



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ January 14, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

As we began the season of Advent back on December 3rd, I asked everyone to watch for surprises to our understanding of the Church's teachings and celebrations. In particular, I again encouraged observing the season of advent as a time of preparing for the celebration during the season of Christmas. Well, this week I found myself surprised!

An article in "The Catholic Herald" provides several good reasons to continue Christmas decorations and celebrations until Feb 2nd — the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. First, that is the final day in the Church liturgical year in reference to the "Infancy Narratives" in the Gospels. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to offer sacrifice to redeem Him according to the Mosaic Law. Feb 2nd is 40 days after Christmas.

Second, the article mentions that the modern tradition of removing Christmas decorations in early January started only in the 1800's — prompted by factory owners wanting to end celebrations and get workers back to the factories earlier.

Third, the modern focus on "New Year's Resolutions" is overly self-centered. Far healthier to celebrate with others during the darkest days of the year.

So, next year we will leave our Church Christmas decorations up through "Candlemas" on February 2nd. But for this year, plan on a good Christmas celebration on the first Friday of February. And, as a Feast of the Lord, there is no fasting or abstaining from meat! Steers, beware!
Fr Jim Dubrouillet

Announcements

- ◆ The Women of St. Helena will meet on Saturday, January 27, at 9:00 AM in the Church hall.

Readings for the week of January 8

Mon 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thu 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Fri 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Sat 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Sun Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



Stewardship Report

January 6&7 \$3142.01
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*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.

In our 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 - NOON

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Mon. 1/15	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. 1/16	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 1/17	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Thur. 1/18	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri. 1/19	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass with Anointing of the sick (HC) Offered for All Sick
Sat. 1/20	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for + Cielo Diaz
Sun. 1/21	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 Priest Intention

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.



S C Catholic Men's Conference – March 3 – Our Lady of the Lake Church – Chapin, SC. 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.



**No Smoking
or Vaping**

Please Note: Holy Cross Catholic Church and its properties are smoke free.

!! Important Information !!

Giving statements will be mailed out in January. Please be sure to update the office with your current phone number, mailing address and email. Thank you.

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.



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