



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Fourth Sunday of Lent ☩ March 11, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

As Easter approaches, our readings and prayers at Mass have to do with Baptism and the forgiveness of sin. Baptism, of course, forgives all sin and welcomes us into a new life with God. Paul writes to the Ephesians 2:4-10 referring mainly to Baptism. This little passage is well worth a careful read. Before Baptism, we were dead in our transgressions. Baptism brings us to life with Christ. “Grace” here is “Sanctifying Grace” — our sharing in God’s own life given to us by God. Sharing in God’s life is salvation. By grace, we have been saved through faith, and this is not from us — it is God’s gift to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus that “Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert”. Review in your Bible the short chapters 20 & 21 of the Book of Numbers. God sent serpents with biting pain to the Israelites to remind them that God is the one who will relieve pain for those who turn to Him. Note that God ordered Moses to do this — Moses acts for God. Also, Moses makes “a visible sign” — a snake on a cross. This visible sign conveys an “invisible grace” — the healing from their illness. The people cannot see how the snake on the cross gives them healing, but it really does help them. This use of the term “grace” is an example of “actual grace”. Actual grace is a particular help in a particular circumstance.

In Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, we receive “Sanctifying Grace” — a share in the life of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Confession and the Anointing of the Sick, God gives us particular help in particular circumstances, “Actual Grace”, that can restore injury done to our relationship with God — Sanctifying Grace.

Fr. Jim

Announcements

- ◇ Stations of the Cross will be at St. Luke this Friday evening at 6:30 followed by a Lenten meal. (Confession will be held prior to stations, from 4:30-6:00)
- ◇ It’s not too late to participate in **40 Days for Life**. To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville and www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville or contact *Ingrid Ireland* 864-329-0044

Readings for the week of March 12

Mon Mi 7:7-9/Jn 9:1-41/Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thu Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Stewardship Report

March 3&4.....\$4,226.50
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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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LENT

Mon. 3/12	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Priest Intention
Tue. 3/13	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 3/14	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Beth Hambleton
Thur. 3/15	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri. 3/16	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass with Anointing (HC) Offered for All Sick
	4:30-6:00 PM	Confessions (SL)
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten meal (SL)
Sat. 3/17	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Andrew Watts
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun. 3/18		Fifth Sunday of Lent
	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Patricia Bida
	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

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40 Days for Life Closing Celebration – Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, public right-of way, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road. Guest speakers: Deacon Roger Schonewald, SMM will share a pertinent pro-life message; Prayer Warriors who participated in the campaign will present their testimonies. Music lead by Mike Hagar, SMM. Parking is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church.



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.

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