



Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671 ✦ March 18, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

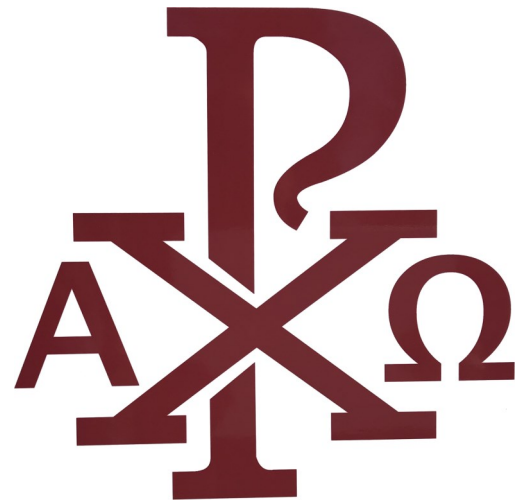
In addition to new signs by the road at Holy Cross / St. Luke, we have purchased 100 front license plates, and 100 bumper stickers, for parishioners to help advertise the location and Mass times for our Church. These are provided at no cost to you — but we are accepting donations designated toward our advertising efforts. I certainly hope someone will ask you what the symbol means, and I hope the following explanation will be easy enough to remember!

The Cross, the fish, and the Chi-Rho Alpha-Omega are among the oldest symbols used by Christians. Many assorted denominations of Christians use the Cross and the fish as symbols, but I have noticed the Chi-Rho Alpha-Omega in use only by Catholics. For this reason, I chose this symbol for our new church signs.

The Chi (X) and Rho (P) are the first two letters of “Christ” in Greek. In the ancient world, they were superimposed to signify “good”. In his day, the emperor Constantine used the Chi-Rho for his own name. Not long afterward, Bishop St. Ambrose of Milan adopted it for Christians - but added the Alpha (the first letter of the Greek alphabet) and Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet) to indicate that Christ is the beginning and the end.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, an Alpha and Omega are inscribed above and below a cross on the Easter Candle with the prayer “Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen.” Jesus, as the eternal Son, has been present since time, and He is the Word spoken by the Father to create all else — Christ is the beginning. All who come to the Father will be brought by Christ — He is the end.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet



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)
- ◇ 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
- ◇ There will be no daily Mass on Wednesday, March 28.

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.



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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. 3/19	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	10:30 AM	Mary's Mantle (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † James Moran
Tue. 3/20	5:00 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
Wed. 3/21	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Ellen Bennett
Thur. 3/22	9:00 AM-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Josephine Taylor
Fri. 3/23	10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for Joyce Griffin
	4:30-6:00 PM	Confessions (HC)
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten meal (HC)
Sat. 3/24	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Joseph & † Celia Dworak
Sun. 3/25		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
	9:30 AM	Youth Group, DTS (VH)
	9:30 AM	RCIA (CH)
	11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Richard Lavalley

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.

The Catholic Miscellany

A NEWSPAPER THAT SUPPORTS YOUR FAITH.

Contact the office by May 15, if you are adding or cancelling a subscription. Payment can be made using the envelope provided in your June collection envelopes.

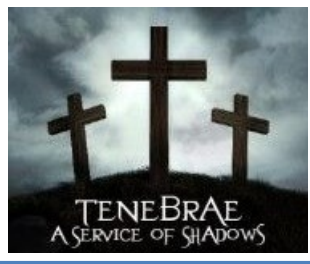
Readings for the week of March 19

Mon	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tue	2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Jn 11:1-45 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thu	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

Stewardship Report

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Thank you for your generosity and support.



Holy Thursday - 6:30 AM - Holy Cross
Good Friday - 6:30 AM - Holy Cross
Easter Vigil - 6:30 AM - Holy Cross

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.