

**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**

**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 Avenue ● Pickens, SC 29671

First Sunday of Advent ✠ December 2, 2018



Dear Parishioners,

Advent is the start of our liturgical year, and — just like Lent — Advent is a time for penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To help you in prayer, I encourage you to join me in praying daily the “Collects” from Mass, which are different for each day between the first Sunday of Advent and December 24th. You can get these prayers from the handout at the entrance of the Church, or join the Flocknote group “Advent Prayers”. The Collect is the prayer that helps us focus our thoughts at the start of Mass, and the same prayer is part of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Divine Office. Give it a try — you will find these prayers wonderful meditations.

Next Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Like Christmas, it is the only Holy Day of Obligation that Catholics in the US are obliged to attend every year even when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. That means that I am obliged to celebrate sufficient Masses to give all parishioners a reasonable chance to attend. Masses will be offered at Holy Cross on Friday 4:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM and at St. Luke, Friday 7:00 PM. The regular Saturday evening Masses are for the 2nd Sunday of Advent. If you will be traveling, I strongly suggest that you consult the actual parish website or call their office in advance. Many companies set up free websites in the hope of drumming up business — and many of these have incorrect information! When searching parish websites, watch for recently updated information!

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

## Announcements

◆ **Immaculate Conception Masses**

Friday, December 7	Holy Cross 4:00 PM
	St. Luke 7:00 PM
Saturday, December 8	Holy Cross 9:00 AM

◆ **Adoration for Advent, Holy Cross**

Friday, December 7	12:15 PM
December 14	12:45 PM
December 21	12:45 PM

◆ **Adoration, Confessions, Evening Prayer, St. Luke**

Friday, December 7	6:00 PM
December 14	7:00 PM
December 21	6:00 PM



Mary's Mantle will not meet during the month of December. Please join us when we resume in January.

# This week in our Parish

<b>Mon</b>	12/3	10:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group (CH)
		12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Anna Ferraro
<b>Wed</b>	12/5	12:15 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Rita Grim
		5:30 PM	Choir Practice (HC)
<b>Thu</b>	12/6	12:15 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for † Deceased members of the Moll Family
<b>Fri</b>	12/7	10:30 AM	Sacred Heart Prayer Group (VH)
		12:15 PM	Adoration with Daily Prayer (HC)
		4:00 PM	<b>Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (HC)</b> Offered for † Mr. Serafino Giambattista
		7:00 PM	<b>Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (SL)</b> Offered for All Parishioners
<b>Sat</b>	12/8	9:00 AM	<b>Immaculate Conception Mass (HC)</b>
		2:30 PM	Confessions (HC)
		4:00 PM	Mass (HC) Offered for † Mary Agnes Kovalyak
		6:00 PM	Mass (SL) Offered for All Parishioners
<b>Sun</b>	12/9	9:00 AM	Mass (SL) Offered for † James Russell
		11:30 AM	Mass (HC) Offered for All Parishioners

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

## Stewardship Report

November 24&25.....\$2,903.70  
Online Giving.....13%

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



### Readings for the week of December 3

<b>Mon</b>	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tue</b>	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wed</b>	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thu</b>	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Fri</b>	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
<b>Sat</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sun</b>	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



### Support Holy Cross by shopping online at Amazon.

Do your Christmas shopping online this year and support your church at the same time. No obligations or additional fees will be charged to you. Go to [holycrossstluke.org](http://holycrossstluke.org) to get more information or enter [Smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0935381](http://Smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0935381). Just shop, have fun and your church will benefit. If you have any questions, call the church office.

**Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo will host a Town Hall Meeting for all parishioners in the Upstate on Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Gallivan Hall at St Mary's Catholic Church, 111 Hampton Avenue in Greenville.** During the meeting, the Bishop will talk about and answer questions related to the current crisis in the Church and the US Bishops' meeting in Baltimore. Please join Bishop Guglielmo for this important conversation about authentic reform in the Church.



The Women of St. Helena are sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to benefit patients at Manna Health and Rehabilitation. The tree will be located in the narthex on the weekends of **December 1-2 and 8-9 for tag selection.** Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and place the wrapped present under the tree, with the tag by **December 16.** Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.