

THIRD Sunday OF LENT

*Do not come near!
Remove your sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is
holy ground.* Exodus 3:5

Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta March 3, 2024

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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, 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



Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; John 2.13-25

Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see [Matthew 5:17](#))—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see [Zechariah 14:21](#); [Malachi 3:1-5](#); [Isaiah 56:7](#)).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see [Acts 7:48](#); [2 Samuel 7:5](#)).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see [Psalm 50:7-13](#)).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see [Jeremiah 7:21-23](#); [Amos 5:25](#)).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#)), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see [John 15:13](#)).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see [1 Corinthians 3:16](#)) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see [Ephesians 2:22](#)).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see [John 4:23-24](#)).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see [Psalm 50:14, 23](#)). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see [Hebrews 10:5-7](#); [Romans 12:1](#); [1 Peter 2:5](#)).



—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 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.

EMBRACING the POWER & THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Friday, March 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Church

124 Tamarack Ave, Hinton, AB

Friday's Workshop: *Receiving the Infusion of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday's Workshops: *Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge & Introduction to Healing*

Cost: Love Offering

Overnight accommodations can be arranged by contacting the Way of Holiness Retreat Centre at 780-865-4055 or email retreat@wayofholiness.net

Saturday Lunch will be provided.

Presented by: Our Lady of Assumption Prayer Community (Lethbridge)

Hosted by: Our Lady of the Foothills Charismatic Prayer Group

God Gives His Spirit Without Measure

– John 3:34 –

Registration: Beatriz Moir: 780-740-4898 Email: bea_earth@hotmail.com

Many ages & walks of faith welcome!



YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

February 24/25, 2024: \$2,370.00

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

Together We Serve – Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$5000.00

Collected so far: \$ 1,020.00 (20% 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

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](#)

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.

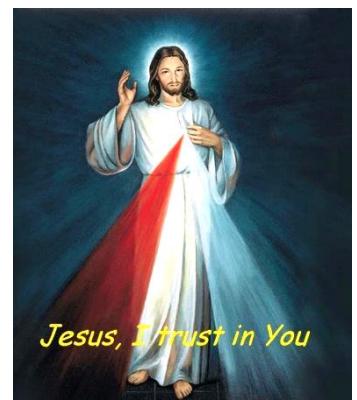
Knit n' Natter

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:

Beginning Tuesday, March 5, 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.



Jesus, I trust in You