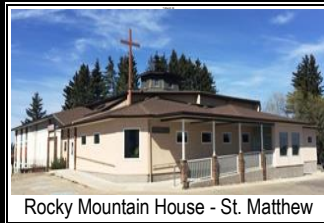


March 08, 2020 – 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT (A)



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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY • *Genesis 12:1-4a* * *2 Timothy 1:8b-10* * *Matthew 17:1-9*

A holy encounter with God calls us to act on our faith. When Peter witnesses the transfiguration of Jesus, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah, his first instinct is to “freeze that moment,” by providing tents for the three of them. But that encounter, like any encounter with God’s majesty and providence, is not meant to be frozen or hidden in a tent. It is meant to move us forward in, and to act upon, our faith. ♦ **Abram** is sent by God to a new land, so that from him, God will create a new nation. **In the second reading**, Timothy is encouraged to bear his share of the hardship in living and proclaiming the Gospel. **In the Gospel**, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where he is *transfigured before them*.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Mar. 08, 2020 • 04.00 PM

Location – St. Matthew Catholic Church • (5208 53 Avenue, Rocky Mountain House)

Doors open at 3.30 PM

World Day of Prayer 2020 – Zimbabwe • “**Rise, take your mat and walk**”

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. This year service - Sunday, Mar. 08. In Canada, it is coordinated by Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada. Each year the focus is on a certain country, with women of that country providing art, music, prayer, and other resources to help mark this day. This year’s focus will be on Zimbabwe.

Tea - Coffee - Cornbread - Fellowship to follow.



“Join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God”. ♦ These words from Saint Paul to Timothy in today’s reading are a summary of the Christian life. There will be hardship in this life. While that is not news to us, Paul’s words remind us that, as we share in the good news of the Gospel, we also share in the inevitable hardship that arises in being faithful to Christ’s message and our call to holiness. Whatever the hardship is, we are called to share with one another. Sharing provides strength in numbers, and makes burdens easier to bear. And bearing one another’s burdens is another command of the Gospel (Cf., Galatians 6:2). This is why we pray for one another, or offer material or financial assistance to one another. It’s why we celebrate baptism, but also attend each other’s funerals. ♦ We do all things fortified by the strength of God. God never abandons us, never leaves us to face things on our own. We can choose not to ask him for help; we can choose to ignore his commands or to cooperate with his grace. But God never withholds that grace when asked. Never withholds his strength. If we ever feel far away from God, we can be sure that it is we who have moved, not him. ♦ When Jesus took his disciples - James, John and Peter - up the mountain and was transfigured before them, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits all who are faithful to the Gospel. We who celebrate this liturgy today also have a glimpse of that glorified future, as we literally and metaphysically share in the heavenly banquet with the communion of saints. So, as we strive in holiness to join them, in the fullness of time, may we take to heart the good news and encouraging words of Paul, sharing in the promise of God and knowing that the Lord gives us strength for all things.



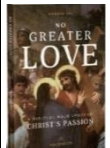
JOIN WITH ME IN SUFFERING
FOR THE GOSPEL 2 TIMOTHY

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Mar. 07, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Laverne Froese	Doraine Lonsdale	Orville Kittelson	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael
Mar. 08, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Joanna Mazza	Dom Couve	Barry Kirtzinger	Jo-Anne Como	Doreen Couture
Mar. 14, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael	Laverne Froese	Audrey Kokesch
Mar. 15, 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
Mar. 08, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Roy Hoven	Barron Reichert	Mike Szymanek family	Hal Phillips and Juanita Szymanek
Mar. 15, 2020 at 11.00 AM	Matthew Andersen	Justin Szymanek	Hal and Lori Phillips	Gerald and Margie Miller



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

Coffee and donuts after Mass and before 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 • For more information: Contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

MARCH 08, 2020

EVERYONE WELCOME!



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

Next session - Sunday, March 08, 2020

1.30 PM - 4.30 PM



BIBLE STUDY – MONDAYS ♦ GOSPEL OF MATTHEW


Mar. 09, 2020 * 07.00 PM

For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL


Wednesday – March 11, 2020 ♦ 10.30 AM – 03.00 PM




ABIDING TOGETHER - LENTEN LUNCH

Abiding Together is a weekly podcast featuring the book, “The Return of the Prodigal Son” during Lent. 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.

Thursday - March 12, 2020 • 12.00 PM - 12.45 PM





YOUTH GROUP

RMH

Thursday - Mar. 12, 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. Feb. 06, 2020 - April 20, 2020. For more information contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

Friday – March 13, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Silent Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MY LORD AND MY GOD



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. 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



Mar. 12 at 11.00 AM
Evergreen
Mass at 10.30 AM

Mar. 13 at 06.00 PM
Rocky
Soup & Buns after


Mar. 15 at 12.30 PM
Caroline
Mass at 01.00 PM



NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - RMH

Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on March 22, 2020

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Mar. 22, 2020. See you all!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REPRESENT OUR PARISHES AT CHRISM MASS

MONDAY - APRIL 06, 2020 - 7.00 PM

ST. JOSEPH BASILICA - EDMONTON

We need 6 people (ideally 2 from each parish) who will agree to attend Chrim Mass on Monday, April 06, 2020 at 7.00 PM in St. Joseph’s Basilica in Edmonton. They will receive special passes to be seated prior to the beginning of the Mass. Upon the presentation of these passes to the hospitality ministers, representatives will be directed to the reserved pews located in the main nave. There will be no recessional hymn at the end of Mass. Priests and parish representatives will be invited to remain in their places and to be seated. At this time, in the main nave of the Basilica, the oils will be presented by the Archbishop to the parish representatives, accompanied by their pastors. **If you would like to be representative of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline, please contact office at 403-845-3457.** The first 6 people who will volunteer to be our representatives will be chosen. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

April 01, 2020 – Wednesday

07.00 PM



WILL YOU SERVE JESUS IN YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

Sometimes saying, "I will pray for you" isn't enough.
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Sometimes we need to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

You will notice a bright sign in the church foyer. We are going to attempt to form four service groups of parishioners approx. 15 in number, that will work together to provide our beloved beautiful breakfasts and funeral lunches to honor our faith family that has departed this world with hope of eternal life with God. Both of these services would retain their present leaders so the work group would plainly be helpful hands to choose either prep (which generally takes place the day or evening before), serving or clean up. All of these tasks take 1-2 maximum hrs with 4-5 helpers. Having four groups would ensure that each group would only have to help twice a year for beautiful breakfasts and we would rotate taking on funerals in turn. The truth of the matter is that we will all require this final farewell gathering. We see this as a way to get to know other parish members as we work side by side to serve together to ensure we are able to continue to gather as a community. Many small jobs will be available, confidently sign up with joy to participate and we will ensure that everyone's talents and time constraints can be accommodated. Please see the poster in the foyer. Sign up as singles, couples or families.

FR. LEON KLER

### LENTEN SERMONS DURING SUNDAY MASSES

In the Season of Lent this year Fr. Leon will present longer sermons (25-30 minutes) instead of usual homilies. The reason is that we do not offer the parish Lenten Retreat, so his sermons will attempt to provide our parishioners with opportunity for spiritual renewal and deepening the relationship with God, with others and with the world.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

### PRAYER SHAWLS

The CWL has circulated prayer shawls in the past and after several weeks of infusing prayer through and over these shawls they are given to someone who is carrying a heavy burden to ensure they know God's presence and the support of a loving community. We are opening this tradition up to the whole parish to share as a parish family this service of prayer and hopefully have a greater knowledge of who would be in need of such a gift as a prayer shawl. The shawls will be by the library shelf and you sign them out and back in on return just as we do for the lending of the books. We welcome all to participate.

Mar. 25 - 28

## MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Presented by Rocky and District Ministerial Association

With Special Guest - Virginia Hooper

All sessions will be held at Rocky Nazarene Church (5340-59 Ave)

**TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Understanding Mental Illness (Wednesday, 7pm-9pm) • Psychological First Aid (Thursday, 10am-3pm) • Dealing with Trauma (Thursday, 7pm-9pm) • Stress Management (Friday, 10am-noon) • Anxiety (Friday, 1pm-3pm) • Responding to Addictions (Friday, 7pm-9pm) • Depression (Saturday, 10am-noon) • Suicide Prevention (Saturday, 12:30pm-2:30pm) • Coping Strategies (Saturday, 3pm-4pm).



**THIS IS FOR:** Caregivers - Parents - Mental Health Professionals - Health Care Professionals - Individuals struggling with mental health issues - Anyone who is wondering about mental health. **There is no registration fee for this event, but donations will be accepted to help offset the cost. For more information call: 403-845-3215**



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Lord's Food Bank is seeking a competent, enthusiastic individual to serve as our Community Development Co-ordinator. This position is designed to expand our reach and deepen our impact in the community.

#### Responsibilities include:

Facilitating and promoting programs to combat the root causes of poverty: collective kitchen, classes and workshops (budgeting, cooking, etc.). • Networking with other agencies, churches, and service clubs to keep our food bank connected as a healthy part of the community and facilitate volunteer opportunities. • Maintaining a presence on social media to present information and appreciation to our community for their support. • Gathering information about the needs in our community and making recommendations. • Leading devotionals, and answering questions about the Christian faith. • Working alongside the Director, and filling in when necessary.

**The ideal candidate will be:** Organized and detail-oriented. • Personable. • A self-starter. • Passionate about poverty reduction from a Biblical perspective. • A lifelong learner who can critically evaluate and appropriately implement new ideas, programs, etc.

**Requirements:** Written and verbal communication skills. • Comfortable with MS Office, and with social media. • Must be a committed Christian, able to agree to our statement of faith. • Experience working and/or volunteering with a non-profit. • 20 hours/week.

Applications accepted until Friday - March 20, 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**

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**Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor** 587.355.3947  
**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  
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.SMPRMHC.CA](http://WWW.SMPRMHC.CA)**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday March 07, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: Healing for Sophia Smithson

**Sunday March 08, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Bill Long  
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 March 09, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent**  
No Mass

**Tuesday March 10, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent**  
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Bernard Kokesch

**Wednesday March 11, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent**  
08.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Dominic School Chapel  
Intention: For staff and students of St. Dominic School  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Wally Finley  
11.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – Westview Lodge  
Intention: For all the souls in purgatory

**Thursday March 12, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Andre Van Zyl  
10.30 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Friday March 13, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Lent**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: + Adam Hertz

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

**11.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – Ravines at Park Avenue**  
Intention: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

**Saturday March 14, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Sunday March 15, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
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

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

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| <b>SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:</b> | RMH - \$2,334.75 * Evergreen - \$310.25 * Caroline - \$153.70 |
| <b>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:</b>  | RMH - \$27.95 * Evergreen - \$09.70 * Caroline - \$00.00      |
| <b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>       | RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00      |
| <b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>      | RMH - \$770.00 * Evergreen - \$110.00 * Caroline - \$35.00    |

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETINGS IN LENT**

We invite all altar Servers new and returning to join together for a short 4 week Lent Practice in preparation of Easter & learn more about Catholic faith. Afterschool on **Tuesdays 3:30-5:00. March 17** (St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green!!!!) • **March 24** • **March 31** • **April 07**.

Debbie Baich will be co-coordinating snacks and communication and will be present with our fantastic Deacon Bernie. ♦ All Catholics that have received First Communion are welcome to assist in the church ministry of altar serving. If your child has a friend that has received First Communion, they are welcome to attend. If you would like more information or have suggestions for these sessions or future ones, please contact Debbie at 403-845-6846 or email [dbaich@telus.net](mailto:dbaich@telus.net) or contact Deacon Bernie at 403-846-0453 or email [dcnbernie@gmail.com](mailto:dcnbernie@gmail.com).