



SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Second Sunday of Lent ✠ February 25, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Fairly often, the Sunday readings at Mass are abbreviated. We see that in this week's first reading about the sacrifice of Isaac. Get "the rest of the story" in Genesis 22:1-19. Reasonable believers are puzzled by 1) God's request that Abraham offer Isaac as a holocaust — a sacrifice burning the victim entirely as a way to give only to God; 2) Abraham's willingness to offer Isaac; 3) Isaac's willingness to be offered. The letter to the Hebrews, 11:8-12, puts this in perspective. Pull out your Bible and read these two brief sections. As soon as he heard God's command, Abraham resolved to give Isaac into God's care — as a holocaust. Isaac carried the wood of his sacrifice up the hill just as Jesus would carry His cross. On the third day, God told Abraham not to kill Isaac — it was as if Isaac had returned from the dead just as Jesus would later rise on the third day.

At St. Luke this year, we are praying the Stations in Annunciation Hall. I am available for confessions in "Holy Apostle's Hall" — directly across from the Fr. Travis Conference Room. This allows us to be in the same building for everything, but also is a reminder of what the stations of the cross really are. First documented by Egeria in the third century, Christians in Jerusalem followed along the places where Jesus accepted, carried, and died upon the cross. The original stations of the cross are not in a church. You may find it helpful to bring a kneeling pad, or feel free to sit in a chair if the knees just don't work!

This year, Holy Thursday adoration following the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be in Annunciation Hall. We'd like to have more of a garden appearance for that night — will you lend us a tree or shrub that doesn't need water? It will be a big help. (Please put your name on the pot, and bring it by during the stations on March 2 or 16)

Have a blessed Lent, Fr. Jim

## Announcements

- ◆ Visit the Holy Cross/St. Luke webpage for information about Respect Life. Be sure to view the video and song that are posted.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross will be at St. Luke 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 26

**Mon** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tue** Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wed** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
**Thu** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
**Fri** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Sat** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sun** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29)

### *Stewardship Report*

February 17&18 ...\$3262.00  
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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Mon. 2/26	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Tue. 2/27	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 2/28	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Theresa Bravo
Thur. 3/1	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri. 3/2	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Terry Anderson
	12:45 PM	Adoration (HC)
	4:30-6:00 PM	Confessions (SL)
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross with simple meal (SL)
Sat. 3/3	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Bernadette Kovalyak
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun. 3/4		<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Charlotte Hirsch
	9:30 AM	DTS (VH)
	9:30 AM	RCIA (CH)
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners

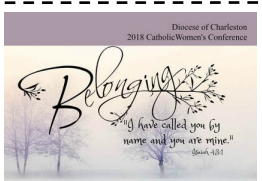
HC-Holy Cross, CH-Church Hall basement, VH-Villano Hall, SL-St. Luke

**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.**

**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.**



**S C Catholic Men's Conference** – Register online at [www.sccatholicmensconf.org](http://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. 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](http://www.SCCatholicWomensConference.com).

**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 helps sustain our parish.