



# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Grande Cache, Alberta

### February 18, 2024

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#### OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES

Susa Creek, AB

#### 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



## First Sunday of Lent

#### Mass Readings

Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15

### The New Creation

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see [Hosea 2:20](#); [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:38](#)), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see [Genesis 2:19-20](#)), being served by angels (see [Ezekiel 28:12-14](#)).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see [Romans 5:12-14, 17-20](#)), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the “gospel of God” that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see [Colossians 1:13-14](#)). We were made children of God, new creations (see [2 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Galatians 4:3-7](#)).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see [1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9, 13](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2, 16](#)).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see [John 14:6](#)). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see [Psalm 78:25](#); [Wisdom 16:20](#)), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

—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.



## 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 KofC 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)



## Stations of the Cross

every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.  
Mass immediately following Stations.

**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.



## Prayer for Our Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*



## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

February 10/11, 2024: \$1,741.00

*"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: \$4920.00 (98% of Goal)

Thank you for your generous donations

2024 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$1,015.00 (20% of Goal)

(the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Please consider how God has blessed you and your family. In gratitude for God's abundance in your life consider reaching out to others through Together We Serve. Let us together, support our charitable partners through Together We Serve.

*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 [Together We Serve](#)

**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

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on 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. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register.