

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Grande Cache, Alberta

### February 19, 2023




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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)**  
**Ash Wednesday – February 22**  
 Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
**Susa Creek – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Cross – 6:30 p.m.**

**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, April 15, 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



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Readings**  
 Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 3.16-23; Matthew 5.38-48

**Holy as God**

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Romans 12:21).

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).



In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father. God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

—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 CWL Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m.



**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.

**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).

## 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. 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](#)

## 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.

**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)

## "Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

A "Called to Protect" training session has been scheduled for TBA. The 2.5 hour training session is for all volunteers and employees 18 years and over. The virtual session will be by zoom.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross. Mass to follow immediately after Stations of the Cross.



## Farewell Fr. Raj

We would like to wish Fr. Raj all the best as he moves to his new parish in Rocky Mountain House. Thank you for your service here. You will be a blessing to your new parish as you were to us. We will miss you. God bless you.

## FAREWELL POTLUCK SUPPER for Fr. Rajesh

Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m.  
Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rockies please join us.

## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



February 11/12, 2023  
Collections: \$2,310.00

*"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: \$ 930.00 (18% 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 [Together We Serve - caedm.ca](http://TogetherWeServe-caedm.ca).  
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.**

## LENTE MISSION

**BE THE LIGHT** (Matthew 5:14)

A four-day reflection on

*"Searching for Light in a Dark Time"*



Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

At Holy Cross Catholic Church  
With Fr. Leo English C.Ss.R.

A Redemptorist Priest from Grande Prairie AB.

*The Lights will be on for you!*

## 10-Day Biblical Journey at Holy Land and Jordan

Price: CAD \$ 5,075.00 per pilgrim on double occupancy

Early Bird discount of \$150.00 for deposits received by Feb. 21, 2023

Visit Israel and walk the tracks of Jesus' life as recorded in the Holy Bible (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and more). Plus added tour to the Kingdom of Jordan (Amman, Madaba, Mt. Nebo – alleged burial place of Moses, and ancient Petra – a UNESCO designated World Heritage Site).



Fr. Francis Mariappa  
Fr. Anthony Narisetty  
Spiritual Directors

Please see information at the back of the church.

**WELCOME TO FR. JINU** - Sunday, March 12  
following Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross.

Please come to meet Fr. Jinu and enjoy  
muffins, fruit, tea or coffee.

