

**Mass Times:**

Sat .....4:00 PM  
Sun ..... 11:30 AM  
Mon, Wed, Fri ...12:15 PM

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**HOW TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

**REPORT IMMEDIATELY!**

**REMEMBER: YOUR ROLE IS TO REPORT. THERE IS TO BE NO INVESTIGATION BY YOU OR ANYONE ELSE AT THE PARISH/ SCHOOL LEVEL**

**If you suspect abuse has occurred within a family:**

Contact the Department of Social Services within the county the abuse took place.

Contact the Diocese, to report status at 1-843-261-0430.

**If you suspect an abuse has occurred that involved diocesan personnel (priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers) contact:**

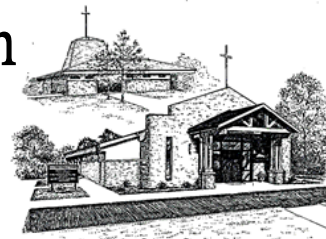
The local police department immediately.

Call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

558 Hampton Ave. • Pickens, SC 29671

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time †  
September 2, 2018



Dear Parishioners,

From the beginning, Abel and Cain offered sacrifice to God. There was at the time only the family Church with the father of the family serving as priest — the one who offers sacrifice on behalf of the Church. Abel’s pleased God, Cain’s did not. So, we know that from the beginning not all gifts to God are pleasing. The burning of the sacrifice was the way they could “give” the animal, or plants, to God. It is a sign of trust in God’s generosity, recognizing that God provides to us more than we really need to get by.

In the 14th chapter of Genesis, Melchizedek served as “a priest of God Most High” for Abraham by offering God a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Abraham gave Melchizedek — priest of the “church” as it was in those days — “a tenth of everything”. This “tithing” became the standard offering to the priests of the Levite line.

At the start of the Catholic Church, documented in the 4th and 5th chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, we see that many sold all they owned and gave everything to the apostles to provide for the needs of all. At least one couple lied about their generosity — keeping some of the money for themselves while bragging that they had given all to the Church. Their lies cost them dearly....

A tithe is meant to be the minimum that we give to the Church. Our bishop has suggested that we give 5% to our parish, 2 or 3% to the various Bishop’s collections, and 3 or 2% to other charities. Additionally, it is suitable to give the Church a gift on the occasion of the birth and baptism of a child, at a marriage, and at a death. There can be significant tax benefits to these gifts, and prudent people allow the laws to work to their benefit as intended by the lawmakers. But we should give even, and especially, when we get no benefit or publicity. The best blessings come from God, and God is never outdone in generosity.

And so we have the fifth precept of the Church: support the Church financially according to your ability.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

# This week in our Parish

<b>Mon</b>	9/3		<b>Office Closed</b>
	10:30 AM		Men's Prayer Group (CH)
	12:15 PM		Mass (HC) Offered for † Lawrence Ferrainolo
<b>Wed</b>	9/5	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Vincent Maugeri
<b>Thu</b>	9/6	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
<b>Fri</b>	9/7	10:30 AM	Sacred Heart Prayer Group (VH)
	12:15 PM		Mass (HC) Offered for † Peter T. Villano, Jr.
	12:45 PM		Adoration with Daily Prayer
<b>Sat</b>	9/8	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
	4:00 PM		Mass (HC) Offered for † Andy Anderson
	6:00 PM		Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
<b>Sun</b>	9/9	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Andrew Egendoerfer
	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.

## Announcements

- ◇ The office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.
- ◇ Adoration will be September 7 following 12:15 Mass at Holy Cross.
- ◇ RCIA will meet September 9 at 12:45 in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Feast of the Holy Cross is Friday, September 14. In addition we will celebrate Sunday, September 16 with a Parish Cookout immediately following Mass.
- ◇ Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be September 21.

## Readings for the week of Sept. 3

<b>Mon</b>	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tue</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wed</b>	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thu</b>	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
<b>Fri</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
<b>Sat</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Sun</b>	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

## Stewardship Report

August 25-26 ..... \$3,160.00  
Online Giving.....14%

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



**RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults)** sessions will be starting on Sept. 9, after Mass downstairs in the Church Hall at approx. 12:45 PM. This is the process for adults who are interested in entering the Catholic Church. Anyone is welcome to attend. Class will be suspended Sept. 16 (Parish Cookout) and will resume Sept. 23.

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2018-2019 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (GRADES 1-12) ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE AND ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX (BY THE ELEVATOR).** Students in grades 9-12 participate in the DTS (Dead Theologian Society) which meets on Sunday mornings and studies the lives of the aints. Grades 1-6 participate in parish assisted home catechesis using the Faith and Life Program. Parent meeting and start dates will be posted in future bulletins. Please contact Faye Fazio at [ffazio@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:ffazio@charlestdioocese.org) or 855-9039 for additional information.



**The Women of St. Helena are excited about shepherding the making of the Chrismon ornaments.** This is a fun, spiritual project for our church families to do to help decorate the two Christmas trees at Holy Cross each Advent Season. Chrismons are always white and gold. . . white symbolizing that Jesus is pure and perfect, and gold symbolizing His majesty and glory. We have had some lovely Chrismons turned in and are looking forward to seeing even more. **Please place your finished ornament on the narthex table (by the elevator).**

**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.