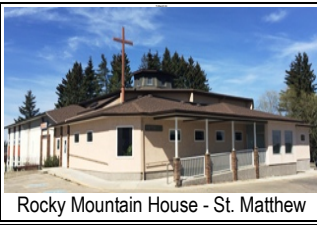


May 31, 2020 – PENTECOST (A)



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

*Acts 2:1-11 * 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 * John 20:19-23*

We each receive gifts from the Holy Spirit to share with others, for the greater good. Today, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit, we also reflect on the gifts that the Spirit gives to each of us. Let us pray to be able to recognize them, and ask for the grace to use them for the sake of the Kingdom. • **The first reading** recounts the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples – and their resulting ability to *speak in different tongues*. In his **Letter to the Corinthians**, **Saint Paul** writes that while there are *different kinds of spiritual gifts*, there is but *the same Spirit*, and *the same God*. In the **Gospel**, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room, gives them the Holy Spirit, and grants them the authority to forgive sins.



Pentecost 2020

One in the Holy Spirit



The readings today on the feast of the birth of our Church, give us powerful images: *a strong, driving wind; tongues as of fire*; the ability of the disciples to speak to people in their own languages. This is a good day to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit, transforming a group of fear-filled disciples into bold preachers. Pentecost Sunday is a great day to rejoice in the power of the Lord!

Pentecost is also a great day to challenge ourselves. In the past several weeks, we have commemorated the passion and death of Jesus and celebrated his Resurrection, his appearances in a glorified body to the disciples, his ascension into heaven, and now his sending of the Holy Spirit in great power. The key question is, what do we do with this now, in our own time and place?

We know that *there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord ... [and] to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit*. And all of these have one thing in common: they are to be used to build up the Body, the Church – and in turn to fulfill the Church’s mission. That mission is the proclamation of Jesus as Lord and of the love that God has for each of us, shown to us through Jesus.

By faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we all have the basic gift that Paul mentions up front in his letter: The realization and the ability to say that *Jesus is Lord*. This is the foundation of being a Christian. Grace and discernment help us own the gifts we have been given and make an effort to use them for God’s glory and the sake of the kingdom.

The gifts can be as simple as a kind heart that is ready to listen to others who are suffering, or a practical nature that can help in planning efforts to reach out. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the gifts he has given to us – and show us how we can use these gifts for the good of others.



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



Caroline

ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND MISSIONS IN EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE

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

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ST. MATTHEW CHURCH RE-OPENING INFORMATION

On Monday, June 01, 2020 we will resume the public celebration of daily Masses in all the churches in the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

On weekend of June 06/07, 2020 we will resume the public celebration of Sunday Masses in all the churches in the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

In our churches in Rocky Mountain House and Evergreen and Caroline we will return to normal schedule of weekday and Sunday Masses before the pandemic:

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	07.00 PM	Rocky Mountain House	Live on Parish You Tube Channel
Sunday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House	Live on Parish You Tube Channel
Sunday	11.00 AM	Evergreen	
Sunday	01.00 PM	Caroline	

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED to attend weekday Masses.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	06.30 PM	Rocky Mountain House	Live on Parish You Tube Channel
Wednesday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House	Live on Parish You Tube Channel
Thursday	09.00 AM 11.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House Evergreen	Live on Parish You Tube Channel
Friday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House	Live on Parish You Tube Channel

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to attend Sunday Masses.

To Register Contact Parish Office:

Phone 403-845-3457 (Monday – Friday * 12.00 PM – 04.00 PM)

Text 403-845-3457 (Monday – Friday * 12.00 PM – 04.00 PM)

Email office@smprrmh.ca (Monday – Friday * 12.00 PM – 04.00 PM)

We will resume FRIDAY ADORATION in Rocky Mountain House:

Every Friday starting after 09.00 AM Mass until 12.00 PM (noon)

CONFESSIONS: Any time by appointment with Fr. Leon (phone/text: 587-355-3947, pastor@smprrmh.ca)



Dear Friends in Christ:

I am happy and excited to share with you information about welcoming you back to the parish for public celebration of the Mass starting on June 01, 2020.

Please know that we have structured and specific procedures so that we can adhere to the guidelines for minimizing the spread of COVID 19, trying to create a safe environment for all. As such, we all have a responsibility to practice the measures that have been recommended by the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services including staying at home if you are experiencing flu like symptoms or if you are in a high risk population.

As we begin to re-institute the public sacramental life of our parish I invite you to reflect upon finding God in ***Beauty, Truth and Goodness***. In my own personal spiritual life, I try each day to reflect and find moments to ***Discover Beauty, Understand Truth and Inspire Goodness***.

A great place to reflect upon the ***Beauty*** is in nature, but I also invite you to find His Holy Presence and peace here in our Church through a short period of private prayer and devotion.

During these past weeks, I know that the inability to fully participate in the Sacraments has brought forth various emotions. As the Sacramental life of our parish is re-instituted, I hope that this will be a chance for you to understand more fully the ***Truth*** of the Sacraments... how your participation in them are opportunities for God's grace which lead to deeper love and service to God and others.

It is in a spirit of charity and ***Goodness*** that I ask you to please be attentive to the guidelines and protocols that are being put into place in our parish. When you are able, ready and comfortable to return to our church, I ask for your cooperation so that together we can promote a healthy environment. Thank you for your continued patience and sacrifice; I look forward to sharing the Eucharist with you again.

Your decision to come to our parish is an acceptance of your personal responsibility to respect the guidelines of physical distancing and also respecting the health and well being of others. The guidelines and protocols being put into place at this time are so that we as a community can be blessed in our relationships with God and one another.

May this be a special time for you to ***Discover Beauty, Understand Truth and Inspire Goodness***.

Please watch for more news and updates on the parish website: www.smpmh.ca.

In Christ,

Fr. Leon Kler - Pastor

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The dispensation of the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place until decreed otherwise by the Archbishop. No one is obliged to attend Holy Mass while this dispensation is in effect.

Limited number of participants in public celebration of the Mass:

- **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE** 50 people
- **EVERGREEN** 50 people
- **CAROLINE** 22 people

Maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 50 people or fewer to ensure physical distancing.

REGISTRATION FOR ATTENDANCE in public celebration of the Mass:

If you would like to come and participate in public **celebration of Sunday Mass we ask you to register in our parish office during office hours (Monday – Friday from 12.00 PM to 04.00 PM). You can register by phone (403-845-3457) or text (403-845-3457) or email: office@smprmh.ca.**

- **Your contact information will be collected for parish use only** if we are notified of a COVID case and need to advise that you may have been exposed.
- **You can register only for one weekend Mass.** Registration starts on Monday at 12.00 PM before the celebration of the Mass on the following weekend. The deadline for registration is Friday at 04.00 PM.
- **Please register only in your home parish.** The faithful are encouraged to limit their attendance to their regular parish church to avoid undue pressure on other parishes and to exercise charity and fairness to parishioners in all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

If you would like to come and participate in public **celebration of weekday Mass you do not need to register.** But please come early; you will be asked some health screening questions and your contact information will be collected for parish use only if we are notified of a COVID case and need to advise that you may have been exposed.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk.**
- **All attendees are expected to wear masks and should bring their own masks.**
- **Church will be open 30 minutes before weekend Masses and 15 minutes before weekday Masses. Church will be locked at the start of the Mass.**
- **There will be separated only one entrance door and one exit door.** If you have the key or code for church door please do not use it to enter the church for Mass (we need to check the number of people entering the church for Mass and ask everyone the screening questions). Any other time you can use your key or code.
- **Physical distancing of 6 feet or 2 meters must be maintained at all times and in all directions between people who are not from the same household.**
- **Hand sanitizing stations will be available by the doors in the church.**
- **Church will be cleaned and disinfected after each use** (after each Mass).
- **The Holy Water Fonts and the Baptismal Font will not be used.**
- **Worship aids and hymnals and paper bulletins will not be available due to current restrictions.** Use of your mobile device is suggested or you may bring your own book. Please remember to take your worship aid with you when you leave.
- **There will be no altar servers required.**
- **Congregational singing is a high-risk activity and is not allowed during initial phases.** Infected people can transmit the virus through their saliva or respiratory droplets while singing. This prohibition includes singing by a cantor or a soloist.
- **Holy Communion will be distributed only in the form of the Sacred Host. Out of charity and concern for others, Communion should be received only in the hand.** When you have received Communion in the hand, please step to the side, remove your mask and consume the Host.
- **We will continue to livestream all the Masses in Rocky Mountain House** (with new schedule – see bulletin or website for details).

"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!



FRIDAY ADORATION IN THE CHURCH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**We will resume FRIDAY ADORATION in Rocky Mountain House.
Every Friday starting after 09.00 AM Mass until 12.00 PM (noon).**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office 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!**

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!**



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.

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

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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

LIVESTREAMING ALL THE MASSES

We will continue to livestream all our Masses celebrated by Fr. Leon in St. Matthew Church. See schedule below for the times. Thank you!



MASSES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Registration needed for weekend Masses only!

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

Monday June 01, 2020 – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday June 02, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For Eda Otteson

Wednesday June 03, 2020 – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Thursday June 04, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: In thanksgiving
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: For all the souls in purgatory

Friday June 05, 2020 – St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: + Lucille Benoit

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

Saturday June 06, 2020 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings for Madisen Rae Leer & Joel Yacmimec on their wedding day

Sunday June 07, 2020 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: + Bill Long
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: + Harold Schafer
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

MAY 24, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: RMH - \$995.00 * Evergreen - \$400.00 * Caroline - \$80.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$250.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$310.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$5.00
ONLINE DONATIONS: RMH - \$1,090.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$50.00

