




# Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta January 14, 2024

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**OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES**  
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**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  


## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Readings**  
1 Samuel 3.3b-10; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a17-20; John 1.35-42

### Hearing the Call

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

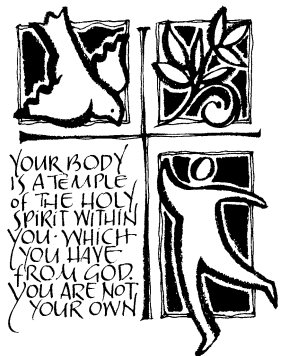
Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3](#)). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14; 14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."



—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 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.



*Please pray for Father Anthony, for safe travels and good health, while he is away  
January 8 to February 11.*



## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

(Can be also found in the new green 2024 Sunday Missal on page 583)



## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

January 6/7, 2024: \$2,379.00

*"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: \$5,210.00 (104% of Goal)

Thank you for your generous donations

2024 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected: \$500.00 (10% of Goal)

(the TWS 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

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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 [TogetherWeServe - 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.**

## 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.