



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Third Sunday of Lent ☩ March 4, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Avoiding meat on Fridays is an ancient custom in the Catholic Church, and we are encouraged to continue this every Friday. During Lent, and on Ash Wednesday, this is such an important custom that to eat meat on these days has the gravity of mortal sin for Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday.

For this custom, “meat” is the flesh of warm blooded animals. Chicken, turkey, pig, and cow are all warm blooded animals. Eggs are not flesh. Fish are cold blooded, and Lobster is too pricey to fit the spirit of the law — though they fit the letter of the law. (Don’t ask me to let the parish host a lobster dinner in Lent.)

Does an excuse fit, or confession? Fibber McGee once confessed to his wife Molly that he had kissed another woman. In the script, however, he had indeed kissed Molly and been horrified to think that he had been tricked into kissing another woman. He had an excuse, and didn’t need forgiveness. When we eat meat on a Friday of Lent, or Ash Wednesday, knowing what day it is, we need forgiveness! If we have neglected to pay attention to what day it is, we need forgiveness! The same is true for missing Sunday Mass — the obligation is so serious that we need to give reasonable care to what day it is.

One exception — doctor’s orders. One very holy priest I knew ate a steak every Ash Wednesday and every Friday. The doctor ordered him to eat the same every day, and I am sure he derived no pleasure from it! I have no doubt that he asked the doctor if he could avoid it — he was required.

Fr Jim

Announcements

- ⇒ Stations of the Cross will be at Holy Cross this Friday evening at 6:30 followed by a Lenten 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”.
- ⇒ Visit the Holy Cross/St. Luke webpage for information about Respect Life. Be sure to view the video and song that are posted.

Readings for the week of March 5

Mon Ex 17:1-7/Jn 4:5-42, 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Sun 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Stewardship Report

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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.

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.	3/5	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for Priest Intention</i>
Tue.	3/6	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed.	3/7	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for Mary Whitaker</i>
Thur.	3/8	9:00 AM-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (SL) <i>Offered for Priest Intention</i>
Fri.	3/9	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for Sylvie-Anne Petrilla</i>
		4:30-6:00 PM	Confessions (HC)
		6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten meal (HC)
Sat.	3/10	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) <i>Offered for † Andrew and Cathy Watts</i>
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) <i>Offered for All Parishioners</i>
Sun.	3/11		Fourth Sunday of Lent
		9:00 AM	Mass (SL) <i>Offered for † Members of the Moll family</i>
		9:30 AM	DTS (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.

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 more information.**

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