

Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta February 5, 2023

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MASS TIMES

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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

February 5 - Mary & Brian Stephenson (Wedding anniversary)

(wedding anniversary)

February 16 - Margaret Atkinson

(birthday)

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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

Isaiah 58.6-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-5; Matthew 5.13-16

Light Breaking Forth

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see <u>John 1:4–4</u>, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see <u>2 Chronicles 13:5</u>, <u>8</u>; <u>Leviticus 2:13</u>; <u>Ezekiel 43:24</u>).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see <u>Isaiah 2:2</u>; <u>60:1–3</u>).



And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see <u>Isaiah 42:6</u>; <u>49:6</u>).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

-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 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.

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.

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

The Rosary

On Zoom: Monday Evenings at 7pm



a Rosary for our Priests, Deacon, and parish team For zoom link or info, email Gary: gcgiffin@gmail.com

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

January 28/29, 2023 Collections: \$2,419.00

"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: \$ 505.00 (10% of Goal) Thank you for your generous donations



(the blue envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes) Thank you for your generous donations.

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



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 <u>Together We Serve - caedm.</u> **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.

FEBURARY RETREAT

Catechism 101- This Is Our Faith Retreat, is an overview of the Catechism for those with a desire to enter into the church or for both newly initiated and lifelong Catholics who wish to understand Church teachings more clearly.

SPEAKERS: Ryan Beaupre & Kristy-Lea Tritz Friday, February 17 @ 6:30 pm - Monday, February 20 @ 1pm

Way Of Holiness Retreat Center, Alberta - DIRECTIONS \$200/person. INCLUDES: Lodging, food, conference & gift

TO BOOK: https://wayofholiness.ca/retreatcalendar/

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).

Please see information at the back of the church.





Fr. Francis Mariappa Fr. Anthony Narisetty Spiritual Directors

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