



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

First Sunday of Lent ✠ February 18, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last three Sundays, I emphasized the cardinal virtues of prudence, fortitude, and justice. On Ash Wednesday, we began a season of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving: a season where the virtue of temperance will be most helpful! The cardinal virtues benefit us on a merely physical level — but we are both physical and spiritual. The virtues become Christian when we allow God to be the motivation for a virtuous life, God to be the guide to our choices, God to be the One to strengthen us in every difficulty. Merely physical virtue helps us, but Christian virtue pleases God. Doing virtuous acts is always good, but for Christians we are called to put God first.

Why fast? Why avoid snacks and eat less on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? Why avoid meat on these days and the Fridays of Lent — or even every Friday? On the physical level, doctors tell us to fast before certain blood tests and medical procedures. All well and good, but without God's help no one can recognize the spiritual benefit to physical acts. Jesus said "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will." Why fasting and abstinence pleases God is one of these topics. If by chance you do not understand, ask God to help you — and trust that God wants you to know!

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ◆ Mary's Mantle will meet on Monday, February 19 @ 10:30 in Villano Hall.
- ◆ Visit the Holy Cross/St. Luke webpage for information about Respect Life. While there be sure to view the video and song that are posted.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross will be at Holy Cross this Friday evening at 6:30 followed by a simple meal. (Confession will be held prior to stations, from 4:30-6:00.)
- ◆ For 2018 BAA information go to the church homepage and click on "2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Video and Campaign Information".

Readings for the week of February 19

Mon Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tue Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thu 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Fri Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Stewardship Report

February 10&11 ..\$3,102.00
Online Giving..... 9%

*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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Mon. 2/19	10:30 AM	Mary's Mantle (VH)
	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Tue. 2/20	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 2/21	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Thur. 2/22	9:00 AM-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri. 2/23	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Sarah Christ
	4:30-6:00 PM	Confessions
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross with simple meal (HC)
Sat. 2/24	9:00 AM	Women of St. Helena (CH)
	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Carolyn Dworak
Sun. 2/25		Second Sunday of Lent
	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
	9:30 AM	DTS (VH)
	9:30 AM	RCIA (CH)
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for † James Moran

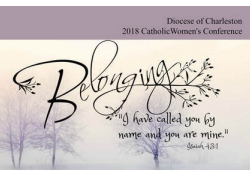
HC-Holy Cross, CH-Church Hall basement, VH-Villano Hall, SL-St. Luke

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.

40 Days for Life Candlelight Vigil Thursday, March 8, 7:00 pm, public right-of-way Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road; praying the Rosary in different languages. Cam Nguyen will provide accordion accompaniment and Gary Dentremont will lead the singing. **Be sure to visit the Holy Cross/St. Luke webpage to see the video and song that are posted for Respect Life.**

South Carolina Catholic
MEN'S CONFERENCE
 Building The Domestic Church
 March 3, 2018
 Our Lady of the Lake Church / 195 Amicks Ferry Road / Chapin, SC

S C Catholic Men's Conference – Register online at www.sccatholicmensconf.org National speakers: Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone – Bishop of Charleston, Gus Lloyd – Radio Host, and Tom Leopold – TV Comedy Writer.



2018 Catholic Women's Conference - Keynote speaker, workshops, vendors, Mass and confession. **Cost is \$35 if before Feb. 20.** Includes breakfast and catered lunch. Join us this Lent to be renewed and refreshed. Saturday, March 3, 9:00-5:00, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Greenville. Sign-up now at www.SCCatholicWomensConference.com.

Have you registered with the parish?

If not, register online through our parish website: 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. Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory while you are away! Go to holycrossstluke.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy! Your support helps sustain our parish.