

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Grande Cache, Alberta

September 3, 2023


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OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES
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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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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, September 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Meetings should take no longer than 1-1 1/2 hours.

Knights of Columbus
Jim Savory, Grand Knight


Catholic Women's League
Pat Mortensen, President


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings
Jeremiah 20.7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27

For Your Life

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see [Jeremiah 20:11-12](#)) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see [Hebrews 12:5-7](#)).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

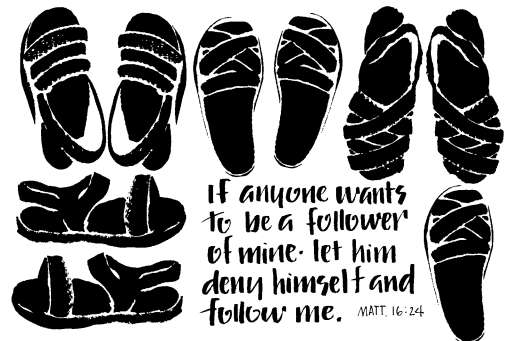
God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see [Hebrews 10:3-11](#); [Psalm 50:14, 23](#)).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see [1 Corinthians 1:23](#)). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see [Hebrews 13:15](#)). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

—Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, Ph.D.



If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him deny himself and follow me. MATT. 16:24

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. 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

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.

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A Catholic Marriage Conference

Experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference

Sept. 22-23, 2023

in Spruce Grove at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Register at:

<https://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com/events/breathe-catholic-marriage-conference-spruce-grove>

or contact Denise at 306-369-2220

YOUR RETURN GIFT TO GOD



Collections:

July 2023

\$9,267.00

August 2023

\$ 7,605.00

"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: \$ 3,541.00 (71% 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](http://TogetherWeServe-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.

"Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Friday September 08, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session.

Please register. - <https://forms.gle/3vBBUivnUJDC7eFz5>

Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 1 at Holy Cross 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.

