



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Sunday of Divine Mercy ✠ April 8, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

On the first Good Friday the news was “This crucified man was a rebel”. Not true, but that’s what they said. This Good Friday featured headline “Pope denies existence of hell”. A more truthful headline would have been “Yet again, Pope Francis’ atheist friend reports private conversation in scandalous manner.” Why does Pope Francis continue to meet with his friend, when such bad press for the Pope follows time and time again? Why does Pope Francis not personally explain that he was misquoted by his friend? Why did Jesus not condemn Judas from the cross — but instead prayed for our forgiveness? God is Mercy — a good thing to remember this Mercy Sunday.

Fr Jim Dubrouillet

Announcements

- ◇ The Parish Retreat-Consoling the Heart of Jesus meets Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Adoration has been rescheduled, it will be Friday, April 13, 12:15 PM.
- ◇ Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be Friday, April 20, 12:15 PM.
- ◇ Women of St. Helena will meet on Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM in the Church Hall.

Readings for the week of April 8

Mon Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tue Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Sat Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sun Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Tour of St. Anthony's Relics in the upstate:

Bishop Guglielmone has given his permission for the relics of St. Anthony of Padua to tour in the diocese from April 6–15. One relic is a fragment of his floating rib while the second relic is skin of his cheek. The relics will be accompanied by Fr. Bortolino Maistreello, a Franciscan Friar from Padua, Italy. The relics will be in Greenville at Our Lady of the Rosary, 12–4 PM and St. Anthony of Padua, 6-9 PM on Tuesday, April 10.

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 church office if you would like to receive envelopes or you can register to use the online giving.

Please don't forget to notify the church office if you have a **change of address, phone number or email address** or you can register for “My Own Church” to make these changes. It is very important that the church have all updated information as soon as possible for any important communications from the church or emergency anointings.

Going on vacation or out of town? To find a church near your favorite vacation spot or business location, check out masstimes.org. You can use Online Giving to continue your donations while you are traveling. Go to holycrossstluke.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy! Your support helps sustain the parish.

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 - 12:00 PM

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In our Parish

Mon. 4/9	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Joe Backfield
Tue. 4/10	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 4/11	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Micki Rotenbury Rivera
Thurs. 4/12	9:00 AM-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Anthony & † Anna Bazza
Fri. 4/13	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) † Maurice Chauvette
	12:45 PM	Adoration with Daily Prayer (HC)
Sat. 4/14	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Anne Marie Bourgeois
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun. 4/15	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Larry Christy
	9:30 AM	DTS-Youth Group 9-12 (VH)
	9:30 AM	Parish Retreat-Consoling the Heart of Jesus (CH)
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners

(HC) Holy Cross (CH) Holy Cross Basement Hall (VH) Villano Hall (SL) St. Luke (AH) St. Luke Annunciation Hall

For additional information about happenings in the Diocese of Charleston and other churches in our area, please see the bulletin board or visit the church webpage.



Calling all Knitters and Crocheters... Mary's Mantle meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 10:30 AM in Villano Hall. Everyone is invited. Questions contact Barbara Kushner or call the church office @ 878-0574.

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Regional Stewardship Conference - Anyone interested in embracing stewardship as a way of life will benefit from attending this empowering conference! The conference, coordinated by 5 different dioceses, offers compelling and practical workshops, presentations, and discussions around stewardship, teamwork, and innovative parish programs. Join us Saturday, **April 21**, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center in Augusta, GA. To register, please go to <http://sestewardship.weconnect.com>

Stewardship Report

March 31 & April 1 \$6,357.00
Online Giving 11%

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.