



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

# Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta December 17, 2023

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## GRANDE CACHE INSTITUTION

Grande Cache, AB

## MASS TIMES

[holycrossgc.caedm.ca](http://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](http://holycrossgc.caedm.ca)

Archdiocese of Edmonton

Website: [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

## Mass Intentions

TBA

## Parish Pastoral Council

### Pastor

Father Anthony Narisetty

### Associate Pastor

Father Jimmy Puttananickal

### 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



## Third Sunday of Advent

### Mass Readings

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1.47-54; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

## One Who is Coming

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see [2 Kings 2:11](#)), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see [Mark 1:6](#); [2 Kings 1:8](#)) and preaches repentance and judgment (see [1 Kings 18:21](#); [2 Chronicles 21:12-15](#)).

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see [Luke 1:17](#); [Malachi 3:23-24](#)).

Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#); [John 6:14](#)). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb (see [Luke 1:15, 44](#)).

John prepares the way for the Lord (see [Isaiah 40:3](#)). The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance.

John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see [John 1:32](#)), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see [Luke 4:16-21](#)). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see [Zechariah 13:1-3](#); [Ezekiel 36:24-27](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see [John 6:33, 49-51](#)).

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.



—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

## 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.

Eucharistic



Adoration

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Next meeting TBA. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC.



[www.kofc.org](http://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](mailto: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.



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



## Advent Reconciliation Service

Holy Cross  
7:00 p.m.  
December 21

Prepare for the  
Christmas Season by  
celebrating the  
Sacrament  
of Reconciliation  
during Advent!



This will be the last bulletin until the new year.  
God bless.

## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



December 9/10, 2023

Collections: \$1,717.00

*"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: \$5,205.00 (104% 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:

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- 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

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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 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*