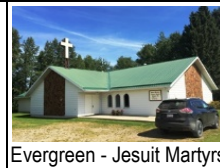


Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

July 12, 2020 - 15 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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph



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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 55:10-11 \* Romans 8:18-23 \* Matthew 13:1-23*

The word of God is fruitful, powerful, and meant to bring us to full union with God in heaven. The first reading and Gospel show the potency of the word of God. In fertile hearts, the Word can multiply exponentially, and it can bring about God's will in our lives. The Word comes from God to us, in order that we might be brought to God. Can there be any greater gift? • **Isaiah** describes the word of God as fruitful, not returning to the Lord until his will is accomplished. • **Paul** writes to the Romans, addressing human suffering and looking beyond it to the promise of heaven. • **In the Gospel**, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains its meaning.



**WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN ROCKY**

We welcome children receiving First Holy Communion today in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House: *Jazmin • Jonathan • Liam • Magdalena • Tatyanna • Xyreen*

**JESUS' LOVE AND JOY TO YOU AS YOU RECEIVE YOUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!**

**GROUP 1**



**ST. MATTHEW PARISH - RMH**

**1970  
JULY  
10  
2020**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
DAVID & BONNIE PARFITT**  
on the occasion of their  
**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
SUSANNA HEYSTEK**

Susanna will be received to the full communion of the Catholic Church by making her **PROFESSION OF FAITH**. She also will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion during Mass at 09.00 AM.



Your Child's **First Confession**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION ♦ ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

Saturday – July 18, 2020 ♦ 03.00 PM – Group 2

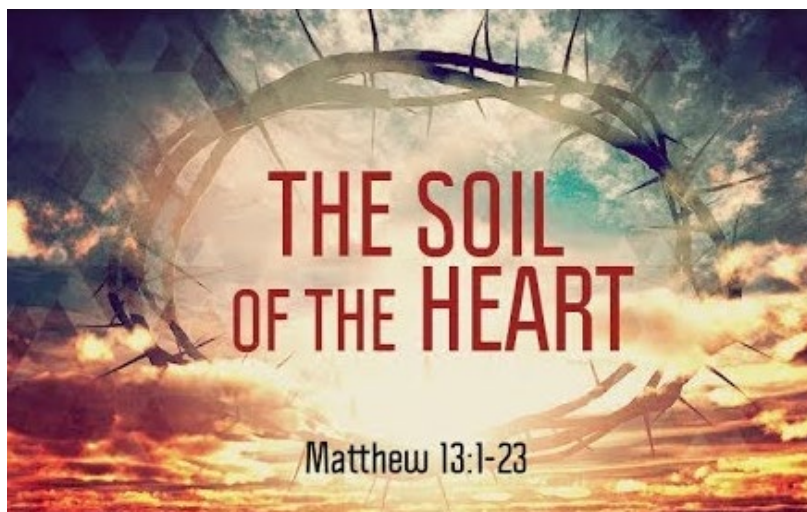


**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION ♦ ROCKY MTN HOUSE**

Sunday – July 19, 2020 ♦ 04.00 PM – Group 2 ♦ Only First Communicants and families!

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
July 11, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Mary Kennedy	Mona Cruickshank	Laurier Nobert	Alex Cartier
July 12, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Perreault	Lisa Sembaliuk	Bonnie Leaf	Hope Perreault
July 18, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Kent Carmichael	Karen Carmichael	Vivian Duhamel
July 19, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Leaf	Morgan Duhamel	Bill Fletcher	Linda Schmidt



**"A FARMER  
WENT OUT  
TO PLANT  
HIS SEED."  
- MATTHEW 13:1-9 -**

All things come from God, belong to him, and should be used to give him glory, honor, and praise. • No matter how many advances modern technology affords to farmers, they face the same challenges and obstacles experienced by their ancient counterparts, not the least of which is the weather, something no one can accurately predict or control. • Isaiah compares the farmer's efforts to yield a bountiful harvest with that of the preacher and prophet attempting to sow the seeds of faith in the hearts of believers. God promises rain to moisten the ground, making it fertile and fruitful. As he gives us bread to satisfy our physical hunger, we are also given the living Word to answer our spiritual hungers. • Paul described the process of cultivating growth in the faith to the groaning experienced by women in labor. We long to be set free from slavery to sin. In Christ, humanity has received salvation for the soul and the promise of the resurrection of the body. Paul, like the long-suffering farmer, willingly endured all kinds of suffering in order to plant the seeds of faith in the early Christian communities, giving them the promise of freedom and new life. • In his parables, Jesus often spoke in agricultural terms, making himself easily understood, as most people in his time had to live off the land. Like the farmer's seed, our faith must be nurtured and fed, protected and cared for. • And, just as the farmer separates the wheat from the chaff, and prunes his larger plants for a more bountiful harvest, we, too, must learn to separate the good from the bad in our own lives. We submit ourselves to the pruning, purging, and purifying of our sins so that we also may experience the glory of God in this life and in the next. • The seeds of our faith must be so deeply rooted in Christ and his Church that nothing can cause them to waste or wither - not the temptation to do wrong, not wealth or power, not pride or prejudice. • The farmer understands better than most that all things come from God, belong to him, and should be used to give him glory, honor, and praise. That is why the farmer always offered up the first fruits of the harvest as a sacrifice in thanks to God. When the Word takes root in our lives and our faith grows, we can offer ourselves back to the One who first gave all to us. We do so in acts of love for him and for each other. Just as Christ did for us.



### “LIVING FAITH”

### “LIVING FAITH KIDS”

The next issues of “Living Faith” and “Living Faith Kids” are available at the office for purchase. The cost is \$2.50/booklet.

On Monday, June 01, we resumed the public celebration of Masses in all the churches in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. In our churches in Rocky Mountain House and Evergreen and Caroline we returned to regular schedule of Masses before the pandemic:

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat. 7.00 PM RMH \* Sun. 09.00 AM RMH \* Sun. 11.00 AM Evergreen \* Sun. 01.00 PM Caroline

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mon. No Mass \* Tue. 6.30 PM RMH \* Wed. 9.00 AM RMH \* Thu. 9.00 AM RMH & 11.00 AM Evergreen \* Fri. 9.00 AM RMH

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED** to attend weekday Masses.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to attend Sunday Masses. **To Register Contact Parish Office:**

Phone/Text: 403-845-3457 (Monday - Friday \* 12.00 PM - 4.00 PM) • Email: [office@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca) (Monday - Friday \* 12.00 PM - 4.00 PM)

**We resumed FRIDAY ADORATION in Rocky Mountain House:** Every Friday after 09.00 AM Mass until 12.00 PM

**CONFESSIONS: Any time only by appointment with Fr. Leon. No confession before Saturday Evening Mass.**



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – July 17, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



### 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](mailto: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

Our parish 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.

**ORDINATION OF PERMAMENT DEACONS.** The date has been set for the ordinations of Steven Defer, Pedro (Bong) Estoque, Francis Lau, and Wayne Provencal to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Archbishop Smith will celebrate the Mass of Ordination at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at St Joseph Basilica. PLEASE NOTE that because of COVID restrictions, the celebration will be open only to their immediate family members. However, we plan to livestream the Mass so that you can participate online. Details on the livestream will be shared closer to the date.

**POPE FRANCIS: IN TIMES OF TRIAL, NEVER SURRENDER TO DISPAIR.** Christians have no need to fear in moments of trial and adversity because God's grace is more powerful than evil. Like Jesus suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane, Christians may sometimes feel alone and abandoned, the pope said before praying the Angelus in St. Peter's Square. "At times one feels this spiritual aridness. We must not be afraid of it. **The Father takes care of us, because we are greatly valued in his eyes.** What is important is the frankness, the courage of our witness of faith ... and continuing to do good."

**ONLINE FAITH FORMATION.** Through the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization, Newman Theological College offers a comprehensive selection of short courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$85; the next cycle begins on Monday, August 3. Take an individual course for interest or work toward one or all of the 22 specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. For a list of courses, details, and online registration, visit [www.newman.edu/ccs](http://www.newman.edu/ccs). For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 ext. 2214.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, POPE FRANCIS.** May the Spirit of Jesus continue to guide his ministry for the Universal Church, and be for all of us, on our spiritual journey, a constant beacon of hope. We pray to the Lord.

# 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

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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  
11.00 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](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## LIVESTREAMING ALL THE MASSES

We continue to livestream all Weekday and Sunday Masses celebrated in St. Matthew Church in Rocky.

ONLINE MASS

**NOTE:** If you attend the livestreamed Mass your image may be included in the online video.

### Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

### Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

04.00 PM

Intention:

### July 11, 2020 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Blessings for Ernie/Lorraine Murias on their 59 Wedding Anniversary

### July 12, 2020 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

+ Bill Long

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

For children receiving their First Holy Communion and their families.

### Monday

### July 13, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

### Tuesday

09.00 AM

Intention:

### Wednesday

09.00 AM

Intention:

### Thursday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

### Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

**09.30 AM - 01.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → →** St. Matthew Church, RMH

### July 14, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Blessings and grace for Father Kler

### July 15, 2020 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Blessings and grace for Jerome Benoit

### July 16, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Birthday blessings for Scott Collinson

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

### July 17, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Blessings for Dan and Vivian Duhamel on their 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

### Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

04.00 PM

Intention:

### July 18, 2020 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

+ Ann Ozimik

### July 19, 2020 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

For a special intention

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

For children receiving their First Holy Communion and their families.

## Registration needed for weekend Masses only!

### JULY 05, 2020

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

**SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:** RMH - \$3,382.00 \* Evergreen - \$240.00 \* Caroline - \$44.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$70.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$470.00 \* Evergreen - \$50.00 \* Caroline - \$5.00  
**ONLINE DONATIONS:** RMH - \$00.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$100.00

We pray for our diocesan leader, Archbishop Richard Smith. May he continue to be our spiritual guide and a source of inspiration for all of the pastoral and parish services. We pray to the Lord.