

Mass Times:

Sat4:00 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

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.

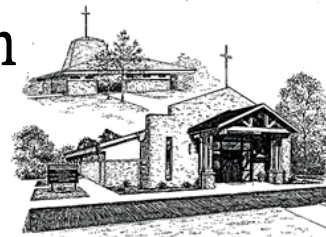
If you suspect an abuse has occurred that involved diocesan personnel (priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers) contact:

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time †
September 9, 2018



Dear Parishioners,

Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and gave us the Catholic Church as a mysterious gift. Through the Church and particularly through the Sacraments, Jesus is present to us and unites us to Himself.

Most people are called by God to marry. Recognizing marriage as a call from God, catholics come to church to exchange their vows and receive the blessing of Jesus as they begin their married life. The rules of the Church exist to protect the rights of the bride and groom, and to help them prepare for marriage. Preparing for marriage should involve prayer, and the couple learning to pray together. Prayer — a conversation with God — is the way God guides families.

The “rule” about marriage is usually summarized “catholics marry IN the Church.” When a catholic marries a catholic, the ceremony is always in a Catholic Church. When a catholic marries a non-catholic, the bishop can give permission for the marriage to take place in a different location. The “IN” is not always geographical! I prefer to state the rule “catholics marry with the Church’s permission, guidance, and blessing”. This “rule” is extremely important! Should a catholic live with someone as if married — but is not actually married according to the Church’s policies — the individual should not present themselves to receive the sacraments until the relationship becomes marriage, or co-habitation ends.

Let us pray constantly for all married couples! God wants to bless them, and God wants them to be a blessing for the whole world!

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

Announcements

- ◇ Chrismon Workshop, Thursday, September 13 at noon in the Villano Hall.
- ◇ Holy Cross Parish Cookout, Sunday September 16, immediately following Mass in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be September 21.
- ◇ RCIA resumes September 23 at 12:45 PM in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Women of St. Helena will meet on Saturday, September 29 at 9:00AM in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Mary’s Mantle will meet September 17 at 10:30 AM in Villano Hall.

This week in our Parish

Mon	9/10	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Anna Ferraro
Wed	9/12	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Nellie Pollick
Thu	9/13	9:00-Noon	Catholic Outreach (VH)
		12:00 PM	Chrismon Workshop (VH, following Outreach)
		12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for Priest Intention
Fri	9/14		Feast of the Holy Cross
		10:30 AM	Sacred Heart Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Marie Sanchez
Sat	9/15	2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Patsy Chapman
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
Sun	9/16	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † David Stein
		11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners
		12:30 PM	No RCIA (this week only)
		12:45 PM	Parish Cookout (CH following Mass)

(HC) Holy Cross (CH) Holy Cross Basement Hall (VH) Villano Hall
(SL) St. Luke (AH) St. Luke Annunciation Hall

For more information about happenings in the Diocese of Charleston, please see the bulletin board or visit the church webpage.

Readings for the week of Sept. 10

Mon	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tue	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wed	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thu	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Fri	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Sat	1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27
Sun	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Stewardship Report

September 1-2 \$4,164.50
Online Giving.....16.9%

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Holy Cross Feast Day Celebration

Join us on Sunday, September 16 as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross in the church hall with a Parish Cookout.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus and Women of St. Helena.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.



You're invited to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from September 26 through November 4.

40 Days for Life, an ecumenical prayer campaign to end abortion, began in College Station, Texas. It has expanded not only nationally, but internationally since its inception in 2007. There are two campaigns a year, The Fall campaign begins on the fourth Wednesday of September. Prayer, fasting and public vigil at the abortion facility are key components. Many believe the Holy Spirit is using this movement to end abortion and at the same time bring people of many faiths together. To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville and www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville or call **Judy Masterson 1-864-506-0964**. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Rosaries for Life - Pray 5 decades daily from Sept 26th – Nov 4th. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to rosaries4life@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally Saturday, Sept 29th, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Rd. Guest speakers: Dr. Robert Jackson, Jr. MD, family medicine specialist and author of The Family Doctor Speaks: The Truth About Life; Carrie Gifford and Patty McGrath, Sidewalk Advocates for Life update. Music will be provided by the For Life Praise Band with Mark and Robin Wills. At the close of the event Rob Wess, Director of Construction for Piedmont Women's Center, will take those interested on a tour of the new facility. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church. Call **Judy Masterson at 1-864-506-0964**.

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.