

Third SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta March 12, 2023

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OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES

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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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during Lent

at 6:30 p.m. at Holy
Cross. Mass will follow
Stations of the Cross.

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor

Father Anthony Narisetty

Associate Pastor

Father Jinu Rajan

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



3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings

Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-2, 5-8; John 4.5-42

Striking the Rock

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see [John 19:28](#)). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see [Luke 11:31-32](#)).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see [2 Kings 17:6, 24-41](#)). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see [John 19:34-37](#)).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see [John 7:38-39](#)), the gift of God (see [Hebrews 6:4](#)).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see [Ephesians 2:12-14,18](#)). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)).

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

—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 TBA.



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).

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. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC. www.kofc.org



[KofC online video series – Into the Breach](#)

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.

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

"Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

Called To Protect Training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Friday March 10, 2023, 1 pm - 3:30 pm**. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The virtual session will be by zoom. Please register using the link: <https://forms.gle/YttiUzbnW98tvcvsy8>

Lent Reconciliation Service



Friday, March 31st
After 6:30 pm Mass

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



March 5/6, 2023
Collections: \$2,355.00

*"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: \$1,330.00 (26% 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 [Together We Serve - 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.

Parish Lenten Project – Collection boxes are in the foyer for donations of non-perishable food items to be donated to our local Food Bank. All donations are greatly appreciated.



LENTEN MISSION

BE THE LIGHT (Matthew 5:14)

A four-day reflection on
"Searching for Light in a Dark Time"
Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

At Holy Cross Catholic Church With Fr. Leo English C.Ss.R.
A Redemptorist Priest from Grande Prairie AB.

The Lights will be on for you!

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).



Fr. Francis Mariappa
Fr. Anthony Narisetty
Spiritual Directors

Please see information at the back of the church.

WELCOME TO FR. JINU - Sunday, March 19
following Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross.
Please come to meet Fr. Jinu and enjoy
muffins, fruit, tea or coffee.

