

February 23, 2020 – 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS**

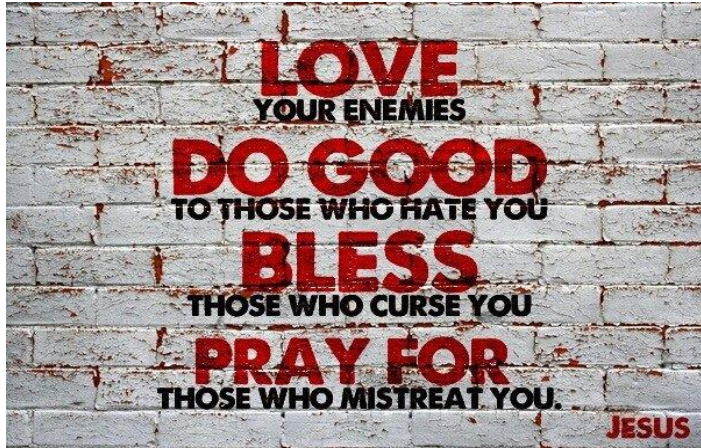
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY** • *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18* \* *1 Corinthians 3:16-23* \* *Matthew 5:38-48*

**Strive for perfection in love.** Jesus expands on the law that his followers knew well. As God loves all people without partiality – *the bad and the good, the just and the unjust* – so are all who follow him to do. Certainly this can be difficult, but it is not impossible. For by Christ’s sacrifice, we have been made children of the Father. With his help, and God’s grace, we are capable of striving for the perfection in love to which we are called. ♦ **In Leviticus**, the Lord declares his statutes to Moses for the Israelites, calling them to holiness and love. **In our second reading**, Paul instructs the Corinthians, calling them to holiness as temples of the Holy Spirit. **In the Gospel from Matthew**, Jesus preaches a new standard of love and justice, calling his followers to love their enemies.



**Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.** • The word *holy* means “to set apart; to be consecrated to God; to be dedicated to a sacred purpose.” • How did Jesus talk about holiness? These are some of the things he told his disciples in today’s Gospel: *When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well; Love your neighbor and your enemies; pray for those who persecute you; should anyone want you to go one mile, go two miles instead.* It is a bit of a mix of things to do, and things to not do. In the end, he sort of summarizes all of this by telling his disciples *to be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.* Jesus lived in full communion with God, and he expected his disciples to do the same. We have

the Holy Spirit to guide us. Paul writes to the Corinthians, *Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* Each one of us, by our very baptism, is sanctified [made holy] by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We are temples of God, belonging to Christ, and in whom Christ dwells.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE OUR PARISHIONERS FOR**

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**

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

**February 25, 2020 • 5.30 PM - Mass • 6.00 PM - Supper**

Parish members, family & friends are encouraged to attend.

Admission is free however donations are welcome.

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
Pancake SUPPER**



**ASH WEDNESDAY (FEB. 26, 2020) ♦ MASSES + DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:**

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)

**ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26, 2020) – DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast and all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. **Fasting** means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening - depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. **Abstinence** forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
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
Feb. 26, 2020 at 07.00 PM Ash Wednesday	Ricardo Rodriguez	Marliss Cartier	Steve Oscar	Doreen Couture	Jo-Anne Como	Dorraine Lonsdale
Feb. 29, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Karen Carmichael	Dorraine Lonsdale	Ernie Murias	Dorraine Lonsdale	Laurier Nobert
Mar. 01, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Bill Fletcher	Benedict Kirtzinger	Becky Marland	Gary Donald	Dave Parfitt	Bonnie Leaf

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Feb. 23, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Aidan Hoven	Gerald Miller	The Mark Szymanek Family	Cecil and Carol Hoven
Feb. 26, 2020 at 05.00 PM Ash Wednesday	Denis Nugent	Roy Hoven	Andersens	Tim and Lori Hoven
Mar. 01, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Neal Persson	Matthew Andersen	Tim Hovens Family	Denis and Brenda Nugent

# BOARD GAMES

## BANISH WINTER BLUES - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**GAMES - COFFEE - TEA – FELLOWSHIP**

**FEB. 22, 2020**

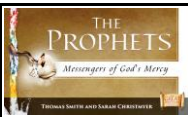
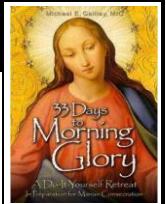
Every Saturday in January and February parishioners are invited to stay **after Mass** for board games, card games, dominoes or whatever game you want to share. If games are not your thing, you are invited to stay anyway and visit with our pastor and our parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea.

### 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 - 10.00 AM on Sundays ♦ Feb. 09 - Feb. 16 - Feb. 23 - Mar. 01 - Mar. 08 - Mar. 15, 2020 ♦ 60 minutes sessions ♦ Jesuit Martyrs Church - Evergreen.** Website: <http://33daystomorningglory.com/>



#### BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS

#### PROPHETS

Contact Lisa  
403-846-7137

Feb. 23, 2020 \* After 09.00 AM Mass  
Mar. 01, 2020 \* After 09.00 AM Mass



#### BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS

#### MATTHEW

Contact Mara  
403-845-0940

Feb. 24, 2020 \* 07.00 PM  
Mar. 02, 2020 \* 07.00 PM

# YOUTH GROUP

### YOUTH GROUP

### RMH

**Thursday - Feb. 27, 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 28, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

## 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 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!**

## 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.

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



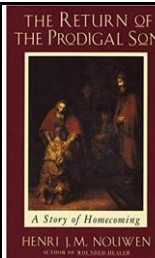
### First Stations:

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



## 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, from 12.00 PM to 12.45 PM** to accommodate working folks! For more info contact: Lisa 403-846-7137 or Mara 403-845-0940.



## 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)**

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

**Tuesday – March 03, 2020 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM • Mass at 06.30 PM**

Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord 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! Offer your precious time to Him – come for Adoration. Will you spend an hour with Jesus? Will you come?



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Mar. 08, 2020 - 4.00 PM**

**Location – St. Matthew Catholic Church (5208 53 Ave., Rocky Mountain House) • Doors open at 3.30 PM**

World Day of Prayer 2020 - Zimbabwe • **"Rise, take your mat and walk"** • **Tea - Coffee Cornbread - Fellowship to follow**

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith and experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe coordinated by the Women's inter-Church Council of Canada. More info: [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)



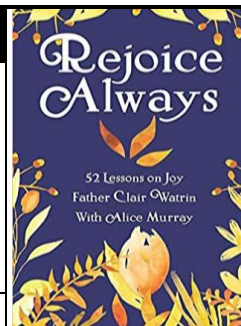
**FR. CLAIR WATRIN • ALICE MURRAY**

## "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](https://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](mailto:office@smprmh.ca)**



## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

**Next session - Sunday, March 08, 2020**

**1.30 PM - 3.30 PM**

## PARISH LIBRARY - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**Saint Chronicles by Sophia Institute Press. • We have recently added first two volumes of "Saint Chronicles" and look forward to being able to add volume 3/4 and future editions with the help of donations from parishioners. These comic style books about the lives of Saints are popular with youth. If you'd like to support this initiative, please drop off your tax-deductible donation at parish office.**



## LENTEN CALENDARS 2020



Three different Lenten calendars are available at the back of each church. Use calendar for adults to delve deeper into the Word using short, daily reflections and travel a spiritual pathway to the dawn of Easter. Calendars for teens provide brief, spiritual reflections for each day in Lent helping them navigate through the twists and turns of the Lenten season. Colourfully illustrated calendars for children aged 5 -12 are filled with prayers and thought-starter activities.

## BOOKLETS - "OUR DAILY BREAD"

**These booklets are free.**

**OUR DAILY BREAD**

"Our Daily Bread" booklets for March, April and May are available at the back of each church.

## RETROUVILLE - HELP FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES

**March 13-15, 2020 →** If your marriage is in crisis, you are not alone. Please contact Edmonton Retrouvaille at [www.helpourmarriage.ca](http://www.helpourmarriage.ca), phone 587-598-4357, or email [info@helpourmarriage.ca](mailto:info@helpourmarriage.ca). The next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program will be offered on the weekend of March 13-15, 2020.

**RETROUVILLE**  
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**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**

<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
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

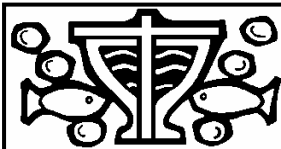
**MARRIAGE**

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**

<b>Saturday</b> 07.00 PM Intention:	<b>February 22, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church + Joan MacDonald
<b>Sunday</b> 09.00 AM Intention: 11.00 AM Intention: 01.00 PM Intention:	<b>February 23, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church For all members of our parish communities
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 24, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>05.30 PM</b> Intention:	<b>February 25, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church <b>CHANGE OF TIME</b> + Sr. Cappy Peters
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>10.45 AM</b> Intention: <b>02.25 PM</b> Intention: <b>05.00 PM</b> Intention: 07.00 PM Intention:	<b>February 26, 2020 – ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew School For St. Matthew School → School Mass – Lent Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church For St. Dominic School → School Mass – Lent Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
<b>Thursday</b> 09.00 AM Intention: 10.30 AM Intention:	<b>February 27, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church For all the souls in purgatory Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
<b>Friday</b> 09.00 AM Intention:	<b>February 28, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church + Pat Gerry
<b>09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH</b>	

<b>Saturday</b> 07.00 PM Intention:	<b>February 29, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
<b>Sunday</b> 09.00 AM Intention: 11.00 AM Intention: 01.00 PM Intention:	<b>March 01, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONLINE DONATIONS! FEB. 15, 2020**

**REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:**  
 RMH - \$3,320.00 \* Evergreen - \$675.00 \* Caroline - \$1,190.00  
**COMPASSIONATE FUND:** Evergreen - \$200.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$132.50  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$62.50



**FEB. 16, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

<b>SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$1,727.20 * Evergreen - \$455.00 * Caroline - \$130.00
<b>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$16.30 * Evergreen - \$10.25 * Caroline - \$09.00
<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>	RMH - \$520.00 * Evergreen - \$120.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>	RMH - \$00.00 * Evergreen - \$10.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

