

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

Dec. 27, 2020 - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

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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Today's Solemnity marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another. It is fitting that we celebrate the Holy Mother this day, for in her giving birth to Jesus she brought forth into humanity the one who would end the reign of sin and establish God's kingdom on earth. ● Jesus is God, and Mary is the mother of Jesus, therefore Mary is the Mother of God. To deny the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God is to downplay the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. It also overemphasizes his humanity. And so we celebrate the wondrous love God has for us by honoring the woman he chose to carry and give birth to his Son. ● **We honor Mary because Jesus did, and he instructed us to do the same.** He honored her wishes at Cana when she requested that he perform his first miracle, turning water into wine. On the cross, he offered the disciple, John, to be Mary's son, honoring her through the provision of care John would provide after Jesus left the earth. ● When the shepherds adored and praised at the Christ-child's crib, Mary pondered these things in her heart, marveling at the favor God had shown in choosing her above all others to be the mother of his Son. As we begin this new year and we contemplate our resolutions, let us be resolved to imitate Mary, our mother, in devotion to God. In that way, the Lord will bless us & keep us, making his face to shine upon us and giving us peace.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES			
EVERGREEN	Dec. 31, 2020 – Thursday	05.00 PM	
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 31, 2020 – Thursday	07.00 PM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES			
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Jan. 01, 2021 – Friday	11.00 AM	LIVE ON YOU TUBE
CAROLINE	Jan. 01, 2021 – Friday	01.00 PM	

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 * Hebrews 11:8, 11-12,
17-19 * Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40*



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate God's Incarnation into a human family who loved, protected and taught him. They were holy because they were perfect in obedience and virtue; blessed because they feared the Lord and walked in his ways. We, too, may strive to attain this holiness, in our imitation of the Holy Family's example and through the grace of Christ. • **In today's first reading,** God promises Abram an heir, even though Abram is very old. Before too long Sarah, his wife, bears him a son. **In the second reading,** the author of Hebrews tells the story of Abraham (Abram) as an example of true faith in God.

In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. The devout and righteous Simeon beheld the child Jesus, and prayed to the Lord that he as the Lord's servant might now be dismissed for he had seen the salvation that had been promised. Simeon also foretold the destiny of Jesus and the suffering Mary would undergo.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

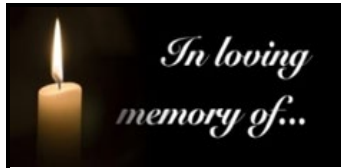
The Holy Family helps to guide us and to give us strength. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. It is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, appropriately linking the Incarnation of Jesus to the human family who loved, protected, and taught him.

Sometimes, when we think of the Holy Family, we imagine them as different from ourselves: holier and more spiritual. That is certainly true. They were perfect in obedience and virtue, and fulfilled the biblical prescriptions for properly caring for and loving one another in the sight of God, as explicated throughout our first reading and the psalm: *God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. And Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.* • So yes, the reality is that they were holy, but they were also fully human – which means that what they attained is possible for each one of us. Often, we try to make them more like us so we can “relate” to them, when really we are called to imitate them in their holiness. We are here, in Church, as a Church family, precisely because they were *not* ordinary! Rather than make Jesus, Mary, and Joseph more like us, we are given the command, opportunity, and grace to be more like them. • They were committed to God and to one another, despite terrible hardships and circumstances. In Saints Joseph and Mary, we not only have human saints who give us an example of how to live together in mutual love and concern while facing day-to-day demands and challenges, but we also have intercessors in prayer who can help us through difficult times. And, of course, in the Son – both fully human and fully divine – we have the example of perfect love who provides the Way to eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who remains in his place to assist us in all we do.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can help us, guide us, give us strength, and remind us that God has a plan for our lives. He asks us to conform our hearts and minds to him and what he wills for us. When we do, the road may still be filled with difficulties, but we are able to meet them with trust and confidence that God is an integral part of our family, helping us face whatever comes our way, that we, too, may become *strong, filled with wisdom,* and have the favor of God upon us.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
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
Dec. 31, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Jo-Anne Como	Audrey Kokesch	Karen Carmichael	Mona Cruickshank
Jan. 01, 2021 at 11.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Bill Fletcher	Linda Schmidt
Jan. 02, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Marliss Cartier	Mona Cruickshank	Laurier Nobert	Alex Cartier
Jan. 03, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Doreen Quintal	Pat Hughes	Morgan Duhamel	Mara Gagne



In Loving Memory of **AUDREY VICK**

FUNERAL MASS: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
 Tuesday - December 29, 2020 - 11.00 AM • Private family celebration



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.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY - JAN. 01, 2021

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!



NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this upcoming Friday (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.



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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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
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Maintenance Ernie Murias 403.845.4860
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Music Ministry Doreen Quintal 403.846.8733
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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 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 and healing for the Leaf family

Monday December 28, 2020 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
No Mass

Tuesday December 29, 2020 – Fifth Day in Octave of Nativity
06.30 PM For the intentions of Denise Pelletier

Wednesday December 30, 2020 – Sixth Day in Octave of Nativity
09.00 AM + Lavern Leer

Thursday December 31, 2020 – Mary, Mother of God

07.00 PM + Martha Pelletier

Friday January 01, 2021 – Mary, Mother of God

09.00 AM + Fr. Thomas Nicholson

Saturday January 02, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord

07.00 PM + Dr. Otto Huhn

Sunday January 03, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord
09.00 AM Blessings, grace and healing for the Connelly family

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

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

Thursday December 31, 2020 – Mary, Mother of God

05.00 PM + Emily Szymanek

Sunday January 03, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday December 27, 2020 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
01.00 PM + Lavern Leer

Friday January 01, 2021 – Mary, Mother of God

01.00 PM Healing and strength for Lazary

Sunday January 03, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord
01.00 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

DEC. 20, 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: RMH - \$2,135.00 * Evergreen - \$340.00 * Caroline - \$245.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE RMH - \$00.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$630.00 * Evergreen - \$125.00 * Caroline - \$10.00
ONLINE/E-TRANSFERS: RMH - \$00.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$50.00

