



Holy Cross Catholic Church

Grande Cache, Alberta

December 11, 2022

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OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES

Susa Creek, AB

GRANDE CACHE INSTITUTION

Grande Cache, AB

MASS TIMES

www.holycrossgc.caedm.ca

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 Rajesh Jesuraj

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 meeting Saturday, January 14, 2023 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



Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10; Psalm 146; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Here is Your God

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see [Isaiah 29:18-20](#); [61:1-2](#)).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see [Matthew 6:25-34](#)). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see [Isaiah 30:18](#)).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.



AND THE
POOR HAVE
GOOD NEWS
BROUGHT
TO THEM

MATTHEW 11:5

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 CWL Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m.



Knights of Columbus

All young men (18 and up) from the Parish are welcome to become Knights. Regular meetings scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each Month. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC. www.kofc.org [KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)



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.

Knitted or Crocheted slippers are required at the Chemo Centre in Hinton. If you can help, please drop the slippers off at Holy Cross. Thank you for your help.



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.



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.

C.W.L. Collection for Refugees: A list of required items is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer to the Church. Items can be brought to the Church and left in the collection box available.

"Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

There will be a "Called to Protect" training session TBA
The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This is a virtual session by zoom.

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

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).

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

Advent - Christmas - New Year's Schedule

Sunday, December 11 – Christmas Pot Luck Supper at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16 – Journey to the Inn at Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 16 – **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Holy Cross – 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Lady of the Rockies - 5:00 p.m. Holy Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS MORNING

Holy Cross - 10:00 a.m. Whispering Pines 11:15 a.m.

Friday, December 30 – HOLY FAMILY - Holy Cross – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

Adoration of Thanksgiving - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Holy Cross - 10:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Rockies - 12:00 noon

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



December 3/4, 2022
Collections: \$2,797.00

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

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2022 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$6,255.00 (125% of Goal)

Thank you for your generous donations



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

- Catholic Social Services
- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- Evangelization of Nations
- 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 www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

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.

Socializing After Sunday Mass

Thanks to two volunteers, we will once again be able to socialize and have coffee after Sunday morning Masses. To accompany the coffee, we are also accepting donations of cookies to enjoy with coffee. If you wish to donate a package of cookies, please leave them in the hall kitchen before Sunday Masses. Donations are always gratefully accepted and much appreciated.

Volunteer Cleaners Required

At the present time we have 4 volunteer cleaning teams for the Church. We are hoping to get volunteers to create one or two more teams of 2 or 3 people each, in which case, each team would clean only two months of each year. At the present time, cleaning is done each Monday for approximately two hours. If you are able to help in this capacity, please contact Denise, Margaret or Jane for more details. Thank you for your consideration.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias have been ordered for the Church for Christmas. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the purchase of poinsettias, please pick up an envelope on the Usher's table at the back of the Church and drop it in the collection basket.

