

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Grande Cache, Alberta

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MASS TIMES
www.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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings
 Isaiah 49.3, 5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1.1-3; John 1.29-34

Perfect Offering

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me."

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46-47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1-23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3-13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.



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, January 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Meetings should take no longer than 1-1 1/2 hours.

Knights of Columbus

Jim Savory, Grand Knight



Catholic Women's League

Pat Mortensen, President



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, February 4 at 11:00 a.m.



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.

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.

"Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session TBA. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. 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.

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).

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 7/8, 2023

Collections: \$2969.00

*"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: \$ 455.00 (9% of Goal)

2022 Total Collected: \$6,280.00 (125% 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 www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

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.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.