

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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Caroline - St. Joseph



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41 * 1 Peter 2:20b-25 * John 10:1-10*

The Shepherd is calling us. Let us heed his voice. Turmoil enters our lives and even enters our Church, but we are called to persevere and keep our eyes focused on the risen Christ. Through repentance and living for righteousness, we are united with him who is the heart and core of our faith. The Shepherd is calling us. Let us heed his voice.

In the first reading, Peter tells the community that their Savior was indeed the one whom they crucified. They are *cut to the heart*, they repent, and are baptized – adding *about three thousand persons* to the community.

In the second reading, Peter calls the community to patient suffering when they know what they are doing is right.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the shepherd and the sheep who know the sound of his voice.

**THE THIEF DOES NOT COME
EXCEPT TO STEAL, AND TO
KILL, AND TO DESTROY.**

**I HAVE COME THAT
THEY MAY HAVE
LIFE,**

**AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE
IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

JOHN 10:10



Sheep left unattended or corralled will wander off and get into trouble every single time. That is why the shepherd goes to such lengths to keep an eye on them. When left to our own devices, we, too, have this uncanny tendency to wander off and get into trouble of all kinds. When we allow the voices of temptation to drown out the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are headed for trouble. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves, and we need to heed his voice. • What an awesome event is described in today's first reading. Peter speaks plainly to the crowd as to their culpability in the death of Jesus. Some were no doubt agitators in the crowd the day Jesus was condemned and crucified. Others stood by silently and let it all unfold. Let us not forget that 10 of the Apostles ran away! Only the youngest remained at the foot of the cross with Mary and several other women. But Peter told them to repent and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. • Those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, and that day were added about three thousand souls. All the people repented for whatever role they may have played in Jesus' death, and the community grew by 3,000. Truly a gracious and blessed day in the life of the Church. The heavens rejoiced at the sight of such a glorious event. This was not the work of Peter, of course. This was the Lord working through Peter. Jesus Christ is the gate protecting the sheep from robbers and thieves – Jesus, who came so all may have life and, and have it abundantly. The crowds in the first reading heard their shepherd's voice in the words and actions of Peter. The Pharisees and others in the Gospel did not recognize their shepherd who was right in front of them. • Let us hear the Good Shepherd's voice today. Let us help others hear his voice through our words and actions as well. For his voice leads us to life. The Easter season is the perfect time to move from pain and suffering to glorious triumph in the risen Christ. May we always hear and heed the voice of the Shepherd.



Feed a Family! #RDCRSCARES



FEED A FAMILY – Red Deer Catholic School District

During this time of school building closures, we have been working to provide lunches for families in need. To date, the division has supported 52 families with basic lunch items, such as milk, bread, juice boxes, fruit, etc. These food items are delivered to the doorsteps of these families by our staff while maintaining social distancing. • We are happy to provide continued support for our families through the Alberta Education school nutrition grant. We order food online from local grocery stores and it is then distributed to the families. • Research shows students learn better and are able to achieve the goals of education when they have eaten a healthy meal. For the next 12 weeks, we hope to use the school nutrition grant to continue providing basic lunch items for these families.

Would you like to help? We are accepting donations to help feed our families. If you would like to donate, please send an e-transfer to erma.brady@rdcrs.ca with the password Montfort and a message with your full name - nutrition fund. Any donations will be given a tax receipt - please send erma.brady@rdcrs.ca an email with your full name, mailing address and phone number. **Thank you and stay safe!**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

DAILY • 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM (DURING ADORATION)
(Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday)

Confessions are not intended as Penitential Service. Approach Fr. Leon during Adoration if you would like to go to confession. We ask to exercise physical distancing when in the church. **Any other time by appointment.**



PRIVATE ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

DAILY • 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM
(Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday)

Adoration is not intended as public event. It is private with simple Exposition and Benediction, no public prayers and singing. We ask to exercise physical distancing when in the church. Do not come if you are sick!



ADORATION ONLINE

DAILY • 6.00 PM - 7.00 PM • ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

It is published feed each day of Adoration from St. Matthew Church from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM



ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY

MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

IN THE CHURCH - 03.15 PM • ONLINE - 06.15 PM

Pope Francis asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the rosary, knowing that by doing so they will be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic.



PRAY THE ROSARY ONLINE DURING THE QUARANTINE

FOOD BANK DONATIONS!

We invite our parishioners to consider donation of food items for our local Food Bank. You can bring your donation during office hours. Collection boxes are placed in the church lobby. Thank you very much for your help! God bless!



CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY • NOON - 4.00 PM

Our church will be open during office hours for people to come and pray and seek the Lord's strength and comfort at this time. We ask to exercise physical distancing when in the church.



OUR PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE NOT CHANGED!

Our parish office working hours are not changed. Office is opened from Noon to 4.00 PM from Monday to Friday. Check our parish website for any changes and updates.

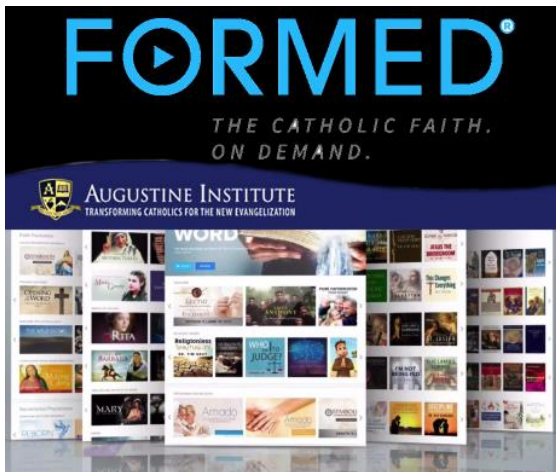


SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS



With the absence of regular Masses, we would like to highlight the option of Automatic Bank Withdrawal for regular and Together We Serve offerings. It's simple to implement, just fill in the form that is available on our parish website and confirm when you would like to start the deductions. Changes or cancellations can be made at any time but must be in writing. You can also donate to parish by bringing your donation to our parish office during office hours or you can donate securely and safely on our parish website.

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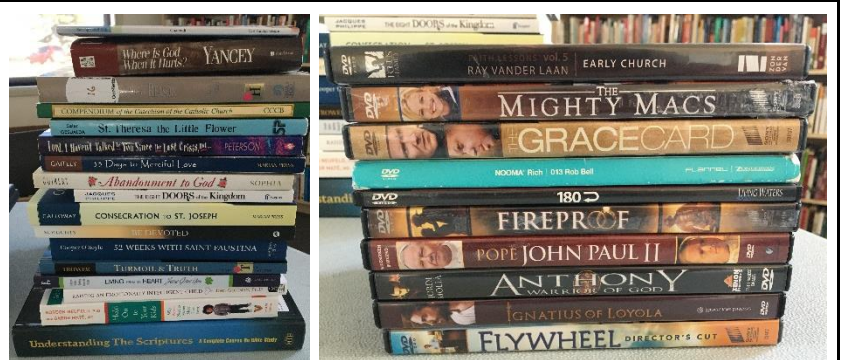
We are excited to introduce to our parishioners a dynamic online platform called FORMED. Everyone who subscribes to their service will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. And you will find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mar Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn, Bishop Robert Barron and a lot more.

At this time of pandemic they offer 40-day FREE MEMBERSHIP to their platform. You can subscribe by following this link: <https://watch.formed.org/checkout/subscribe/purchase>.

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PARISH LIBRARY!

We have books, we have videos, we have audio resources, teaching resources! We invite all parishioners to come and visit our parish library and sign out a book or two. There are many books that explain and deepen our relationship with God. **The library is opened during office hours.**



PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Direct voice/fax/text line to office 403.845.3457
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Direct email address to office office@smpmhc.ca
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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	Doreen Quintal	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.SMPRMH.CA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fr. Leon celebrates daily Masses privately for the intentions requested by parishioners. See the schedule of Mass intentions below.

RECORDED MASSES ON PARISH WEBSITE

We invite all our parishioners to "watch" daily Masses celebrated by Fr. Leon in St. Matthew Church. Masses are published on our parish website daily around 11.30 AM and on Sundays at 09.00 AM. It's not a livestream.



Sunday May 03, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Easter
09.00 AM online + Ben Krabben

Monday May 04, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
11.30 AM online In a certain intention (LK)

Tuesday May 05, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
11.30 AM online + Hélène Pelletier

Wednesday May 06, 2020 - St. Francoise de Laval, bishop
11.30 AM online Birthday blessings for Julie Paquette

Thursday May 07, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
11.30 AM online + Otto John Mayrl

Friday May 08, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
11.30 AM online Birthday blessings for Marie Caluttung

Saturday May 09, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
11.30 AM online For all members of our parish communities

Sunday May 10, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter
09.00 AM online + Bill Long

APR. 26, 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$530.00 * Evergreen - \$300.00 * Caroline - \$85.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$40.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$10.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$100.00 * Caroline - \$05.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	RMH - \$1,100.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

The month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the rosary daily.
~ Pope Francis