



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

August 27, 2017, *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners,

Would you agree that "faith" is "the firm belief in something for which there is no evidence"? If so, you do not share a Jewish or Christian understanding of faith. If anyone were to believe without evidence, that would be insane. Here are some better definitions of faith:

- 1) Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing.
- 2) Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance: *keeping faith with one's supporters.*

These fit the Hebrew use of the term, especially applied to Abraham who remained steadfast in his obedience to God even though God did not fulfill the promises to Abraham for a long time. Indeed, the promise that Abraham would become "the father of many nations" is a promise that Abraham could not see in his earthly life. God's promises to Abraham have been fulfilled.

For Christians, we add a new meaning to the word faith: "the objective tenets held by Christians." Subjectively, the individual Christian is called to be steadfast in living out the objective tenets. Faith has both subjective and objective aspects.

Let us each do the work of understanding the faith, learning the facts that we have before us and the solid logic that allow reasonable people to believe. Adult classes in preparation for "RCIA" teach the basics of the faith. Classes at St. Luke start on August 29 at 7:00 PM in Annunciation Hall and classes at Holy Cross will start September 10 at 9:30 AM in the church hall. People of either church can attend either class — whichever fits your style or time schedule.

Once we learn the faith, let's be steadfast in living it and fervent in sharing!

Fr. Jim



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The facilities of St. Luke are available to all ACTIVE parishioners. This includes the use of the church for Baptism, Weddings and 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.

Baptism: Parents must attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the office at least EIGHT months prior to the wedding date to schedule an appointment with the priest.

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This Week in Our Parish

Mon	8/28	12:15 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross †Emma Skelton
Tue	8/29	7 PM	RCIA Inquiry Class (Annunciation Hall)
Wed	8/30	12:15 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross
Thu	8/31	12:15 PM	Mass
Fri	9/1	12:15 PM 12:45 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross Eucharistic Adoration @ Holy Cross
Sat	9/2	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession Mass @ Holy Cross †Andy Anderson Mass
Sun	9/3	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass †Betty Houston Mass @ Holy Cross

Parishioners,

Last week I received a letter from Bishop Guglielmone stating that he had accepted Deacon Tony Cassandra's request to retire. We thank Deacon Tony for his 33 years of faithful service to the Church. Deacon Tony requests that we extend our thanks through prayer.

Father Jim

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins August 29, 2017 at 7 PM: If you or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and His church, we invite you to join us for our Inquiry Sessions. Our sessions will be held in the Fr. Travis room of Annunciation Hall. Flyers with more information are available in the entrance to the church.

Religious Education (Grades 1-12): Registration is required for ALL grades. You may register on our website under the "Learn and Grow" tab or pick up a form in the entrance to the church. If you submit an online form, please mail your registration fee to the church office marked 'Religious Education'. To ensure we have sufficient textbooks and supplies, please register by **September 6th**. **WE NEED YOU!** The elementary religious education program is looking for a few teachers and classroom aides to help out this year. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Faye Fazio at 855-9039 or FFazio@charlestandioocese.org.

Catholic Women's Organization (CWO) - Our first fall meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** at 10:30 AM in Annunciation Hall.

Readings for Week of August 28

Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Stewardship Report

August 19-20 \$3,224

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