

St. Joseph Church – John D’Or Prairie (since 1965)

Hwy 58, south on Rge Rd 80, John D’Or Prairie, Little Red River Cree Nation AB T0H 3X0

During the COVID pandemic, access to the Little Red River Cree Nation may be prohibited from time to time.

You will be notified of any orders made by the government of Little Red River Cree Nation that could impact a scheduled visit there.



To ensure access to the church, please schedule your Pilgrimage visit in advance:

- **Online**
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- **Email** (exec.agm@live.ca)
- **Phone** (780-532-9766)

Location/Directions

Approx. 67 km east of the intersection of Highway 58 and Highway 88. Follow Highway 58 to Range Road 80. Go south on Range Road 80 and follow the road to John D’Or Prairie.

DID YOU KNOW...?

In 1965, at the request of the people in John D’Or Prairie, Bishop Henri Routhier assigned a parish priest to the communities on the north bank of the Peace River. He also invited the Soeurs de Sainte-Chretienne to serve there.

Mass was celebrated in the school in Boyer River (1968-69). A chapel was set up at Rocky Lane and Mass was celebrated there beginning in March 1970. In 1972, the resident priest in John D’Or Prairie began celebrating Mass in the parish rectory. In 1982, the community of John D’Or Prairie began fundraising to build their own church. The church (pictured above) was blessed by Archbishop Legaré in July 1991.

The Teepee Church was designed by Lambur Scott Architects of Edmonton and the general contractor for its construction was Ar-Low Builders of Calgary.

On November 5, 2001, the “World Youth Day Cross” came to John D’Or Prairie and was placed at the centre of the church, surrounded by the students from the school and people from the community.