


# Holy Cross Catholic Church Grande Cache, Alberta September 17, 2023

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**OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES**  
Susa Creek, AB  
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**MASS TIMES**  
[holycrossgc.caedm.ca](http://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](http://holycrossgc.caedm.ca)  
**Archdiocese of Edmonton**  
**Website:** [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)  
**Mass Intentions**  
TBA

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Pastor**  
Father Anthony Narisetty  
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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 meeting Saturday, October 14, 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  


## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Readings**  
Sirach 27.30-28.7; Psalm 103; Romans 14.7-9; Matthew 18.21-35

### The Debt We Owe

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

—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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact Jim Savory – Grand Knight, or any member of the KofC. [www.kofc.org](http://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](mailto: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.

## Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Holy Cross Parish immediately following 10:00 A.M. Mass. There will be no Mass at Our Lady of the Rockies that Sunday. It is a time for OLR and Holy Cross parishioners to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and enjoy a Barbecue Lunch afterward. As always, parishioners are asked to bring salads and desserts. Hamburgers and hotdogs supplied by the Parish.



## YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD

September 9/10, 2023

Collections: \$1,752.00

*"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: \$3,966.00 (79% 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:

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- 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](http://TogetherWeServe-caedm.com).

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.**

## Mass Intentions in the Holy Land

Fr. Anthony will be going to the Holy Land November 6 - 15. If anyone would like to offer a Mass Intention in the Holy Land, please speak with Fr. Anthony personally or contact Holy Cross Parish Office at (780)827-2422 to leave a message. A free will offering is appreciated.

## 2023 Women of Dignity Conference - October 20-21

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB

'Carry on Bravely'

Ladies this is your opportunity to come together with other like-minded women as you journey through life whether single, married, mother, from teen to granny we are inviting you to join us for a weekend of discernment and an opportunity to find meaning and purpose in life's challenges. Invite family and friends to make this a special faith-building journey and experience! Check out the website for conference information.

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