

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



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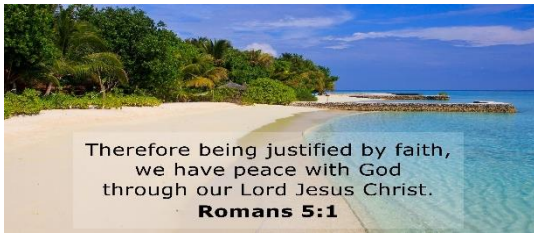
Caroline - St. Joseph



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY • *Exodus 17:3-7 * Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 * John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*

The goodness and mercy of Jesus is life-giving. Lent, with its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing from sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and living water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ. ♠ In their fear and need, **the Israelites grumble against Moses and the Lord.** God responds by meeting those needs with water flowing from the rock. **Saint Paul** writes to the Romans that *we have been justified by faith* through Jesus - his death gives us life. **In the Gospel,** Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well and tells her he is the Messiah.

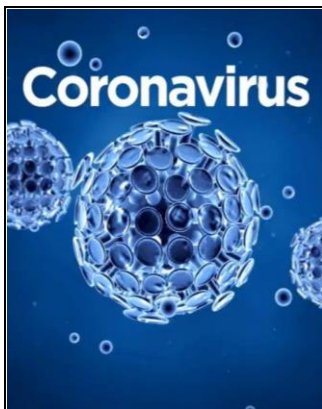


What does Paul mean when he writes: *Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ?* It helps to remember and understand that faith and salvation are not something we can achieve on our own, but are God's freely given gift. That does not mean we are mere puppets in a cosmic salvation show, or passive recipients of God's actions. The truth is, that with free will, our actions and choices – our commitment to Gospel living – does matter before God.

The image of mercy flowing like water is present in today's Gospel, where Jesus encounters the woman at the well. From the start, we know this is no ordinary meeting: It is with a Samaritan with a mixed marital history, spurned by others such that she must come to the well at the hottest time of day, when no one else is there. But there is someone there: Jesus. And despite her situation and cultural conventions, it is Jesus who first speaks to her. And what a conversation it is! For in looking at where the woman "is," spiritually, at the start and again at the end, it is almost like two different people. This simple encounter with Jesus radically changes her. Into the desert of her sinful, sad and lonely existence Jesus pours the fast-flowing water of God's mercy and love.



Like the woman at the well, we, too, are seeking the living water of God's mercy. Lent invites us to be more purposeful in our efforts, as it reminds us that God is also seeking us. He is taking the initiative to engage us so that we might experience this flowing water, and so live in ways that are worthy of him. This is our hope and our faith. With God's help, we pray that God's flowing water will wash us clean and refresh us today and always.



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREVENTIVE MEASURES

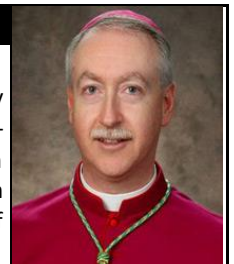
Archdiocese of Edmonton continues to consult health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Archbishop Smith is requesting that all parishes implement the following measures on a temporary basis: • At the **Sign of Peace**, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod, or "Peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate. • All **holy water fonts** are to remain empty. • The **Precious Blood** is not to be distributed from the chalice.

Experts in public health have advised that there is no greater risk of infection in receiving the host on the tongue than there is in receiving on the hand. Communicants are free to receive either way. Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene - wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those affected worldwide by COVID-19.

ARCHBISHOP SMITH HAS ENTERED SELF-ISOLATION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HIS DOCTOR

Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Archbishop Smith has advised us that he has entered self-isolation on the recommendation of his doctor. When he recently began experiencing the symptoms of a slight cold, the doctor advised him to self-isolate until he gets tested for the COVID-19 coronavirus. The doctor also advised him to cancel all his engagements until he receives the results of the test, which may take several days. The Archbishop has stressed that he does not feel seriously ill, but is taking this measure out of an abundance of caution and is eager to return to public ministry. We are grateful for the example His Grace has set for all of us as we consider how best to protect each other during this outbreak and pray that he will be out among us again soon.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Mar. 14, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael	Laverne Froese	Audrey Kokesch
Mar. 15, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					
Mar. 21, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Dom & Mandy Couve	Orville Kittelson	Lura Collinson	Laurier Nobert	Doraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier
Mar. 22, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Steve Oscar	Bill Fletcher	Gary Donald	Teresa Johnson	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Mar. 15, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Matthew Andersen	Justin Szymanek	Hal and Lori Phillips	Gerald and Margie Miller
Mar. 22, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Bill Pollock	Gerald Miller	The Mark Szymanek Family	Cecil and Carol Hoven



“NO GREATER LOVE” - A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion

Coffee and donuts after Mass and before Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ March 08 – April 05, 2020 → Sundays after Mass ♦ 5 sessions • Optional workbooks - \$35
30 min. video from Holy Land • 45 min. discussion • For more information: Contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

MAR. 15 - 22 - 29 • APR. 05

EVERYONE WELCOME!



BIBLE STUDY – MONDAYS ♦ GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Mar. 16, 2020 * 07.00 PM


For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940



RETREAT FOR GRADE 6

Tuesday - Mar. 17, 2020 • 9.30 AM – 2.30 PM

St. Matthew Church



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

Tuesday – March 17, 2020 ♦ 09.50 AM – 12.50 PM



ALTAR SERVERS’ MEETINGS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE **Tuesday – Mar. 17 ♦ 03.30 PM**

Tuesdays: Mar. 17 - 24 - 31 + Apr. 07 ♦ 03.30 PM - 05.00 PM ♦ At the church

We invite all altar Servers new and returning to join together for a short 4 week Lent Practice in preparation of Easter and learn more about Catholic faith. Debbie Baich will be co-coordinating snacks and communication and will be present with our fantastic Deacon Bernie. • All Catholics that have received First Communion are welcome to assist in the church ministry of altar serving. If your child has a friend that has received First Communion, they are welcome to attend. For more information or suggestions, contact Debbie 403-845-6846 or email dbaich@telus.net or contact Deacon Bernie 403-846-0453 or email dcnbernie@gmail.com




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING


Tuesday - March 17, 2020 - 7.00 PM



ABIDING TOGETHER - LENTEN LUNCH **Thursday - March 19, 2020 • 12.00 PM - 12.45 PM**

Abiding Together is a weekly podcast featuring the book, “The Return of the Prodigal Son” during Lent. Listen to the Podcast posted each Monday and then meet on Thursdays at lunch to discuss! • **Bring your own bag lunch.** Meetings in **St. Matthew Parish foyer: Feb. 27 - Apr. 02, 2020 from 12.00 PM to 12.45 PM** to accommodate working folks! For more info contact: Lisa at 403-846-7137 or Mara at 403-845-0940.





YOUTH GROUP **RMH** **Thursday - Mar. 19, 2020 • 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM**

We have a youth ministry program for grades 6-8, facilitated in part by High School Students, every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM at the Church. Feb. 06, 2020 - April 20, 2020. For more information contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT


Friday – March 20, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING SEASON OF LENT

All parishioners are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross as a community reflecting upon the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. We are called to walk with our pain and suffering in solidarity with Jesus.

EVERY THURSDAY	11.00 AM	EVERGREEN	JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH	Mass at 10.30 AM
EVERY FRIDAY	06.00 PM	RMH	ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	Soup/Buns after Stations
EVERY SUNDAY	12.30 PM	CAROLINE	ST. JOSEPH CHURCH	Mass at 01.00 PM



Mar. 19, 2020 at 11.00 AM
Evergreen * Mass 10.30 AM

Mar. 20, 2020 at 06.00 PM
Rocky * Soup & Buns after


Mar. 22, 2020 at 12.30 PM
Caroline * Mass 01.00 PM



NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - RMH

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Mar. 22, 2020. See you all!

Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on March 22, 2020



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REPRESENT OUR PARISHES AT CHRISM MASS

MONDAY - APRIL 06, 2020 - 7.00 PM • ST. JOSEPH BASILICA - EDMONTON

We need 6 people (ideally 2 from each parish) who will agree to attend Chrism Mass on Monday, April 06, 2020 at 7.00 PM in St. Joseph’s Basilica in Edmonton. If you would like to be representative of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline, please contact office at 403-845-3457. The first 6 people who will volunteer to be our representatives will be chosen. Thank you for your help and cooperation!



Sometimes saying, 'I will pray for you' isn't enough.

Sometimes we need to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

WILL YOU SERVE JESUS IN YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

You will notice a bright sign in the church foyer. We are going to attempt to form four service groups of parishioners approx. 15 in number, that will work together to provide our beloved beautiful breakfasts and funeral lunches to honor our faith family that has departed this world with hope of eternal life with God. Both of these services would retain their present leaders so the work group would plainly be helpful hands to choose either prep (which generally takes place the day or evening before), serving or clean up. All of these tasks take 1-2 maximum hrs with 4-5 helpers. Having four groups would ensure that each group would only have to help twice a year for beautiful breakfasts and we would rotate taking on funerals in turn. The truth of the matter is that we will all require this final farewell gathering. We see this as a way to get to know other parish members as we work side by side to serve together to ensure we are able to continue to gather as a community. Many small jobs will be available, confidently sign up with joy to participate and we will ensure that everyone's talents and time constraints can be accommodated. Please see the poster in the foyer. Sign up as singles, couples or families.

FR. LEON KLER

LENTEN SERMONS DURING SUNDAY MASSES

In the Season of Lent this year Fr. Leon will present longer sermons (25-30 minutes) instead of usual homilies. The reason is that we do not offer the parish Lenten Retreat, so his sermons will attempt to provide our parishioners with opportunity for spiritual renewal and deepening the relationship with God.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWLS

The CWL has circulated prayer shawls in the past and after several weeks of infusing prayer through and over these shawls they are given to someone who is carrying a heavy burden to ensure they know God's presence and the support of a loving community. We are opening this tradition up to the whole parish to share as a parish family this service of prayer and hopefully have a greater knowledge of who would be in need of such a gift as a prayer shawl. The shawls will be by the library shelf and you sign them out and back in on return just as we do for the lending of the books.

Mar. 25 - 28

MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Presented by Rocky and District Ministerial Association

With Special Guest - Virginia Hooper • All sessions will be held at Rocky Nazarene Church (5340-59 Ave)



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: Understanding Mental Illness (Wednesday, 7pm-9pm) • Psychological First Aid (Thursday, 10am-3pm) • Dealing with Trauma (Thursday, 7pm-9pm) • Stress Management (Friday, 10am-noon) • Anxiety (Friday, 1pm-3pm) • Responding to Addictions (Friday, 7pm-9pm) • Depression (Saturday, 10am-noon) • Suicide Prevention (Saturday, 12:30pm-2:30pm) • Coping Strategies (Saturday, 3pm-4pm). **THIS IS FOR:** Caregivers - Parents - Mental Health Professionals - Health Care Professionals - Individuals struggling with mental health issues - Anyone who is wondering about mental health. There is no registration fee for this event, but donations will be accepted to help offset the cost. **For more information call: 403-845-3215**

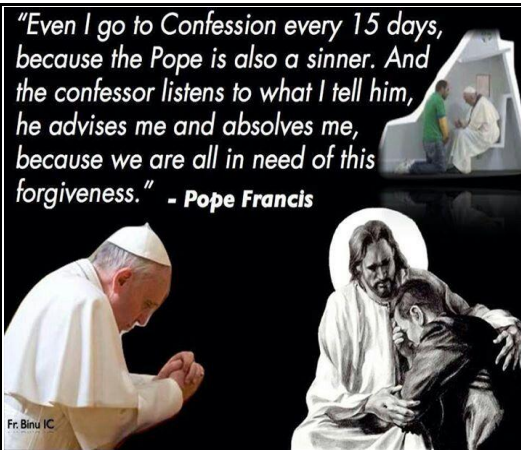


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Lord's Food Bank is seeking a competent, enthusiastic individual to serve as Community Development Co-ordinator. This position is designed to expand the reach and deepen the impact in the community.

Responsibilities include: Facilitating and promoting programs to combat the root causes of poverty: collective kitchen, classes and workshops (budgeting, cooking, etc.). • Networking with other agencies, churches, and service clubs to keep our food bank connected as a healthy part of the community and facilitate volunteer opportunities. • Maintaining a presence on social media to present information and appreciation to our community for their support. • Gathering information about the needs in our community and making recommendations. • Leading devotionals and answering questions about the Christian faith. • Working alongside the Director and filling in when necessary. **The ideal candidate will be:** Organized and detail-oriented. • Personable. • A self-starter. • Passionate about poverty reduction from a Biblical perspective. • A lifelong learner who can critically evaluate and appropriately implement new ideas, programs, etc. **Requirements:** Written and verbal communication skills. • Comfortable with MS Office, and with social media. • Must be a committed Christian, able to agree to our statement of faith. • Experience working and/or volunteering with a non-profit. • 20 hours/week. **Applications accepted until Friday - March 20, 2020**



PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sylvan Lake	March 16, 2020 Monday	Our Lady of the Assumption	07.00 PM
Lacombe	March 18, 2020 Wednesday	St. Stephen	07.00 PM
Trochu	March 18, 2020 Wednesday	St. Anne of the Prairies	07.00 PM
Caroline	March 19, 2020 Thursday	St. Joseph the Workman	06.00 PM
Ponoka	March 23, 2020 Monday	St. Augustine	07.00 PM
Red Deer	March 24, 2020 Tuesday	St. Mary	07.00 PM
Evergreen	March 25, 2020 Wednesday	Jesuit Martyrs	06.00 PM
Innisfail	March 26, 2020 Thursday	Our Lady of Peace	07.00 PM
Olds	March 31, 2020 Tuesday	St. Stephen	07.00 PM
Rocky Mountain House	April 01, 2020 Wednesday	St. Matthew	07.00 PM
Red Deer	April 02, 2020 Thursday	Sacred Heart	07.00 PM

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

5208-53 Ave (Box 130) ♦ Rocky Mountain House, AB * T4T 1A1

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday **12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Direct voice/fax/text line to office **403.845.3457**
Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor **587.355.3947**
Direct email address to office **office@smpmhc.ca**
Direct email address to pastor **pastor@smpmhc.ca**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Deacon Bernie Ouellette 403.846.0453
Baptism Preparation Class Steve/Donna Oscar 403.895.0373
Bible Study Mondays Mara Gagne 403.845.0940
Bible Study Sundays Lisa Sembaliuk 403.846.7137
Called to Protect Ernie Murias 403.845.4860
Children's Liturgy Mona Cruickshank 403.846.1027
CWL Joyce Donald 403.895.4156
First Communion Class Catherine van Kampen 403.845.2923
Knights of Columbus Gary Donald 403.845.5269
Maintenance Ernie Murias 403.845.4860
Ministry to the Sick Ernie Murias 403.845.4860
Music Ministry Quintal Doreen 403.846.8733
Parish Finance Council Randall Sugden 403.844.8478
Parish Pastoral Council Lauren MacKenzie 403.845.2836
Prayer Chain Alice Murray 403.722.4056
Youth Group Peter van Kampen 403.848.0955

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House
Sunday 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House
Sunday 11.00 AM Evergreen
Sunday 01.00 PM Caroline

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Wednesday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Thursday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
10.30 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
Friday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday 08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH
First Wednesday 11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville
First Friday 11.00 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH
Second Wednesday 08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH
Second Wednesday 11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH
Second Friday 11.00 AM - Ravines at Park Ave., RMH

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House
9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION
Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH
6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION

PARISH WEBSITE → WWW.SMPRMH.CA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

March 14, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Healing for Sophia Smithson

March 15, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

Monday

March 16, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent

No Mass

Tuesday

06.30 PM

Intention:

Wednesday

09.00 AM

Intention:

Thursday

09.00 AM

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10.30 AM

Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

March 17, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For Rick Kokesch – a safe recovery from surgery

March 18, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

March 19, 2020 – Solemnity of St. Joseph; husband of the BVM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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March 20, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Birthday blessings for Soleil Caluttung

09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

March 21, 2020 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For all the souls in purgatory

March 22, 2020 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

MAR. 08, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$1,634.45 * Evergreen - \$430.00 * Caroline - \$122.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:	RMH - \$13.40 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$145.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$110.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

Ava Dawn Stauffer

Daughter of Amber Vick and Cody Stauffer of Jesuit Martyrs Parish in Evergreen. Her baptism will be celebrated in Jesuit Martyrs Church during Mass at 11.00 AM on Sunday, March 15, 2020.



The Knights of Columbus Council 6986 of Rocky Mountain House invite and encourage men of the parish to join our ranks. We welcome Catholic men 18 years of age and older to become a part of our council. There is no pressure to join however if you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of Columbus check out the knights of Columbus website <http://kcofc.org/> ♦ There is an abundance of information and videos about the Knight of Columbus on the website. If you are interested in the prospect of joining or have questions, please feel free to reach out to one of our brother knights within the parish community. Thank you and God bless!

Gary Donald - Grand Knight - Council 6986 Rocky Mountain House - 403.845.0692