

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



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Acts 1:1-11 * Ephesians 1:17-23 * Matthew 28:16-20*

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. While looking intently at the sky during the ascension of Christ, the Apostles were still unsure of what was ahead for them. Jesus declares the Apostles' mission and assures them that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead them as his witnesses to the ends of the earth. As his disciples, we share in this mission, emboldened by the knowledge that he is always with us and confident that he will come again. • **In the first reading**, Jesus tells his Apostles that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, and then he ascends into heaven. **In his Letter to the Ephesians**, Saint Paul affirms the hope enjoyed by all who believe in the promise and power of Christ. **In Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus commissions the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and assures them that he will be with them, *always, until the end of the age*.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Jesus has total trust in the Father and in his plan for the world, and he commends that plan to the Apostles. He entrusts his power to them to be his witnesses to all the world – to go and make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach all that he commanded. • Jesus remains with us as we accept and embrace his mission, guiding and empowering us through the Holy Spirit. He remains with us, nourishing and sustaining us for his mission with his Body and Blood each time we receive Him in the Eucharist. He remains with us, teaching, and encouraging us in the community he established, his Church, the Body of Christ. • And as he trusted the doubting Apostles, he trusts us to believe in him and his mission. He trusts us to believe that he is the way, the truth and the life that leads and guides us until his return. And he trusts us to believe that he is with us – always – until the end of the age.





In Loving Memory of **YVONNE OVERGAARD (1937-2020)**

FUNERAL SERVICE: Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church • Friday - May 22, 2020 - 01.00 PM
Interment – Pine Grove Cemetery in Rocky Mountain House

“Bring Change Now... and into generations to come” - **Baby Bottle Campaign 2020**



Every year women, men, and families are impacted by the effects of an unplanned pregnancy. In their time of need, the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre is here to provide unconditional love and accurate information to equip them to make well-informed choices. All of our programs and services are free, confidential, and are offered in a safe and non-judgmental environment regardless of age, gender, race, or religion. We have offices in Red Deer, Olds, Rocky Mountain House, Drumheller and we are expanding to open office in Stettler in the near future.

Supporting our clients in need includes one on one peer counselling, programs to help heal from sexual abuse, parenting programs, 24/7 Dad Program, options counselling, post-abortion support, and our maternity home for single women to carry their pregnancies to term, and be equipped with the tools to parent successfully.

This year we are excited to host our annual Baby Bottle Campaign virtually!

Parishioners can easily donate by going to website: www.pregnancycare.ca and clicking the “DONATE” button and after by clicking “2020 Baby Bottle Campaign” and by clicking “GIVE NOW” and “Teams” and find “St. Matthew Catholic Church”.

Or click this direct link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/central-alberta-pregnancy-care-centre/p2p/baby-bottle-campaign/team/st-matthew-catholic-church/>. As usual, this event started on Mother’s Day and will run until Father’s Day. Thank you for your support as we adjust to doing this virtually this year!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

Our church is 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. **Do not come if you are sick!**

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



PRIVATE ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

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 – LIVESTREAM FROM OUR CHURCH

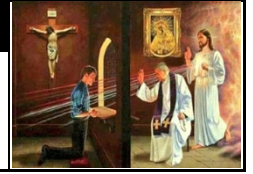
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It is a livestream Adoration from St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

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

Approach Fr. Leon during Adoration if you would like to go to confession. We ask to exercise physical distancing when in the church. Do not come if you are sick! **Any other time by appointment.**



Daily
Rosary



ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY • EVERYDAY AT 03.05 PM

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

During Adoration • In the church and online - 03.05 PM

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.



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS



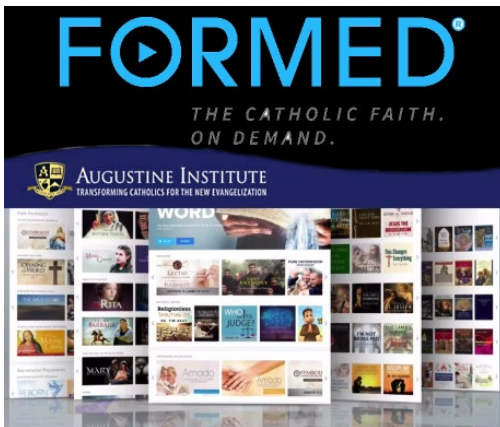
With the absence of regular Masses, we would like to highlight the option of Automatic Bank Withdrawal for regular and Together We Serve offerings. It's simple to implement, just fill in the form that is available on our parish website and confirm when you would like to start the deductions. Changes 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 or by e-transfers.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH ACCEPTS E-TRANSFERS

If you manage your banking online, we have some exciting news! St. Matthew Parish is now accepting e-transfers. Use the email: office@smprmh.ca to add St. Matthew Parish as a contact. When you e-transfer money, please include your name, address, envelope number, donation amount and any special instructions in the message box for the transfer. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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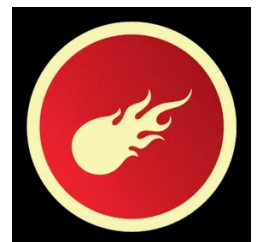
We are excited to introduce to our parishioners a dynamic online platform called FORMED. Everyone who subscribes to their service will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. 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. They offer **40-day FREE MEMBERSHIP** to their platform. You can subscribe by following this link: <https://watch.formed.org/checkout/subscribe/purchase>.

WARNING: You have to provide credit card information to subscribe. After the trial period, your subscription will begin automatically, and you will be charged unless you cancel before the end of trial period.

ONLINE RETREAT FOR TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS

May 23-31, join Catholic clergy and youth ministry veterans for an online retreat as we prepare for Pentecost. This retreat will include livestreamed Masses, talks, Holy Hours, discussions, and a special episode of 'Left Footers' – all designed to prepare us to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This online retreat, brought to you by the Vocations office of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, is open to any young person (teenager or young adult) who'd like to enrich their spiritual life, start or enhance their habits of prayer, and become the saints God created them to be. It is absolutely free of charge, and you can learn more about it - and register for it - at www.mikeisthird.com/veni



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

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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.SMPRMHC.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.

LIVESTREAMING DAILY MASSES

We invite all our parishioners to participate in daily Masses celebrated by Fr. Leon in St. Matthew Church. Masses are livestreamed every day at 9.00 AM.



Sunday May 24, 2020 - Ascension of the Lord
09.00 AM Online + Mary Bouchard

Monday May 25, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Online In a certain intention

Tuesday May 26, 2020 - St. Philip Neri, priest
09.00 AM Online For all people in the world to receive God's great gift of love

Wednesday May 27, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Online + Connie Reigner

Thursday May 28, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Online For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Friday May 29, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Online For all prayer board intentions

Saturday May 30, 2020 - Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Online For all members of our parish communities

Sunday May 31, 2020 - Pentecost
09.00 AM Online + Adam Hertz

MAY 17, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$700.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$500.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$100.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$100.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	RMH - \$550.00 * Evergreen - \$215.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

**Pray the Rosary.
Deepen your
love for Christ**

