

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - ✠ September 24, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

As I write from Atlanta, I have already attended 11 hours of talks on stewardship. Not one of them made any suggestion that we directly ask people to give money to the Church. Sadly, that's the first thing most Catholics think about when they hear the word. What else, then, is stewardship?

Stewardship is a Christian's response to God's blessings. Various religious orders have "spiritualities", or "charisms", that guide all of their choices. Dominicans, for example, are the "Order of Preachers" who focus on sharing the Word of God. Franciscans follow the example of Francis of Assisi and remember the poor Jesus. Benedictines are guided by a vision of prayer and work. People who are not in religious orders -- lay people and diocesan priests -- benefit from these spiritualities, but is there a spirituality for us who are not in religious orders? YES, and that is stewardship.

Members of religious orders hold everything in common, and put their individual skills at the service of their community. Lay people and diocesan priests have an extremely wide variety of skills and property, and the spirituality of stewardship should guide each of our decisions. More to follow!

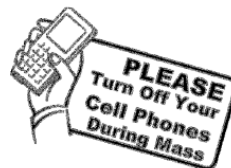
Fr Jim Dubrouillet

## Announcements

- ◆ **There will be No Daily Mass October 2-5.** All Priests in the Diocese of Charleston will be on Priest Retreat. Please pray for all those who will be traveling.
- ◆ **Women of St. Helena** will meet Saturday, September 30, at 9:00 AM in the church hall.

### Readings for the week of September 25

**Mon** Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18  
**Tue** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21  
**Wed** Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6  
**Thu** Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9  
**Fri** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
**Sat** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45  
**SUN** Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



### Stewardship Report

September 16&17 .... \$3345.00  
 Online Giving..... 15%

*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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## The Week Ahead

Mon.	9/25	10:30 AM	Men's Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC)
Tue.	9/26	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed.	9/27	10:30 AM	Adult Education (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC)
Thur.	9/28	9:00 AM-noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (SL)
Fri.	9/29	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for † Julie Elias</i>
Sat.	9/30	9:00 AM	Women of St. Helena (CH)
		2:30 PM	Confessions
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for † Carl J. Eck</i>
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) <i>Offered for All Parishioners</i>
Sun.	10/1	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) <i>Offered for All Parishioners</i>
		9:30 AM	DTS (Youth Group - VH)
		9:30 AM	RCIA (CH)
		11:30 AM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for All Parishioners</i>

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:** Grades 1-8 participate in a home catechesis.  
 Grades 9-12 participate in DTS-Sunday, 9:30 Villano Hall  
**Please contact Faye Fazio at 855-9039 or [ffazio@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:ffazio@charlestandioocese.org) if you have questions.**

### 40 Days for Life

**Rosaries for Life** - Remember to pray your Rosaries for Life this fall during the 40 Days for Life. Pray 5 decades daily from Sept 27th – Nov 5th. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to [rosaries4life@gmail.com](mailto:rosaries4life@gmail.com).

**Kickoff Rally** Saturday, Sept 30th, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Rd. Guest speakers: Kelly Ross, Director, Foothills Pregnancy Care Center; Larry Wills, pro-life advocate; Carrie Gifford, Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Call Ingrid 864-329-0044.



**The 5th Marian Eucharistic Conference, Mary, Mother of Eucharist: 100 Years of Fatima** is being held November 4-5, at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville. The featured speakers will focus on seeking to anchor ourselves to the two pillars of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. General Admission is \$75.00, Youth \$40.00 and includes buffet lunch Saturday and Sunday. All are required to register by October 24. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the narthex, call (864)354-7160 or go to [www.meconference.net](http://www.meconference.net). Late registration is \$85.00.

**Holy Cross together with WalMart-Pickens will be offering a FLU Shot clinic and blood pressure screening** at Holy Cross on October 28 prior to the 4PM Mass. Please bring your Medicare/Insurance card with you that day. Keep an eye on future bulletins for more information. RSVP by October 15 by calling 878-0574.

### 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 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.



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