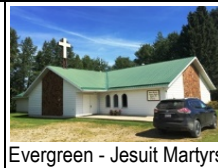


Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

August 30, 2020 - 22 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**

*Jeremiah 20:7-9 \* Romans 12:1-2 \* Matthew 16:21-27*

**Trust in and follow the way of Jesus.** Peter can be excused for thinking as a human does, for he is human! But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus – that he knows better how Jesus ought to carry out his mission. This is reminiscent of the Fall: Pride in one’s own knowledge over that of God’s. We’re all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter - and us - that *his* way is *the* way. All we need to do is trust, and follow. **Jeremiah** accuses the Lord of duping him, for his prophecies are met with laughter and mocking, reproach and derision. **St. Paul** encourages the Romans *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. **In the Gospel**, Jesus reveals that he must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade him. Jesus accuses Peter of *thinking not as God does, but as humans do*. He then tells his disciples that in order to follow him, they must take up their cross.



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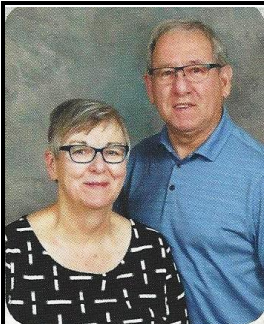
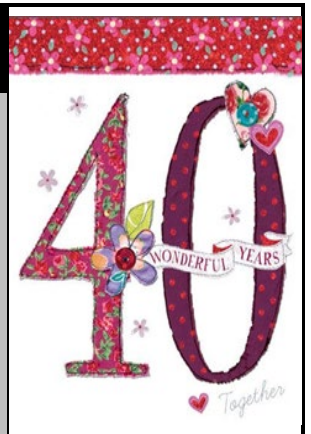
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**ST. JOSEPH PARISH - CAROLINE**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
LARRY KANTERS  
& DONNA LOHNES**

on the occasion of their  
**40<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**ST. MATTHEW PARISH - RMH**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
PHILIP & MARILYN REES**

on the occasion of their  
**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

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**HOLY HOUR ADORATION - ST. MATTHEW**

**Tuesday – September 01, 2020 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM**

Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of today’s life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company silently! Offer your precious time to Him – come for Adoration. Will you spend an hour with Jesus? Will you come?

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's readings discuss something rather uncomfortable: the necessity of sacrifice, of taking up our crosses to follow Christ, even when following Christ comes at great expense.

• Perhaps we can begin to understand what Saint Paul is saying – after all, we probably make various sacrifices for those we love. We also make sacrifices during Lent and Advent; we may fast for a particular intention and we try to live our lives in a way pleasing to God by treating our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. • But if we're honest with ourselves, we've also probably felt like Jeremiah at times. "You duped me, Lord!" he cries. "God, I followed your will and Church teaching and yet here I am, suffering! Being persecuted! That's not fair," we might say.

"Fair" is not part of the Gospel message, though. Love and mercy are. God's generous justice is. Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary was not fair – and it did not end persecution and suffering – but it brought life. Through God's mercy and love, it meant that suffering would not be the end of us. Jesus' temptation to avoid his passion and death was real; indeed, wishing to avoid difficulties is not wrong in itself. Of course we would like to avoid suffering, but we cannot always do that. Suffering is given meaning, however, through its acceptance and offering up in union with the redemptive suffering of Christ. • What made Peter's suggestion wrong was that it opposed God's will; this is why Jesus told him *Get behind me, Satan!* The opposite of God's will – sin – can often seem like the obvious, easier route. It can appear as a solution to a problem, rather than adding to it.

Our crosses are heavy. Sometimes unbearably so. But Jesus calls us to take up our crosses and follow him. He gives us his body and blood as food for the journey, as we bear our sufferings and bring our imperfections to Calvary. As we carry our crosses, we can rejoice in a way that the early disciples could not: we know the story doesn't end on Calvary. We know that with Christ, there is life. Furthermore, we are invited to participate in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross by uniting our sufferings to his. We offer Christ whatever sufferings we experience because of following him.

# The High Cost of Discipleship

Matthew 16:21-27



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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Aug. 29, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Jo-Anne Como	Mona Cruickshank	Laurier Nobert	Faye Boyle
Aug. 30, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Leaf	Lisa Sembaliuk	Becky Marland	Mara Gagne
Sept. 05, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Linda Collinson	Kent Carmichael	Lura Collinson	Ele Collinson
Sept. 06, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Pat Hughes	Bill Fletcher	Linda Schmidt

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS – MARRIAGE

**Congratulations to**

**Morgan Duhamel and Susanna Heystek**

who were married in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House  
on Friday – August 28, 2020 at 02.00 PM.



## CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS – MARRIAGE

**Congratulations to**

**Patrick Mulgrew and Janelle Laing**

who were married in Jesuit Martyrs Church in Evergreen  
on Saturday – August 29, 2020 at 01.00 PM.



**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 - 04.00 PM) • Email: [office@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca)

**CONFESSIONS:** Any time by appointment with Fr. Leon. • No confession immediately before Masses.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

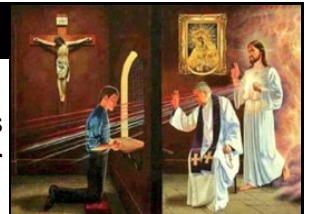
**Friday – Sep. 04, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

**ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR. LEON**

No confession before weekday and weekend Masses. Fr. is busy with preparing things for Mass and setting the Livestream for Masses on the internet. Fr. Leon will be happy to offer his time for confessions after each Mass, but please make the appointment before your desired date.



## 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 or when you come for the Mass. Collection boxes are placed in the church lobby. Thank you!



## 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!**



# 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

Direct voice/fax/text line to office 403.845.3457  
Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor 587.355.3947  
Direct email address to office office@smpmh.ca  
Direct email address to pastor pastor@smpmh.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 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  
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 MASSES IN ROCKY

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 August 29, 2020 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: + Roman Kowal  
**Sunday August 30, 2020 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: Birthday blessings for Lisa Sembaliuk  
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

**Monday August 31, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass  
**Tuesday September 01, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: Birthday blessings for Minda Caluttung

**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION →→ St. Matthew Church, RMH**

**Wednesday September 02, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

**Thursday September 03, 2020 – St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: + Sr. Colleen Chisholm

**11.00 AM**  
Intention: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Blessings & grace for Alta Backs

**Friday September 04, 2020 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: + Rhea Coderre

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

**Saturday September 05, 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: + Roman Kowal

**Sunday September 06, 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church ♦ Live on You Tube  
Intention: + Rick Hobden

**11.00 AM**  
Intention: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
+ Joanne Montegary

**01.00 PM**  
Intention: Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
For all members of our parish communities

## REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLY!



## AUG. 23, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

**SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:** RMH - \$660.05 \* Evergreen - \$205.00 \* Caroline - \$65.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$120.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$50.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:** RMH - \$00.00 \* Evergreen - \$215.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00