

**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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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 60:1-6 \* Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 \* Matthew 2:1-12*

**Jesus is the Savior born for all.** Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all – as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others – that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an *epiphany*. ♦ **Isaiah** prophesies that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city *bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord*. **Paul** tells the Ephesians that Gentiles are coheirs of God, along with the people of Israel. **In the Gospel**, magi arrive in Jerusalem from the east in search of the *newborn king of the Jews*. Herod is troubled by this, and the magi visit Mary and her child and offer gifts.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

We have been hearing throughout this beautiful season of Christmas about the gift that God has given us – the gift of his only begotten Son, Jesus, as our Savior. Jesus, who is God Incarnate, born as a helpless baby. Today's Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the public "announcement," that the gift of salvation is available to all, not just those of the Israelite covenant with God. ♦ Long before Paul tells the Ephesians in today's reading *that the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel*, the revelation of Jesus Christ is made to the Magi. These Magi were not Jewish, but men from the east – Gentiles – who have traveled to Bethlehem to see *the newborn king of the Jews*. They were somehow drawn to the gift, and Matthew's Gospel tells us how they respond. ♦ Their response is a beautiful example of how we ourselves should respond to Jesus – and to any gift that God offers to us. They have the vision to see the star, to follow it a great distance from their homeland and to accept the simple gift that is revealed to them: a humble, simple child who does not radiate the majesty of a king. The Magi are able to see beyond the surface, to see this child for who he is, and without hesitation pay him homage and present him with their gifts. Finally, they are obedient to the voice in their dreams and go home a different way, avoiding Herod. ♦ Let's pray today for the grace to have the open-heartedness of the Magi throughout the coming year. All is gift from God. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we greet the expected and unexpected gifts – the obvious gifts and those that are harder to understand – as truly gifts from our loving God. May we see the radiance and glory of Jesus in all we meet in the years ahead, and welcome them into our hearts with joy, reverence and trust.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Jan. 04, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Doraine Lonsdale	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert
Jan. 05, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Scott & Linda Collinson	Joanna Mazza	Eleita Collinson	Teresa Johnson	Becky Marland	Lorie Hughes
Jan. 11, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Carla Marks	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Doraine Lonsdale
Jan. 12, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Jackie Owchar	Steve Oscar	Dom Couve	Audrey Kokesch	Gary Donald	Bonnie Leaf

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Jan. 05, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Roy Hoven	Barron Reichert	The Cadrain Family	Dennis and Brenda Nugent
Jan. 12, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Tim Hoven	Matthew Andersen	The Conway Family	Roy and Eileen Hoven



## In Loving Memory of CATHERINE THERISIA HEIMBECKNER (1932-2019)

**FUNERAL MASS:** Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church • Saturday – January 11, 2020 - 11.00 AM



## BANISH WINTER BLUES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**GAMES - COFFEE - TEA – FELLOWSHIP**

**JAN. 04, 2020**

Every Saturday in January and February parishioners are invited to stay **after Mass** for board games, card games, dominoes or whatever game you want to share. If games are not your thing, you are invited to stay anyway and visit with our pastor and our parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea.

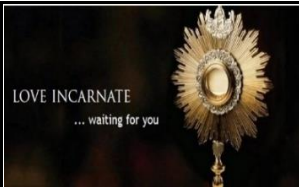
**January 04 – 11 – 18 – 25 • February 01 – 08 – 15 – 22**

Next Sunday Bible Study in Rocky Mountain House

- Jan. 05, 2020 \* After 09.00 AM Mass

Next Monday Bible Study in Rocky Mountain House

- Jan. 06, 2020 \* 07.00 PM



## HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday – Jan. 07, 2020 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM ♦ RMH**

Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself from that business of today's life. Prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company silently! Come for Adoration!

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

**Wednesday – January 08, 2020 ♦ 10.30 AM – 03.00 PM**



## ST. MATTHEW PARISH

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Friday – January 10, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

**NEXT LESSON – SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 2020 ♦ 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

## CWL MEETING

**Sunday - January 19, 2020 – After 9.00 AM Mass**

**All CWL members are invited!**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

**Tuesday - January 21, 2020 - 7.00 PM**

**All Knights are invited!**



## NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church**

Register before Jan. 15, 2020 • Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office at [office@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca) if you plan to attend.



## NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on January 26, 2020 ♦ St. Matthew Church Hall**

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020. See you all!



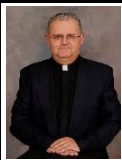
## CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP - RMH

**JAN. 26, 2020 ♦ 2.00 PM - 4.30 PM**

**This is a reminder about Called to Protect Workshop at St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House. Sunday - January 26, 2020 - From 02:00 PM to 04:30 PM.**

Called to Protect™ is an abuse prevention training Workshop. Mandatory for all parish adult members of leadership and those who serve in medium or high-risk ministries. Although there will be future workshops presented, this is your opportunity to be on record for anyone who is considering a future ministry. Register at the Parish Office 403-845-3457 or with facilitators Ernie & Lorraine Murias at 403-845-4860. **Thank you!**





**VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler**

I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone for your prayers, Christmas cards, gifts, donations of cash and food. May God bless you for your generosity and your support! I really appreciate your goodness and kindness to me at Christmas and always. **MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH...**

Thank you to all who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Christ's birth in all our churches (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline): **people who removed snow, people who cleaned and decorated our churches, sacristans, organists and all people involved in choirs and music ministries, liturgy schedulers, readers, gifts bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, adult servers and altar servers.** May God bless you!



**"LIVING FAITH" & "LIVING FAITH KIDS"**

The next issue of 'Living Faith' and 'Living Faith Kids' is available at the back of the church. The cost is \$2.50 per booklet.

**NEW SCHEDULES OF MINISTRIES IN ST. MATTHEW AND JESUIT MARTYRS**

We have new schedules of ministries from January to June 2020 in St. Matthew (RMH) & in Jesuit Martyrs (Evergreen): liturgical ministries, sacristan ministry, projector ministry. Schedules are also published on parish website: <http://smprmh.ca/ministries.htm>



**PARISH LIBRARY - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

**PARISH LIBRARY IS SELF-SERVE AND LOCATED IN THE CHURCH FOYER.**

**Who can check out a book, DVD, CD?**

*Anyone.*

**How do you check out a book?**

*Simply, complete the sign out card.*

**How long may I keep a book?**

*Please, bring back within 3 weeks.*



**DEAR PARENTS, I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR INVESTING YOUR YEARS IN ME. HAPPY NEW YEAR MOM AND DAD!**

Mom and Dad, I cannot begin to describe how blessed I am to have amazing parents in my life.

*Happy New Year*

**BLESSED TO SEE ANOTHER YEAR**

May **GOD** be with you through **NEW YEAR** and fill your life with **COMFORT, LOVE** and **CHEER.** May this day and the days ahead, Hold many **BLESSINGS** for you and yours.

*Happy New Year!*

**MAY** YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR **BLESSINGS** BE MORE. AND NOTHING BUT **HAPPINESS** COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020**

## 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 voice/fax/text line for prayer requests 403.407.1932  
Direct email address to office [office@smpmhc.ca](mailto:office@smpmhc.ca)  
Direct email address to pastor [pastor@smpmhc.ca](mailto: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

**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](http://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:

### January 04, 2020 – Epiphany of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
For all the souls in purgatory

### January 05, 2020 – Epiphany of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Marion Hickey

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

+ Evelyn Paquette

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities



### Monday

No Mass

### Tuesday

11.00 AM

Intention:

06.30 PM

Intention:

**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION**

Intention:

### Wednesday

08.00 AM

Intention:

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

### Thursday

09.00 AM

Intention:

**10.30 AM**

Intention:

### Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION**

Intention:

### January 06, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Christmas

### January 07, 2020 – St. Andre Bessette; religious

Eckville – Eckville Manor → → → → → → → **Change of Date!**

For all prayer board intentions

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Evelyn Paquette

**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION** → → St. Matthew Church, RMH

### January 08, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Christmas

Rocky Mountain House – St. Dominic School Chapel

For staff and students

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For the intention of Maria Vos

Rocky Mountain House – Westview Lodge

For the intention of Muriel Hertz

### January 09, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Christmas

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Birthday blessings for Jules Perrault

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For the intention of Yvonne Overgaard

### January 10, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Christmas

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For all the souls in purgatory

**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:

### January 11, 2020 – Baptism of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

++ Barbara Dolynchuk & Vern Waitas

### January 12, 2020 – Baptism of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Bill Long

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For the intention of Noel Delorme



### DEC. 25, 2019 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

<b>CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$3,664.15 * Evergreen - \$705.00 * Caroline - \$345.00
<b>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$27.90 * Evergreen - \$11.40 * Caroline - \$00.00

### DEC. 29, 2019 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

<b>SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$2,727.45 * Evergreen - \$660.00 * Caroline - \$141.20
<b>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$18.70 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>	RMH - \$120.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>	RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00



### THANK YOU! "TOGETHER WE SERVE"

As of December 31, 2019, we collected **\$18,872.20 (88%)** toward our yearly goal of **\$21,500** for 2019 in St. Matthew Parish in RMH and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline.

Thank you for supporting "Together We Serve" collection!