



Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta February 25, 2024


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OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES
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MASS TIMES
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 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


Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings
Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116; Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-10

Bonds Loosed
The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week’s First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.
The Church has always read this story as a sign of God’s love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.
In today’s Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see [Romans 8:32](#); [Genesis 22:12,16](#)).
In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God’s “beloved Son”—as Isaac is described as Abraham’s beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ’s identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.
Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see [Matthew 1:1](#); [John 8:56](#)). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the “prophet like Moses” foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God’s own authority (see [Deuteronomy 18:15, 19](#)).
Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God’s glory in a cloud (see [Exodus 24:1, 9, 15](#)). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah’s return (see [Sirach 48:9-10](#); [Malachi 3:1, 23-24](#)).
And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see [Isaiah 53:3](#)).
As we sing in today’s Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see [Psalm 116:3](#)).
His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.
Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.



—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 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 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



Stations of the Cross

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

EMBRACING the POWER & THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Friday, March 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Church

124 Tamarack Ave, Hinton, AB

Friday's Workshop: *Receiving the Infusion of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday's Workshops: *Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge & Introduction to Healing*

Cost: Love Offering

Overnight accommodations can be arranged by contacting the Way of Holiness Retreat Centre at 780-865-4055 or email retreat@wayofholiness.net

Saturday Lunch will be provided.

Presented by: Our Lady of Assumption Prayer Community (Lethbridge)

Hosted by: Our Lady of the Foothills Charismatic Prayer Group

God Gives His Spirit Without Measure

— John 3:34 —

Registration: Beatriz Moir: 780-740-4898 Email: bea_earth@gmail.com

Many ages & walks of faith welcome!



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

February 17/18, 2024: \$2,529.00

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

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$ 1,020.00 (20% of Goal)

(the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Thank you for your generous donations

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.

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.