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OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES Susa Creek, AB GRANDE CACHE INSTITUTION Grande Cache, AB

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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



Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta

January 28, 2024

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:

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Website: <u>www.caedm.ca</u>

Mass Intentions TBA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 7.32-35; Mark 1.21-28

The King's Authority

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–



<u>17</u>), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see <u>Deuteronomy 6:12–15</u>). On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

"With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see <u>Mark 3:22</u>).

The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see <u>Judges 11:12</u>; <u>1 Kings 17:18</u>).

And as God by His Word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world (see <u>Psalms</u> <u>104:7</u>; <u>Job 26:10–12</u>), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see <u>Psalm 106:9</u>), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see <u>Mark 4:39</u>; <u>Zechariah 3:2</u>).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see <u>Acts 3:22</u>). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see <u>Daniel 7:14</u>, <u>27</u>; <u>Revelation 12:10</u>), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see <u>Exodus 31:12</u>).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

-Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

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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 February 10 at 11 a.m.



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 <u>HolyCross.GrCache@caedm.ca</u>

<u>Gentle Reminder</u> 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.



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

January 20/21, 2024: \$1,477.00

"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: \$4920.00 (98% of Goal) Thank you for your generous donations

2024 Goal: \$5000.00 Collected so far: \$520.00 (10% of Goal) (the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

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</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.

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.

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





