

SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta December 10, 2023

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MASS TIMES

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday – 7:00 p.m. (Holy Cross)

Sunday – 10:00 a.m. (Holy Cross)

Sunday – 12 Noon (Our Lady of the Rockies)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday – 6:30 p.m. (Holy Cross)

Friday – 4:00 p.m. (Whispering Pines)

Friday – 6:30 p.m. (Holy Cross)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

OR by appointment (Holy Cross)

Grande Cache Parish Website:

holycrossgc.caedm.ca

Archdiocese of Edmonton

Website: www.caedm.ca

Mass Intentions

TBA

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor

Father Anthony Narisetty

Associate Pastor

Father Jimmy Puttanickal

Chair Person

Brian Klappstein

Members

Margaret Atkinson

Denise Hagg

Jane LaBelle

David MacPhee

Pat Mortensen



We welcome any parishioners who would like to attend the next meeting to get an idea of what the PPC is all about or perhaps to take a place on Parish Council. Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. Meetings should take no longer than 1-1 ½ hours.

Knights of Columbus

Jim Savory, Grand Knight



Catholic Women's League

Pat Mortensen, President



Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8

Straighten the Path

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land (see [Exodus 23:20](#)). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see [Malachi 3:1-4](#)).

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm.

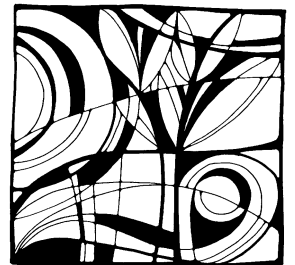
He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

We wait for new heavens—



*and a new earth where
righteousness
is at home.*

2 P E T E R 3 : 1 3

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fr. is available to hear confessions at that time.



Catholic Women's League

Regular meetings on the First Saturday of each month. For more information about the C.W.L., please contact Pat Mortensen, President. Next meeting TBA



Mary's Meals - Sponsored by the CWL - Help to feed children less fortunate. Donation jar is located on the small table in front of the Reader's stand (Ambo).

Your CWL invites you to discover the 52 "Share the Word" words, found on the CWL bulletin board in the hall. Also, check out the foyer bulletin board for up-coming CWL events.

Knights of Columbus

All young men (18 and up) from the Parish are welcome to become Knights. Regular meetings scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. Next meeting TBA. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC.



www.kofc.org

[KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)

Bottle Drive - The K of C thank you whole heartedly for your generous donations of bottles and/or juice and milk cartons. You are encouraged to continue dropping off bottles/cartons in the Parish foyer or garage. This continues to be a wonderful fundraiser for the Knights which enables them to continue their charitable works within the Parish and abroad.

Scriptural Rosary - Make the Rosary come alive. Come and join us each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone needing preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist or Confirmation, please leave a message for Margaret with the parish office at 780-827-2422 or email the parish office HolyCross.GrCache@caedm.ca

Gentle Reminder Let's remember that since those who clean the Church, hall and complex are volunteers, we should all do our part to ensure these areas are left as clean and tidy as possible before we leave the building.

Knit n' Natter

Every Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the hall
Please bring any crafts you are working on or just come for the chat and a cup of tea.



Parish Food Bank Drive

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at Holy Cross until mid-December. This is a parish-wide project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Parish Christmas Potluck Supper - Sunday, December 10 in the Parish Hall at 5:00 P.M. Join in the Spirit of the Season AND, the food is always delicious and plentiful.



Community Christmas Dinner - December 18 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Two sittings available from which to choose.



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



December 2/3, 2023

Collections: \$2,809.00

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his steadfast love endures for ever!" Psalm 118

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2023 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$5,155.00 (103% of Goal)

Thank you for your generous donations

(the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)
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The 10 different Catholic organizations supported by TWS:

- Catholic Social Services
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- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Newman Theological College
- Pope's Pastoral Works
- St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton
- St. Joseph Seminary
- St. Joseph's College

Donate now!



So, if you want to donate to the above charities, use the Annual Appeal envelopes. **Please help us meet our goal.**
For more information, please visit [TogetherWeServe - caedm](http://TogetherWeServe.caedm).

Together We Serve video:

<https://caedm.ca/TogetherWeServe>

Weekly Collection – All Cheques **must** be made out to Holy Cross Catholic Church if you want a tax receipt for your donations. If you do not use the numbered envelopes and would like to, please call 827-2422 and leave a message.

Please ensure your Name and P.O. Box Number is PRINTED on the first few contribution envelopes you use.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With the virgin mother Mary, we ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen.

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered **TBA**. The two and half session is mandatory for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers of the Archdiocese who have not yet participated in this training.

Have A Great Week!