

February 16, 2020 – 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

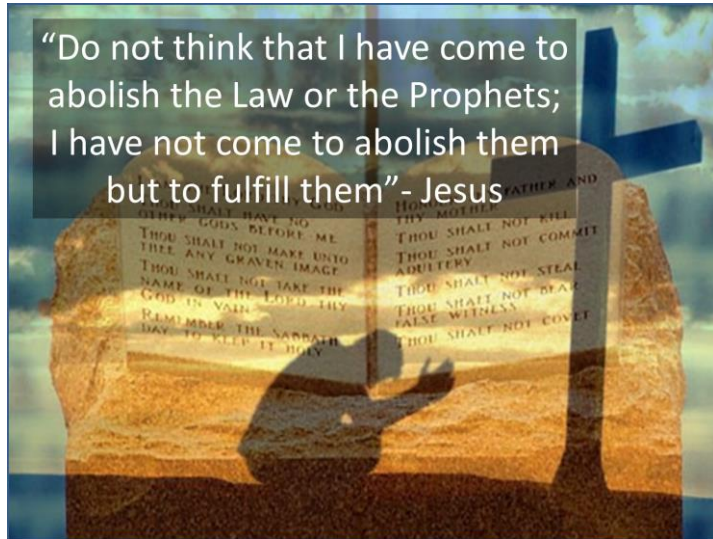
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



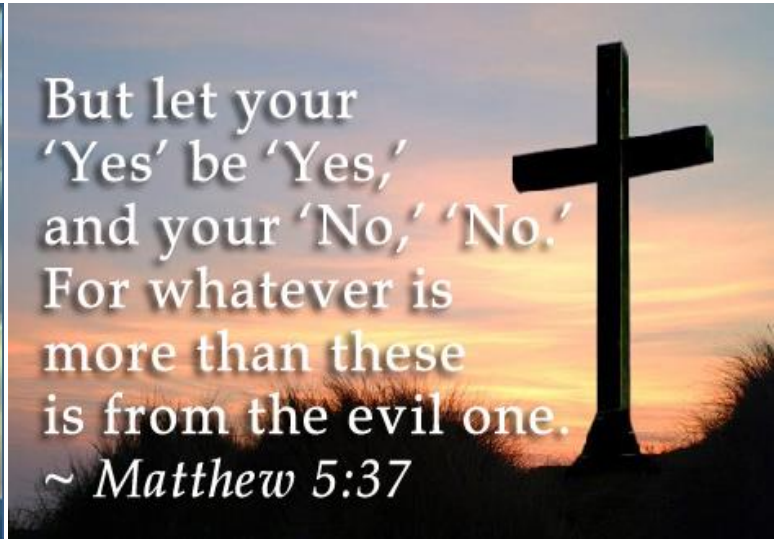
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY • *Sirach 15:15-20 * 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 * Matthew 5:17-37*

Jesus came to fulfill the law so that heaven could be opened to the righteous. Jesus’ teachings are not primarily about the joys and easiness of the Christian life, but rather about the commandments that our loving Father gives to us for our freedom and good. He, who is perfect love, made us in love and sent his Son out of love to teach us what it means to partake in his life – both here and forever. ♦ In the first reading, Sirach tells the people they can choose to follow the commandments, or not. But keeping the commandments will save them. In Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, he writes of the greatness prepared for those who love God. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus teaches about the law. He says that he has come to fulfil the law, and that those who keep it will be called the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them”- Jesus



But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. ~ Matthew 5:37

In the first reading, Sirach instructs the people of Israel to trust in God and keep his commandments – for they will be saved by doing so. Before man are life and death, good and evil, Sirach says, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Our salvation, and life itself, are certainly blessings from God. Choosing to follow the ways of the Lord leads to these blessings. • Saint Paul speaks not of law, but of the wisdom of God: predetermined before the ages for our glory. That is, he speaks of God’s plan for our salvation, known always to God himself but revealed to us only in Jesus Christ and through the Spirit. Jesus, of course, is that plan dwelling among us. He is wisdom incarnate, and the embodiment of the good, placed before us, of which Sirach speaks. He is the fulfillment of the divine law that God revealed to our ancestors, and that the prophets handed on. • Jesus, in the Gospel today, says to his disciples, I have come not to abolish [the law] but to fulfill [it]. In his subsequent expounding upon the existing laws and behaviors using the “You have heard it said, but I say,” structure, he is not placing more restrictions on his followers, but adding to their freedom. As the fullness of the law, he is the source – love – from which all other laws and behaviors derive any force or meaning. Therefore, for example, in love do we refrain, not just from killing, but from any behavior toward another that beats down, injures or destroys. By following the law, and by imitating him, we are more and more free to both continue in such habits, and to receive the blessings that come with it. For as Jesus says, whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Thinking about “law” as a topic often sets people on edge – perhaps because our modern context is one of prohibition and punishment. But that is not God’s law, which is given for our flourishing and for our glory.



BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on February 16, 2020 ♦ St. Matthew Church Hall

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020. See you all!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

| Date and Time | Greeters/Gifts Bearers | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | EMHC - Hosts | EMHC – C1 | EMHC - C2 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Feb. 15, 2020 at 07.00 PM | Orville & Adella Kittelson | Nathalie Manuel | Karen Carmichael | Jo-Anne Como | Laurier Nobert | Doraine Lonsdale |
| Feb. 16, 2020 at 09.00 AM | Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day | | | | | |
| Feb. 22, 2020 at 07.00 PM | Dom & Mandy Couve | Leanna Flooren | Orville Kittelson | Leo Pelletier | Laverne Froese | Karen Carmichael |
| Feb. 23, 2020 at 09.00 AM | Julie Layden | Bill Fletcher | Bonnie Leaf | Joyce Donald | Gary Donald | Pat Hughes |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

| Date and Time | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | Gifts Bearers | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice |
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| Feb. 16, 2020 at 11.00 AM | Therese Hoven | Margie Miller | Marvin and Rita Andersen | Bill and Shirley Pollock |
| Feb. 23, 2020 at 11.00 AM | Aidan Hoven | Gerald Miller | The Mark Szymanek Family | Cecil and Carol Hoven |

BOARD GAMES

BANISH WINTER BLUES - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

GAMES - COFFEE - TEA – FELLOWSHIP

FEB. 15, 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

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

EVERGREEN

Small Group Retreat

Join us for a 6 week small group retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, "33 Days To Morning Glory". Gain new insights into Marian Consecration, learn how saints and blessed lived it out, and how you can live it out as well. **Meetings at 10.00 AM on Sundays ♦ Feb. 09 - Mar. 15, 2020 ♦ 60 minutes sessions ♦**

Jesuit Martyrs Church – Evergreen. Website: <http://33daystomorningglory.com/>



CWL MEETING

Sunday, February 16, 2020 – After 9.00 AM Mass

Ladies over 16 years are always welcome!



BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS

PROPHETS

Contact Lisa

Feb. 16, 2020 * After 09.00 AM Mass

403-846-7137

Feb. 23, 2020 * After 09.00 AM Mass



BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS

MATTHEW

Contact Mara

Feb. 17 * No Study - Long Weekend

403-845-0940

Feb. 24, 2020 * 07.00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – 7.00 PM

All Knights are invited!



YOUTH GROUP

RMH

Thursday - Feb. 20, 2020 • 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM

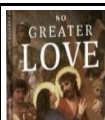
We have a youth ministry program for grades 6-8, facilitated in part by High School Students, every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM at the Church. The winter season runs every Thursday from Feb. 06, 2020 through April 20, 2020. For more information contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday – February 21, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



"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 • 45 min. discussion • Register at Parish Office before Feb. 16, 2020. For more info: Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb. 25, 2020 - 6.00 PM

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Feb.25, 2020 at 6.00 PM. Parish members, family and friends are encouraged to attend. Admission is free however donations are welcome.

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26, 2020) ♦ Beginning of Lenten Season

MASSSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

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| 10.45 AM | Mass + Ashes for St. Matthew School | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew School) |
| 02.25 PM | Mass + Ashes for St. Dominic School | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew Church) |
| 05.00 PM | Mass + Ashes | Evergreen (Jesuit Martyrs Church) |
| 07.00 PM | Mass + Ashes | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew Church) |



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. This is a real life story, a story of love that God has for each of us. We are called to walk with our pain and suffering in solidarity with Jesus knowing, through faith and hope, that Good Friday leads us to the Feast of Easter.

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| 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 |



First Stations:

Feb. 27 at 11.00 AM
 Evergreen
 Mass at 10.30 AM
 Feb. 28 at 06.00 PM
 Rocky
 Soup & Buns after
 Mar. 01 at 12.30 PM
 Caroline
 Mass at 01.00 PM



DAY OF CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY – MARCH 03, 2020

Archbishop Richard Smith is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a special Day of Confessions on Tuesday, Mar. 03, 2020. On that day, all priests in all parishes across the Archdiocese will be available all day to hear confessions.

CONFESSIONS

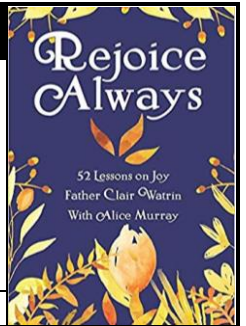
Rocky Mountain House (09.00 AM – 10.00 AM • 12.00 PM – 01.00 PM • 05.00 PM – 06.15 PM • 07.30 PM – 08.30 PM)
 Evergreen (03.00 PM – 04.00 PM)
 Caroline (01.30 PM – 02.30 PM)

FR. CLAIR WATRIN • ALICE MURRAY

“REJOICE ALWAYS: 52 LESSONS ON JOY”

Reflections and stories that will inspire, challenge, and entertain while confirming you are completely loved by God that created you! Is there more than one way to eat an orange? Can a flat tire be a blessing? In your deepest pain, is there hope? Father Clair Watrin was born in northern Alberta at the beginning of the Great Depression. Through his life he has suffered trials and failures, but has experienced an amazing truth... God is definitely with us! He is with us everyday in the present moment, in the smallest things and in his beautiful creation. And where God is, there is joy. In Rejoice Always Father Clair shares personal stories and observations that are life-changing lessons for us all. The 52 meditations in Rejoice Always can be consumed slowly and savored like good chocolate; one week at a time, or gobbled in a binge (like good chocolate!). You might in fact do both. However you consume them, be ready for more joy in the everyday moments you live.

To order on Amazon, please go to: amazon.ca/dp/165683488X . Cost - \$20.00 + GST



We have certain amount of this book in our parish office • Tel/Text: 403-845-3457 • Email: office@smprmh.ca



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Sunday, March 08, 2020 • 04.00 PM ♦ Tea – Coffee – Cornbread and Fellowship to follow
 St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House (5208 53 Ave.)

Women, men and children of all ages are called to “Rise, take your mat and walk” to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year’s service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to “Rise, take your mat and walk” with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation. • On March 6, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by women of Zimbabwe. In Rocky Mountain House this service will take place on Mar. 08, 2020 at 4.00 PM. World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organization which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries.



TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019

Tax receipts for 2019 are ready for all members of our parish communities. The receipts are left at the back of each church this weekend, February 15/16, 2020 and next, February 22/23, 2020. You are asked to pick up your receipts from the church. By doing so you will save us the postage. After Feb. 23, 2020 we will mail all remaining receipts.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

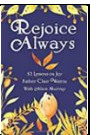
LIVE-IN RETREAT AND GET TO KNOW JESUS

RED DEER • FEB. 21 - 23, 2020

MORE INFORMATION: E-mail: joanvivianselent@gmail.com Phone: Joan Selent (403) 877-8306 or Alice Murray (403) 722-4056

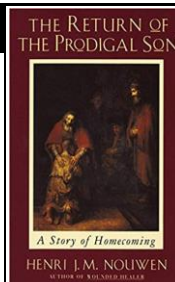
PARISH LIBRARY - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

PARISH LIBRARY – “Rejoice Always : 52 Lessons on Joy”. By Father Clair Watrin with Alice Murray. • Reflections and stories that will inspire, challenge and entertain while confirming you are completely loved by God that created you!



ABIDING TOGETHER - LENTEN LUNCH

Abiding Together is a weekly podcast. They are featuring the book, “The Return of the Prodigal Son” during Lent. How our lunch group works... follow the reading schedule attached to read or refresh your memory of the book. Listen to the Abiding Together Podcast posted each Monday and then meet with us on Thursdays at lunch to discuss! Copies of the book available in the parish library! • Bring your own bag lunch. Meetings in St. Matthew Parish foyer on Thursdays: Feb. 27 - Apr. 02, 12.00 PM - 12.45 PM to accommodate working folks! For more info contact: Lisa 403-846-7137 or Mara 403-845-0940



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

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 February 15, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: + Connie LeCerf

Sunday February 16, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka
 11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
 Intention: For all members of our parish communities
 01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
 Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Monday February 17, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No Mass

Tuesday February 18, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
 06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday February 19, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: For all the souls in purgatory

Thursday February 20, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
 10.30 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Friday February 21, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: + Joan Brown

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

Saturday February 22, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: + Joan MacDonald

Sunday February 23, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
 Intention: For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka
 11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
 Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
 01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
 Intention: For all members of our parish communities

FEB. 09, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

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| SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: | RMH - \$1,573.90 * Evergreen - \$410.00 * Caroline - \$155.10 |
| CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: | RMH - \$26.25 * Evergreen - \$11.45 * Caroline - \$00.00 |
| MAINTENANCE FUND: | RMH - \$95.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00 |
| TOGETHER WE SERVE: | RMH - \$125.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00 |



Pope Francis said he dreams of an Amazon region where the rights of the poor and indigenous are respected, local cultures are preserved, nature is protected, and the Catholic Church is present and active with "Amazonian features."

In his apostolic exhortation *Querida Amazonia* (Beloved Amazonia), Pope Francis made no mention of the idea of ordaining married men to the priesthood so that far-flung Catholic communities would have regular access to the Eucharist. Instead, he said "every effort should be made to ensure that the Amazonian people do not lack this food of new life and the sacrament of forgiveness."