2-5. All Priests in the Diocese of Charleston will be on Priest Retreat. Please pray for all those that will be traveling.

Holy Cross together with Wal-Mart will be offering a FLU Shot and blood pressure screening clinic at Holy Cross on October 28 starting at 2:30 PM prior to the 4PM Mass. Please bring you Medicare/Insurance card with you that day. RSVP to the church office 864-878-0574 if you plan to attend.

Bulletin Brief

"The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation... to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world."

~USCCB, "Married Love and the Gift of Life,"

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