



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
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, May 25 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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings
 Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

The "Hour" Comes

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

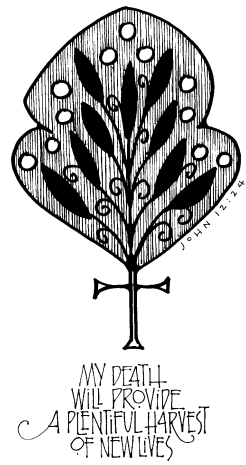
The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see [Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8](#)). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see [John 11:52](#)). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see [John 3:14-15](#)). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see [Isaiah 52:3](#)). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see [1 Maccabees 8:13](#)).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see [Acts 2:33](#); [Philippians 2:9](#)).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.



—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Lent Reconciliation service.

Friday, March 22
after 6:30 p.m. Mass

Lent
Reconciliation
Service



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning Friday, April 5, 2024, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be the first Friday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with Mass to follow.

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



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 HolyCross.GrCache@caedm.ca



Stations of the Cross

every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.
Mass immediately following Stations.

Holy Cross, Our Lady of the Rockies

Easter Triduum

March 28, 29, 30, 31, 2024

- March 28: 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Cross)
8:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 10:00 p.m. (Holy Cross)
- March 29: 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Holy Cross)
3:00 p.m. Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion (Holy Cross)
- March 30: 4:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food (Holy Cross)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord. (Holy Cross)
- March 31: 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord (Holy Cross)
12:00 noon Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord (Our Lady of the Rockies)



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

March 9/10, 2024: \$1,951.00

*"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures for ever!" Psalm 118*

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2024 Proposed Goal = \$5,250.00

Collected so far: \$ \$1,420.00 (27% of Goal)
(the TWS envelopes in your box of Collection Envelopes)

Thank you for your generous donations

Together we Serve supports 10 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Please consider how God has blessed you and your family. In gratitude for God's abundance in your life consider reaching out to others through Together We Serve. Let us together, support our charitable partners through Together We Serve.

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 [Together We Serve](#)

Donate
now!



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.**

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.



DIVINE MERCY:

On Tuesday afternoons, all those interested are invited to join us in the hall at 1:30 p.m. when we will be watching DVDs on Divine Mercy. We expect it will be 1.5 hours in length and discussion is welcomed if you so choose.

