

December 20, 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



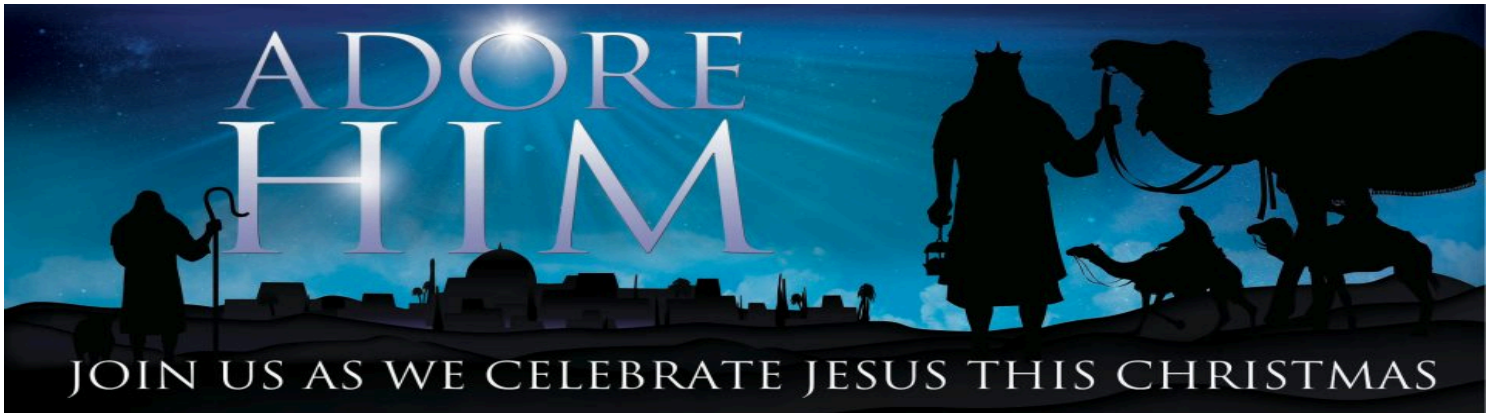
Bulletin QR Code

Sunday - December 20, 2020 ♦ 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM → St. Matthew Church	← CONFESSION
Sunday - December 20, 2020 ♦ 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM → St. Matthew Church	← ADORATION

CHURCH DECORATING - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH Monday - Dec. 21 • 06.00 PM

Everyone is welcome! If you intend to come please contact Tina Mews at 403.847.8262 or Tina.Mews@wsp.com

CHURCH DECORATING



WELCOME HOME

Christmas is a wonderful time to invite inactive Catholics and the unchurched to attend special Christmas services. Like all Catholic churches, we have our share of inactive members who do not attend the services and are inactive in their faith. One in every two Canadians does not participate actively in any church. So, what about inviting an inactive Catholic or friend with no church home to a Christmas service?

The joyous Eucharist we celebrate at Christmas is the summit of our Advent preparation and the source of the joy we carry through the rest of the season into the New Year. How appropriate it is for our Christmas services to be the center of the Christmas celebration for our family, friends, and visitors. Let's invite and welcome home everyone for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES IN OUR PARISHES			
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2020 – Thursday	04.00 PM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2020 – Thursday	06.00 PM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2020 – Thursday	09.00 PM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
EVERGREEN	Dec. 24, 2020 – Thursday	11.00 PM	
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES IN OUR PARISHES			
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 25, 2020 – Friday	09.00 AM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
EVERGREEN	Dec. 25, 2020 – Friday	11.00 AM	
CAROLINE	Dec. 25, 2020 – Friday	01.00 PM	

YOU HAVE TO BE REGISTERED TO COME FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES IN ALL OUR CHURCHES!

CHURCH WILL BE OPEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE START OF THE MASS.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16* Romans 16:25-27 * Luke 1:26-38

The Lord dwells among us. David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet he asks us to participate with him, and cooperate with his grace, that the ark of the covenant - and the arc of salvation history - may be made available to all. • **The Lord reminds David** that he, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. **Saint Paul** gives glory to *the only wise God, through Jesus Christ*. **In the Gospel**, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son, and - hearing that the Holy Spirit and *the power of the Most High* will be with her - she responds, *let it be done to me according to your word*.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. There is a somewhat humorous, if not also very insightful, observation about the often-used command in Scripture: **Do not be afraid.** This observation is that any time we hear “fear not,” or “do not be afraid,” something very-worth-being-afraid-of is about to happen. In other words, the words “fear not” ought to strike fear into our hearts, because we are about to be asked to do something far outside of our comfort zone: to trust, to have faith, to grow, to love, to follow where the Lord is leading us. There is something amusing in this, because there is also some truth to it. How many of us have had children say, “don't be mad, but...” (followed by something that likely makes us mad), or heard someone say, “don't worry, but...” (followed by something no one would blame us for worrying about).

But there is something quite insightful in this observation, too. And that is, we can laugh at the idea of it because we know, in the end, that all will be well. How do we know this? Because of *why* we are told not to be afraid: **Do not fear, I am with you (Isaiah 41:10); Be strong, do not fear! He comes to save you (Isaiah 35:4); Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid (Mark 6:50).** From the beginning of human time, God has promised us he will not forsake us, or leave us alone. And so today: **Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.** • Mary, perfected in grace, has been chosen by God for something we'd agree that anyone of common sense would find frightening. But in her knowledge of God's favor upon her (another way of saying God would always be with her), she steps boldly and fully into the unknown. She has been told that *the Holy Spirit will come upon [her]; and that the power of the Most High will overshadow [her].* She will not be alone. She will have the help and grace of God, for whom nothing will be impossible. • And so her YES makes perfect sense. How could she not say yes, when her faith and trust in a God who had nurtured his covenant and fulfilled his every promise, was affirmed by his envelopment of her in his love and protection? How could we not say yes, when the same God who found favor with Mary, finds favor with us and never forsakes us? He can strengthen us, Paul writes to the Romans. Where we cannot, God can. We do nothing alone, and all things through the grace of God.

The angels and prophets, and Jesus himself, are right to tell us “fear not.” For God is with us. **Emmanuel.** And so we can laugh at the observation regarding Scripture, and we can laugh in the face of our fear. And in these remaining days of Advent, we give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us, who dwelt among us and whose Holy Spirit empowers us in our faith. We do not have to be afraid.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Dec. 19, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Jo-Anne Como		Marliss Cartier	Alex Cartier
Dec. 20, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Bonnie Leaf	Steve Oscar
Dec. 24, 2020 at 04.00 PM	Mary Kennedy	Karen Carmichael	Linda Collinson	Lura Collinson
Dec. 24, 2020 at 06.00 PM	Faye Boyle	Gil Perreault	Laurier Nobert	Mona Cruickshank
Dec. 24, 2020 at 09.00 PM	Marliss Cartier		Rhonda Caluttung	Alex Cartier
Dec. 25, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Pat Hughes	Becky Marland	Linda Schmidt
Dec. 26, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Karen Carmichael		Nathalie Manuel	Lura Collinson
Dec. 27, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Bill Fletcher	Mara Gagne

Contribution Envelopes for 2021 - available at the church sacristy

Please, ask the attendance recorder as you enter for Mass or come to the office to pick up during the week. **Year End Contributions:** if you wish to donate *extra funds* and have them included in the receipts for the **Year 2020**, ALL DONATIONS must be received at the Parish Office by **Dec. 28, 2020**.

Thank You for your faithfulness and continual support of our churches!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

With the new restrictions placed on Albertans office and church at **St. Matthew Parish remains open from noon to 4.00 PM Monday to Friday**. The only difference is the secretary will wear a mask and she ask that you do the same when you come to the office or to pray in the church. God bless you!



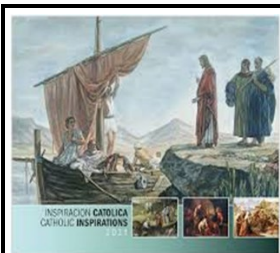
NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament two upcoming Fridays (Dec. 25, 2020 and Jan. 01, 2021)

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

CWL Memberships for 2021 are now being taken. Deadline is January 17, 2021. **Fee: \$30/year** (If you did not pay for 2020 you still can so that your name is not dropped from the National Registry by paying \$60 this year - \$30 for 2020 and \$30 for 2021).

There are three ways to pay your membership: 1. Blank envelope with your name, address, phone number on it, and the \$30 inside – place in the collection basket clearly marked for CWL membership. 2. Drop off your \$30 at the church office. 3. eTransfer to the CWL email cwlrocky@gmail.com for auto deposit into the CWL bank account, in the message give your name. • If you are not a member but would like to join, please use one of the above methods of payment but we will require your name, address, phone number, and email address. If you are transferring from another CWL Council we will require your Membership number to transfer you.



CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDARS 2021

\$3.00 EACH or 2/\$5.00

We are selling Catholic Inspirations Calendars 2021 for **\$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00**. There are so many different calendars out there. We invite you to purchase Catholic Calendar, where we have all the Liturgical Celebrations during the year. The liturgical year gives meaning to just what we are supposed to do with our lives as we emulate Jesus Christ. It is His life and Paschal Mystery that helps us to understand the reason for His incarnation. • There will be a table set up in the lobby in front of the secretary's office after Mass for you to pick up a calendar. Please remember to practice physical distancing. Calendars can also be purchased during office hours.

REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE

Please, register for weekend Masses online. Visit our website for details. Online registration starts every Monday at 12.00 AM for the following Sunday. **The deadline for registrations is the beginning of the Celebration of the Mass.** You can also register in parish office during office hours (Mon. - Fri., 12.00 PM - 4.00 PM).



Register for Mass

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED to attend weekday Masses. • **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to attend Sunday Masses.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021 - \$5 each

In the parish office and at the entrance of each church

FOR SALE

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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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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 Robert Schmidt 403.418.7089
Maintenance Ernie Murias 403.845.4860
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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

Anytime by appointment only.
No confession right before weekday and weekend Masses.

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 MASSES IN ROCKY

We livestream all Weekday and Weekend Masses celebrated in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House.



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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE

Saturday December 19, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Advent
07.00 PM Birthday blessings for Phil Paquette
Sunday December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Advent
09.00 AM + Marcie Landry

Monday December 21, 2020 – Weekday in Advent
No Mass

Tuesday December 22, 2020 – Weekday in Advent
06.30 PM All parishioners not attending Mass in person because of Covid-19

Wednesday December 23, 2020 – Weekday in Advent
09.00 AM Blessing, grace & healing for the Connelly family

Thursday December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve

04.00 PM Blessings & grace for the Métis Nation Local 845

06.00 PM For all the souls in purgatory

09.00 PM + Russell McKenzie

Friday December 25, 2020 – Christmas Day

09.00 AM + Russell McKenzie

Saturday December 26, 2020 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
07.00 PM + Mary Ann Everest

Sunday December 27, 2020 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
09.00 AM Blessing, grace & healing for the Leaf family

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday December 20, 2020 – 4th Sunday in Advent
11.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Friday December 25, 2020 – Christmas Day

11.00 AM + Adolph Hoven

Sunday December 27, 2020 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday December 20, 2020 – 4th Sunday in Advent
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

Friday December 25, 2020 – Christmas Day

01.00 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Sunday December 27, 2020 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
01.00 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

DEC. 13, 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: RMH - \$3,372.25 * Evergreen - \$160.00 * Caroline - \$105.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE RMH - \$125.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$5.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$20.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE/E-TRANSFERS: RMH - \$1,000.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

FROM BANK ACCOUNT & ONLINE DONATIONS

DEC. 15, 2020

REGULAR COLLECTION: RMH - \$3,645.00 * Evergreen - \$1,125.00 * Caroline - \$1,190.00
COMPASSIONATE FUND: Evergreen - \$200.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$135.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$165.00

