



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



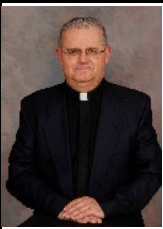
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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH...**

Thank you to all who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Christ's birth in all our churches (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline): people who removed snow, people who cleaned and decorated our churches, people involved in music ministries, liturgy schedulers, readers, attendance recorders, ushers, projector operators. May God bless you!

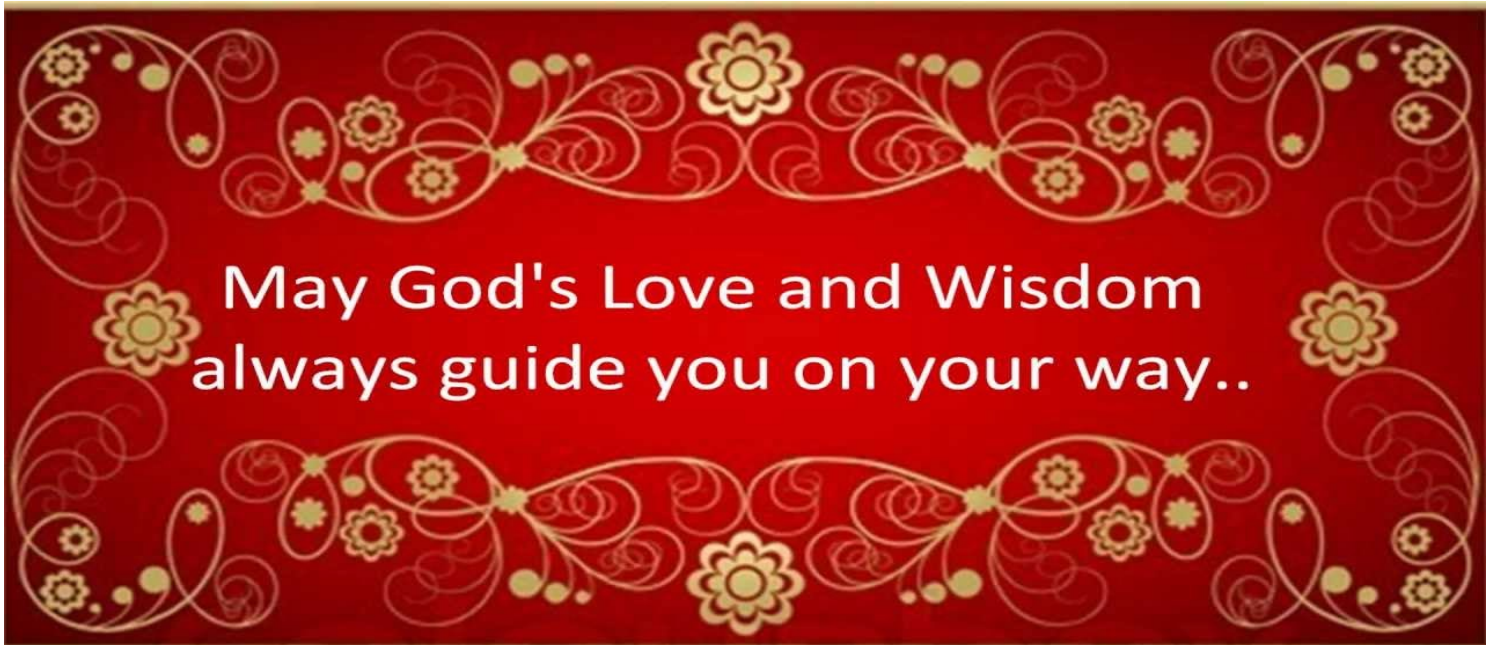


**VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler**



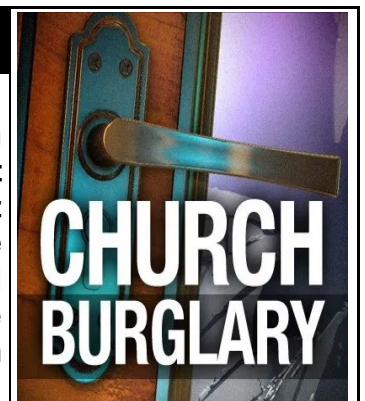
I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone for your prayers, Christmas cards, gifts, donations of cash and food, especially this year of COVID-19. May God bless you for your generosity and your support! I really appreciate your goodness and kindness to me at Christmas and always. **MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!**



**CHURCH BURGLARY... IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

Our parish in Rocky Mountain House experienced series of burglaries around Christmas time. On Thursday, Dec. 17 at 01.15 AM someone entered church backyard and smashed one of the lights. Week later, on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 03.45 AM someone cut the padlock at the backyard gate next to the garage, cut the whole in the fence from parking lot side, cut the padlock on the door to the storage room and broke into the storage room. On Christmas Eve after 04.00 PM Mass a man wearing blue overalls entered the church but escaped when he realized that someone noticed his suspicious presence. Fr. Leon searched for him immediately, but the man disappeared in the dark.





## **INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 60:1-6 \* Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 \* Matthew 2:1-12*

**The eternal gifts of joy, hope, and peace are bestowed on those who choose to live in the light of Christ.** The voices of the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, and the three kings - Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior - resound today in one joyful chorus. They are reminding us that Christ, our Light, has come to dispel the darkness of sin & death and to remain with us forever. • In the first reading, **Isaiah** joyfully foretells of the light that emerges from darkness at the coming of Christ. In the second reading, **St. Paul** reminds his listeners that, whether Gentile or Jew, they are all a part of one body of Christ, the Church. **In the Gospel**, three wise men visit the Christ-child, bearing gifts to pay him homage.

## **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

Today's feast of the Epiphany is a major event in Jesus' life story, and in our own salvation history. The magi, men from the east – that is, not from the Israelite people – followed the star to find... *the newborn king of the Jews!* What a startling thing. They knew something profound had happened in the world, even if it had not been part of their own heritage to expect such a thing. Yet, they were *overwhelmed at seeing the star*, and upon finding Jesus, *they knelt down and paid him homage*. To this baby they offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and we see the connection to what is foretold in today's first reading. *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... All those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.* It is also in this moment of God leading non-Israelites to seek out this baby and acknowledge his reign that we see the connection to us: the Son of God has come for all people, Jews & Gentiles alike. Saint Paul explains this in our second reading today. The light of Christ beckons all, and all are welcome to follow it to where Christ may be found. For those of us baptized into this light, we – like the magi – bring gifts, in this case the gifts of our lives and our faith. We offer our very selves for Christ in honor of his kingship, priesthood, and sacrifice. And we are to go out into the world that still needs that light & direct others to it.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Jan. 02, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Marliss Cartier	Mona Criuckshank	Laurier Nobert	Alex Cartier
Jan. 03, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Doreen Quintal	Pat Hughes	Morgan Duhamel	Mara Gagne
Jan. 09, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Faye Boyle	Kent Carmichael	Nathalie Manuel	Lorraine Murias
Jan. 10, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Leaf	Dorraine Lonsdale	Steve Oscar	Amelie MacKenzie

This  
Week

### HOLY HOUR ADORATION • ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Tuesday - January 05, 2021 ♦ 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 in St. Matthew Church. 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?



### ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Friday – Jan. 08, 2021 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2021

Contribution Envelopes are available. Please, ask the attendance recorder as you enter for Mass or come to the office to pick up your contribution envelopes during the week. The envelopes are also available in each sacristy.



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

With the restrictions placed on Albertans office and church at St. Matthew Parish remains open from noon to 4.00 PM Monday to Friday. 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.

### 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](mailto: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.



**SUNDAY MISSALS 2021 - \$5 each**

In the parish office and at the entrance of each church



**PLEASE, REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE!**

**THANK YOU!**

**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@smpmhc.ca**  
Direct email address to pastor **pastor@smpmhc.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** Robert Schmidt 403.418.7089  
**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**

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](http://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** 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

**Monday** January 04, 2021 – Weekday in the Season of Christmas  
No Mass

**Tuesday** January 05, 2021 – Weekday in the Season of Christmas  
06.30 PM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION**

**Wednesday** January 06, 2021 – Weekday in the Season of Christmas  
09.00 AM: For parishioners at home & in extended care who can't attend Mass

**Thursday** January 07, 2021 – St. André Bessette, Religious  
09.00 AM: For all souls in purgatory

**Friday** January 08, 2021 – Weekday in the Season of Christmas  
09.00 AM: For all First Communion students

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → PRIVATE ADORATION**

**Saturday** January 09, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord  
Intention: Birthday blessings for Jules Perrault

**Sunday** January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord  
09.00 AM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**EVERGREEN**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

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

**Thursday** January 07, 2021 – St. André Bessette, Religious  
11.00 AM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Sunday** January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord  
11.00 AM: For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**CAROLINE**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

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

**Sunday** January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord  
01.00 PM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**DEC. 25, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** RMH - \$3,140.00 \* Evergreen - \$540.00 \* Caroline - \$165.00

**DEC. 27, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** RMH - \$4,475.50 \* Evergreen - \$256.00 \* Caroline - \$30.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE** RMH - \$100.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$500.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$290.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:** RMH - \$100.00 \* Evergreen - \$1,500.00 \* Caroline - \$50.00



**THANK YOU! "TOGETHER WE SERVE"**

As of December 31, 2020, we collected **\$15,565.50** (72%) toward our yearly goal of \$21,500 for 2020 in St. Matthew Parish in RMH and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline.

Thank you for supporting "Together We Serve" collection!