

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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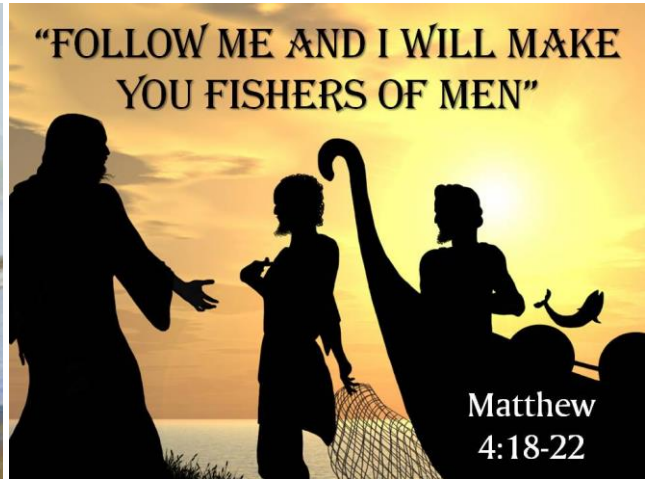
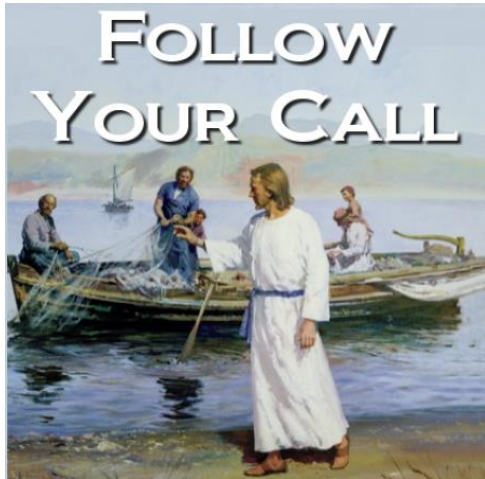
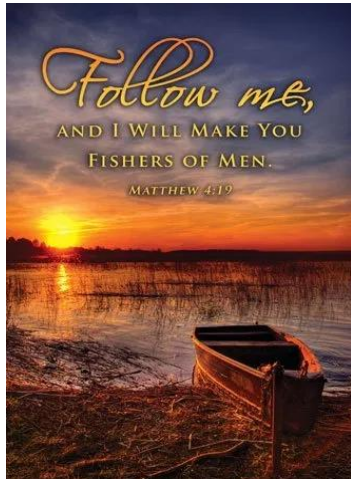
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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY** • *Isaiah 8:23-9:3 \* 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 \* Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*

**The life of a disciple calls for repentance and courage.** Jesus fulfills all prophecy and brings light to our darkness. He calls his disciples out of their way of life - from fishermen to fishers of men. He calls us to follow him, too, so as to bring light, truth and goodness into a world that needs repentance. ♦ **In first reading**, Isaiah writes of the day when all gloom is gone. Light will come to *the people who walked in darkness*, and they will rejoice. **Saint Paul** urges the Corinthians to have *no divisions among [them]*. **In Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus, walking by Sea of Galilee, calls Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. The brothers leave everything and follow Jesus.



Zebulun and Naphtali were sons of Jacob, and the leaders of two of the 12 tribes of Israel. The lands settled by their descendants were in the most northern part of Israel. Of all the Israelites, they were the furthest from the summer sun, giving rise to Isaiah's description of the people there *who walked in darkness and in the land of gloom*. Their darkness wasn't just a matter of geography, however. These were also the first lands to be invaded by the Assyrians, and the Israelites were oppressed by their pagan conquerors who practiced false worship of many gods. Isaiah prophesies of a time when a great light will shine upon these people, freeing them from darkness and bringing *them abundant joy and great rejoicing*. He prophesies what we know to be the coming of the Christ, who will free them from the yokes that burden them. ♦ **Matthew** shows us the fulfillment of this prophecy in today's Gospel. Jesus goes to Capernaum, which is the same geographical region of which Isaiah spoke. He has come to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, to be the great light for those who walked in darkness, and so he begins preaching the Good News: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. This message will appeal to many whom Jesus calls, such as Simon and Andrew, and James and John who follow him. Others will hate him for it - and crucify him. ♦ The freedom found in Christ is what impels Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He is concerned about a growing lack of unity among them, in mind and purpose. So he reminds them of *the cross of Christ* - the one true sacrifice made for all, into which they are baptized - *that it might not be emptied of its meaning*. For it is not specific people or human words that give them life. It is Christ crucified who freed them from all burdens.



**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!

**JAN. 26, 2020 ♦ 2.00 PM - 4.30 PM**

**CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP - RMH**

**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. **Thank you!**



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Jan. 25, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Karen & Kent Carmichael	Marliss Cartier	Orville Kittelson	Doraine Lonsdale	Laurier Nobert	Leo Pelletier
Jan. 26, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Bill Fletcher	Jim Marland	Doreen Quintal	Doreen Couture	Becky Marland	Joyce Donald
Feb. 01, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Debbie Baich	Faye Boyle	Hope Perreault	Ernie Murias	Laverne Froese	Leo Pelletier
Feb. 02, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Scott & Linda Collinson	Eleita Collinson	Josiah Kirtzinger	Bonnie Leaf	Doreen Couture	Jim Marland

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Jan. 26, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Bill Pollock	Lori Hoven	The Mat Andersen Family	Hal Phillip and Juanita Szvmanek
Feb. 02, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Neal Persson	Hal and Lori Phillips	Tim and Lori Hoven



## BANISH WINTER BLUES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**GAMES - COFFEE - TEA – FELLOWSHIP**

**JAN. 25, 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



## ST. MATTHEW PARISH - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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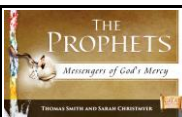
**Congratulations to  
Greg and Darlene Beer**  
on the occasion of their  
**56<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



## DIVINE MERCY STUDY IN EVERGREEN

**Jan. 26**

**10.00 AM**



### BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS

### PROPHETS

Contact Lisa 403-846-7137  
Jan. 26, 2020 \* After 09.00 AM Mass  
Feb. 02, 2020 \* After 09.00 AM Mass



### BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS

### MATTHEW

Contact Mara 403-845-0940  
Jan. 27, 2020 \* 07.00 PM  
Feb. 03, 2020 \* 07.00 PM



## 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".



## YOUTH GROUP

## ST. MATTHEW CHURCH - RMH

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. The winter season runs every Thursday from Feb. 06, 2020 through April 20, 2020. For more information contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955. **Youth Group Leaders Meeting - Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM**

## ST. MATTHEW PARISH

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday – January 31, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



## HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

**Tuesday – Feb. 04, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM**

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!



## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

**Friday – February 07, 2020 at 07.00 PM**

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday – February 11, 2020 at 07.00 PM**

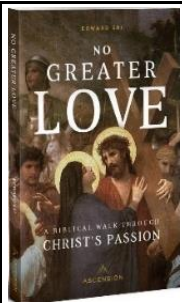
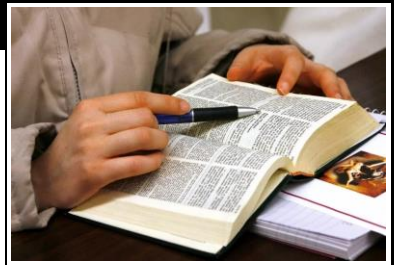
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## POPE FRANCIS ESTABLISHES SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, 2019, establishes that "the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "**Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ**". This year also marks 1600 years since his death. The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures".



### "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)

Filmed 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>

### 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.*



Knights of Columbus will be selling "Charities Appeal" tickets in the foyer.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**St. Matthew Church Basement  
Rocky Mountain House**

**Tuesday - Feb. 25, 2020**

5.30 PM - 6.00 PM Mass • 6.00 PM - 7.00 PM Supper

Parish members, family & friends are encouraged to attend.

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

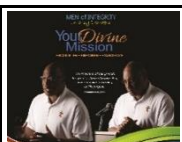
## ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 26, 2020

10.45 AM Mass/Ashes for St. Matthew School • (School)

02.25 PM Mass/Ashes for St. Dominic School • (Church)

05.00 PM Mass + Ashes • Evergreen (Jesuit Martyrs)

07.00 PM Mass + Ashes • RMH (St. Matthew Church)



January 31 - February 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.

## 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** January 25, 2020 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Shirley Bouchard  
**Sunday** January 26, 2020 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: Successful surgery and full recovery for Leanne Draginda  
11.00 AM Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: For the intention of Elaine Lipka  
01.00 PM Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

**Monday** January 27, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
No Mass

**Tuesday** January 28, 2020 - St. Thomas Aquinas; priest, doctor  
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: For the intention of Tony Veldcamp

**Wednesday** January 29, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Catherine Heimbeckner

**Thursday** January 30, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: Blessings & grace for Cynthia Grandejambe  
10.30 AM Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: For the intention of Sharon Gerber

**Friday** January 31, 2020 - St. John Bosco; priest  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: For all the souls in purgatory

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

**Saturday** February 01, 2020 - Presentation of the Lord  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: For a special intention

**Sunday** February 02, 2020 - Presentation of the Lord  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Intention: For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuszka  
11.00 AM Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: For the intention of Dan Galenza  
01.00 PM Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

### JAN. 19, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

**SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,447.80 \* Evergreen - \$461.30 \* Caroline - \$140.00  
**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:** RMH - \$13.50 \* Evergreen - \$03.50 \* Caroline - \$02.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$715.00 \* Evergreen - \$05.00 \* Caroline - \$10.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$00.00 \* Evergreen - \$100.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a Pastoral Letter to the faithful on this subject. In **Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death**, they offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. To read the full text, please visit <http://bit.ly/AB-NWTBishopsEuthanasia>

### 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!

### 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!

