



Holy Cross Catholic Church

Grande Cache, Alberta

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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
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 Father Jimmy Puttananickal
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 Brian Klappstein
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 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



The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Readings
 Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Newborn King

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews.

As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see [Micah 5:1-3](#); [2 Samuel 5:2](#)).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see [1 Kings 2:19](#)). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see [1 Kings 10:2,25](#)).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see [Numbers 22:21](#); [23:7](#); [24:7, 17](#)).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see [Revelation 22:16](#)), and the light of the world (see [Isaiah 42:6](#); [John 8:12](#)).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.



ISAIAH LOIS

—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 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

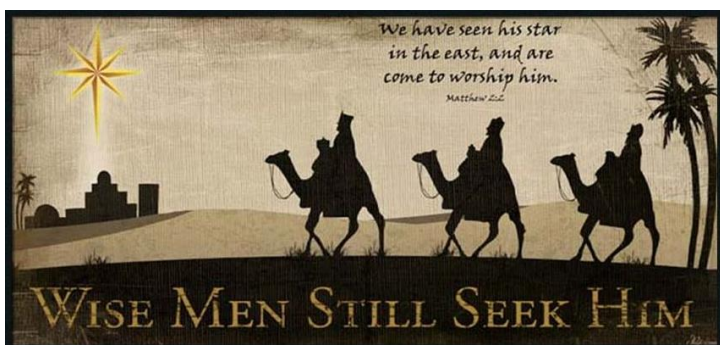
Gentle Reminder Let's remember that since those who clean the Church, hall and complex are volunteers, we should all do our part to ensure these areas are left as clean and tidy as possible before we leave the building.

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.*



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



December 16/17, 2023: \$1,105.00

December 23/24, 2023: \$2,448.00

December 25 (Christmas): \$2,846.00

December 30/31, 2023: \$2,017.00

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

Thank you for your generous donations

(the TWS 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

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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 - caedm.

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.



Happy
Epiphany