

January 10, 2021 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)



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



Bulletin QR Code

REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Monday – Jan. 11, 2021 • 6.00 PM

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



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.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

What is the liturgical color?

The liturgical color for this season is **white** or **gold** to show our joy.

When will it start? When will it end?

The Christmas Season **begins** at the Vigil Mass on **Christmas Eve** and **ends** on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 * Acts 10:34-38 * Mark 1:7-11*

May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism. God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this gift. • **Isaiah** presents the Suffering Servant, sent to save God's people. **In the Book of Acts**, Peter declares salvation is available to all people, and is not restricted to the Israelites. **In today's Gospel**, Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, while God the Father calls Jesus his *beloved Son*.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Baptism cleanses and prepares us for life in Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. Today in our Gospel reading, John the Baptist states in relation to Jesus: *The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.* This is the scriptural foundation of our Christian baptism. • John was a humble man. He knew that he was not the Messiah, but he also knew that he was called to prepare the way for him. He baptized the people in water, so that Jesus could fully baptize them with fire and the Holy Spirit. • **The Church is born in baptism.** In baptism, we are forgiven for all sins: original and actual (in the case of an adult catechumen). We are adopted into the family of God and given sanctifying grace to live and grow in holiness. We are marked as Christ's own forever, and called to a life of holiness. The tremendous blessing of this sacrament includes its grafting of each one of us to Christ, and its outpouring of the Holy Spirit into us such that we are then disposed to receive additional graces and blessings throughout our lives. These graces assist us in our journey to our final goal - union with Christ in eternity. Baptism cleanses and prepares us for life in Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit.

The calling and dignity given to us in baptism is not lost even if we turn away from the grace and blessings. This is why we never "re-baptize" someone who has fallen away and then returns to the Church. While baptism does not guarantee that a person will go to heaven after they die, it does mark them for Christ in a way that cannot be erased. John prepared people with water baptism. Jesus gave them life and the Holy Spirit. Our baptism is the first step in our lives as People of God. We are cleansed and marked, so that we can be filled with the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit and be used for God's glory. It is the beginning of our journey with, and to, Christ. It is the foundation of the other sacraments we receive, and it is by this sacrament that we participate in the full life of the Church. Our goal is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only in baptism we receive the grace that makes that journey possible.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

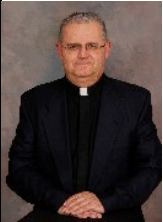
Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Jan. 09, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Faye Boyle	Kent Carmichael	Nathalie Manuel	Lorraine Murias
Jan. 10, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Leaf	Dorraine Lonsdale	Steve Oscar	Amelie MacKenzie
Jan. 16, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Jo-Anne Como	Gil Perreault	Laurier Nobert	Audrey Kokesch
Jan. 17, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Gary Donald	Bill Fletcher	Linda Schmidt

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!



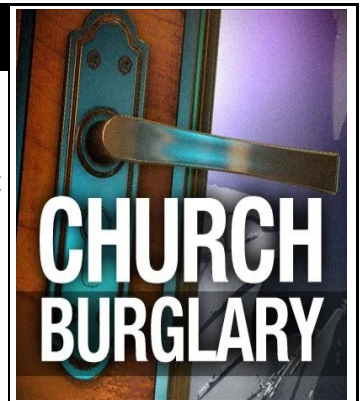
VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler



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!**

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.



ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Friday – Jan. 15, 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.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021 - \$5 each

In the parish office and at the entrance of each church

FOR SALE

PLEASE, REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE!

THANK YOU!

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday **12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 January 09, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord
Intention: Birthday blessings for Jules Perrault
Sunday January 10, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord
09.00 AM: For successful treatments for Glenda & Brooke

Monday January 11, 2021 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday January 12, 2021 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin
06.30 PM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Wednesday January 13, 2021 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM: + Otto Mayrl

Thursday January 14, 2021 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM: Thanksgiving to the Trinity for all spiritual blessings

Friday January 15, 2021 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM: ++ Lavern Leer & Sonny Leer

09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → PRIVATE ADORATION

Saturday January 16, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Sunday January 17, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

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

Thursday January 14, 2021 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
11.00 AM: For parishioners at home & in extended care who can't attend Mass

Sunday January 17, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00 AM: + Chuck Szymanek

CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday January 10, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord
01.00 PM: + Don Kerr

Sunday January 17, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
01.00 PM: For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

JAN. 01, 2021 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

NEW YEAR COLLECTION: RMH - \$1,268.75 * Evergreen - \$305.00 * Caroline - \$117.00

JAN. 03, 2021 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: RMH - \$4,086.00 * Evergreen - \$285.00 * Caroline - \$35.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE RMH - \$915.00 * Evergreen - \$110.00 * Caroline - \$10.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: RMH - \$1,550.00 * Evergreen - \$250.00 * Caroline - \$00.00



THANK YOU! "TOGETHER WE SERVE"

As of Dec. 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".