

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

January 12, 2020 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS**

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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph



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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 \* Acts 10:34-38 \* Matthew 3:13-17*

**Through our baptism, we are called to a life of discipleship.** The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives. ♦ **Isaiah** shares the Lord's promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and *bring justice to the nations*. In the **second reading**, **Peter** tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear Him and act uprightly are acceptable to Him. In the **Gospel**, **Jesus** is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him.



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Through our baptism, we are called to assist Christ in building the Kingdom. ♦ Three of the four Gospels recall the Baptism of the Lord, each one in its own way. The version we heard today, from Matthew, is unique in recalling that when Jesus came to the Jordan, John the Baptist at first *tried to prevent him*, saying that he was the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus replies, *Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*. ♦ Here, Matthew is keen to emphasize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel – as found in the first reading – and the one whose sandals John is unfit to carry (Cf., Matthew 3:11). John acquiesced to Jesus' request, and upon coming up from the water, Jesus is revealed as *my beloved Son* through a voice from heaven, while the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove. ♦ As we hear this Gospel proclaimed, we note this revelation/divine action occurs after Jesus comes up from the waters of the Jordan. We, too, have emerged from the waters of baptism, and been anointed with the same Spirit. The words of the Father are words meant for us, too, for we also are God's beloved.

If anything, this feast has as much to say about us as it does about Jesus and his identity. Yes, by going down into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus demonstrates his solidarity with our broken world, but we know that he was without sin and so his baptism is different from ours. Unlike Christ who embodied perfection, we have to choose whether or not to live up to that baptismal identity, and to continue his divine work in our world today. We who gather here have made this choice, it seems. We may not do it perfectly, but by our profession of faith and openness to the grace available at this Mass we are, at the very least, committed to trying our best. May God bless us in our efforts, and may the Eucharist continue to transform us for the sake of the world.

**BOARD  
GAMES**

**BANISH WINTER BLUES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

**GAMES - COFFEE - TEA – FELLOWSHIP**

**JAN. 11, 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**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Jan. 11, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Carla Marks	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Dorraine Lonsdale
Jan. 12, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Jackie Owchar	Steve Oscar	Dom Couve	Audrey Kokesch	Gary Donald	Bonnie Leaf
Jan. 18, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Laverne Froese	Dorraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier	Ernie Murias	Jo-Anne Como
Jan. 19, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Jan. 12, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Tim Hoven	Matthew Andersen	The Conway Family	Roy and Eileen Hoven
Jan. 19, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Hal Phillips	Juanita Szymanek	The Reichert Family	Mike Szymanek and Neal Persson

### DIVINE MERCY STUDY IN EVERGREEN

**Jan. 12 - Jan. 19 - Jan. 26**

**10.00 AM**

 <b>BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS</b> <b>PROPHETS</b>	 <b>BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS</b> <b>MATTHEW</b>
Contact Lisa 403-846-7137 Jan. 12, 2020 * After 09.00 AM Mass Jan. 19, 2020 * After 09.00 AM Mass	Contact Mara 403-845-0940 Jan. 13, 2020 * 07.00 PM Jan. 20, 2020 * 07.00 PM

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House ♦ The presence of all candidates is very important and expected.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday - January 14, 2020 - 7.00 PM

**DATE CHANGE!**

### ST. MATTHEW PARISH

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday – January 17, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



### CWL MEETING

Sunday - January 19, 2020 – After 9.00 AM Mass

All CWL members 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!

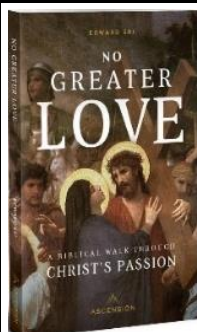
### PARISH LIBRARY - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

#### PARISH LIBRARY ♦ WHAT SORT OF STUFF IS IN THE LIBRARY?

Books written about and by Saints. Books and encyclicals written by Popes.

Many Catholic and Christian faith and fiction titles.

DVDs, audio books, CDs, Bibles, Catechisms, and a big reference section!



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

**NEW 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 • Register at Parish Office • Registration deadline - Feb. 16, 2020.**

For more information: Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

Filed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love/products/no-greater-love-study-pack>





## MAYOR AND COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST Wednesday - January 29, 2020

The Rocky Ministerial invites you to **MAYOR AND COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**Wednesday - Jan. 29, 2020 • 7.00 AM - 9.00 AM • Lou Soppit Community Center**  
**Tickets - \$15 • Deadline - January 27, 2020**  
Purchase at Modern Electric or Contact Your Churches or by emailing [pastortdscott@gmail.com](mailto:pastortdscott@gmail.com)

### MONTY K. REED

A consultant from Seattle, Monty has overcome overwhelming challenges to achieve his dreams. He is in the Guinness Book of World Records for the “Furthest Distance Walked in a Powered Exoskeleton.” As a public speaker his stories entertain and motivate audiences around the globe to... “Get STARTED – don’t quit”.

## CONDOLENCES TO IRANIAN COMMUNITY

Archbishop Smith has sent a message of condolence to members of Edmonton's Iranian community, which lost at least 27 members in the crash of an airplane near Tehran.

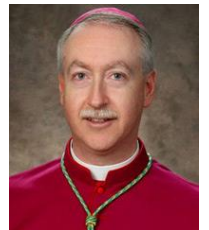
To our dear friends in the Iranian communities of Edmonton:

I am writing to offer my most profound condolences and prayers, and those of the entire Catholic community of our Archdiocese, who join me in expressing deep, deep sadness for the tragic loss of life that has taken place in the plane crash near Tehran. The mind can scarcely grasp, and the heart cannot fathom, the pain that has befallen your communities and especially the families impacted by this terrible event.

We join with you, with our fellow Edmontonians, and with all people of good will, in mourning the loss of these beloved members of your communities; and we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls and strength for their surviving family members in the days ahead.

In sincerest friendship and solidarity,

✠ **Archbishop Richard W. Smith**



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

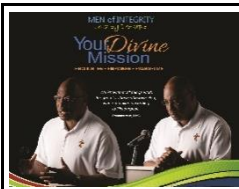
January 18 - 25, 2020

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. This year's Week of Prayer focuses on the country of Malta. The 2020 theme, “They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday – February 11, 2020 at 07.00 PM

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House



Jan. 31/Feb. 01, 2020

## ANNUAL “MEN OF INTEGRITY” CONFERENCE

Encounter, Empower, Evangelize • Catholic Family Ministries invites all men to this year's Men of Integrity Conference with keynote speaker and author, **Deacon Larry Oney** of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He is the author of Divine Mission; Finding Your Hope; Amazed by God's Grace, and many others. For more information and to register, visit [www.catholicministries.com](http://www.catholicministries.com) or call 780-961-3346.

## Four new Canadian saints added to canon this decade

For sheer numbers, there has never been a decade like the 2010s for saint-making. That's because Pope Francis canonized over 800 in one go when he declared St. Antonio Primaldo and his 812 companions (martyred in 1480 by an invading Ottoman army in Oranto, Italy) saints on May 12, 2013. Between Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, the 2010s were a decade of significant canonizations for Canadian Catholics: St. Brother André Bessette, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. François de Laval, St. Marie de l'Incarnation were added to the canon.

## DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

Do you know this person?

If you know, please contact parish office immediately!



**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@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca)  
**Direct email address to pastor** [pastor@smprmh.ca](mailto:pastor@smprmh.ca)

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Deacon Bernie Ouellette	403.846.0453
<b>Baptism Preparation Class</b>	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
<b>Bible Study Mondays</b>	Mara Gagne	403.845.0940
<b>Bible Study Sundays</b>	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
<b>Called to Protect</b>	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
<b>CWL</b>	Joyce Donald	403.895.4156
<b>First Communion Class</b>	Catherine van Kampen	403.845.2923
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Gary Donald	403.845.5269
<b>Maintenance</b>	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
<b>Ministry to the Sick</b>	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Quintal Doreen	403.846.8733
<b>Parish Finance Council</b>	Randall Sugden	403.844.8478
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Lauren MacKenzie	403.845.2836
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
<b>Youth Group</b>	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 11, 2020 - Baptism of the Lord**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
 ++ Barbara Dolynchuk & Vern Woitas

**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



**Monday**

**January 13, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday**

06.30 PM

Intention:

**January 14, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For the intention of Celia Kamerdo

**Wednesday**

09.00 AM

Intention:

**January 15, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For the intention of Mary Hayden

**Thursday**

09.00 AM

Intention:

10.30 AM

Intention:

**January 16, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For the intention of John Tumpek

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For the intention of Rea Coderre

**Friday**

09.00 AM

Intention:

**January 17, 2020 - St. Anthony; abbot**

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

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11.00 AM

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01.00 PM

Intention:

**January 18, 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Evelyn Paquette

**January 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Blessings and grace for Lorie Hughes

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For the intention of Bridgett Gowans

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

**JAN. 01, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**NEW YEAR'S COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,464.45 \* Evergreen - \$512.00 \* Caroline - \$220.00  
**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:** RMH - \$00.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$06.00

**JAN. 05, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,842.95 \* Evergreen - \$665.00 \* Caroline - \$52.80  
**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:** RMH - \$23.75 \* Evergreen - \$00.80 \* Caroline - \$02.75  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$50.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$700.00 \* Evergreen - \$15.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**TOGETHER WE SERVE**

Last year's donations to "Together We Serve" have raised

**\$ 18,872.20 (88%)**

toward our goal of \$21.500 in St. Matthew Parish and Missions.



**THANK YOU! CHILDREN'S COLLECTION**

Last year we collected **\$1,525.35** for Friends of Jesus children's collection in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline. We gave \$760.00 to CHALICE and \$765.35 to the Pregnancy Care Center in Rocky Mountain House!