

February 21, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



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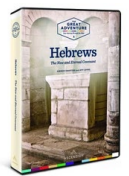
HEBREWS: THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT



MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY • ONLINE • 07.00 PM

UPCOMING DATES: FEB. 22 * MAR. 01 * MAR. 08 * MAR. 15 * MAR. 22

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**LENTEN SCHOOL MASSES IN CHURCH
 LIVESTREAMED ON PARISH WEBSITE**

**FEB. 24 – ST. MATTHEW
 MAR. 02 – ST. DOMINIC**

Feb. 24, 2021 at 11.00 AM in St. Matthew Church – Mass for St. Matthew School (1 class)
 Mar. 02, 2021 at 09.00 AM in St. Matthew Church – Mass for St. Dominic High School (1 class)
School Masses can be attended only by registered students and teachers.

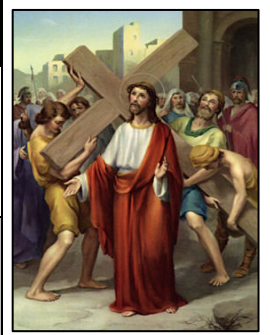


MASS FOR STAFF FROM OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thursday – Feb. 25, 2021 ♦ 07.45 AM ♦ In St. Matthew Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING SEASON OF LENT

All our parishioners are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross as a community reflecting upon the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. This is a real life story, a story of the love that God has for each of us. We are called to walk with our pain and suffering in solidarity with Jesus knowing, through faith and hope, that Good Friday leads us to the Feast of Easter.



EVERY SUNDAY	12.30 PM	CAROLINE ♦ ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
EVERY THURSDAY	11.30 AM	EVERGREEN ♦ JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH
EVERY FRIDAY	07.00 PM	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ♦ ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Feb. 25 - Evergreen (11.30 AM) * Feb. 26 - Rocky (7.00 PM) * Feb. 28 - Caroline (12.30 PM)



ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Friday – Feb. 26, 2021 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

REMAINING TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020 WERE MAILED!

Remaining tax receipts for 2020 were mailed to all our donors who didn't pick them up the last three Sundays in the church. Thank you very much for your donations and support of the church!





INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Genesis 9:8-15 * 1 Peter 3:18-22 * Mark 1:12-15*

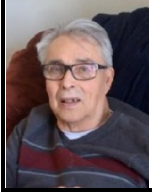
If we go into the desert with Jesus this Lent, his grace will move us forward in our life of faith. Lent is not an end unto itself; we go into the desert with Jesus in order to advance in holiness and in our spiritual life. All the blessings and trials in our lives are not closed events. They're precursors to more: greater trust in God, deeper union with him, and a greater sense of our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. • **In the first reading**, God establishes a covenant with Noah and his sons, promising never to flood the earth again. **In the second reading**, Peter writes to his community about those *in the days of Noah* who were saved through water. *This prefigured baptism*, which is what saves them now. **In the Gospel**, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the desert. He then goes to Galilee to begin his public ministry.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

God calls us to a deeper life of faith this Lent, which prepares us to receive him and to go on mission. In the first reading, having saved Noah and all who had been on the ark, God establishes his covenant with Noah and his descendants after him. As a sign of this covenant, God placed the rainbow in the clouds. • Saint Peter says that Jesus suffered for us *that he might lead [us] to God*. That's the good news of the Gospel – the doors to salvation in heaven have been opened to us! • Today's Scripture passage about Jesus' 40 days in the desert is from Mark's Gospel, and it is far shorter than that in Matthew or Luke. Mark focuses less on the temptations themselves and ends with the heart of the New Testament message: Jesus says, *This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel*. Jesus' time in the desert was one of preparation for his ministry. We can prepare during Lent for the upcoming Paschal Mystery by thinking of three questions. • **First:** How have we been saved by God already in our lives? Are there times of trial from which we've been delivered? It's so easy to see only what's in front of us, and the sufferings of the moment. Reflect back on years gone by and actively look for ways that God has delivered. This should serve to deepen our trust in God. • **Second:** How have we been led to God? How have we been blessed, and saved? What methods of prayer brought us closest to him? Take those lessons and take advantage of them this Lent. • **Third:** How might we best follow the Lord into the desert? Perhaps focusing on all the penitential practices of the season might be a way to open our hearts to the Kingdom. The Kingdom, having been rooted in our hearts, enables us to bring it to others. • As we prepare to receive the Eucharist, let the grace of the sacrament bring us ever closer to further union with our saving Lord.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Feb. 20, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Marliss Cartier	Mona Cruickshank	Laurier Nobert	Alex Cartier
Feb. 21, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Linda Collinson	Ele Collinson
Feb. 27, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Karen Carmichael	Kent Carmichael	Faye Boyle	Mona Cruickshank
Feb. 28, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Pat Hughes	Bonnie Leaf	Linda Schmidt



In Loving Memory of **ROBERT LAFFERTY (1939-2021)**

FUNERAL MASS: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
 Saturday – February 27, 2021 – 02.00 PM • Private family celebration

**What
Are You Giving
Up?**

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

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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 video.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE

Saturday February 20, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent
07.00 PM + Anna Mac Donnell
Sunday February 21, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent
09.00 AM Blessings for Tobias Kirtzinger

Monday February 22, 2021 – Chair of St. Peter, apostle
No Mass

Tuesday February 23, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Lent
06.30 PM Healing, blessings & grace for the Cruickshank family

Wednesday February 24, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Lent
09.00 AM Thanksgiving to the Trinity for all spiritual blessings

Thursday February 25, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Lent
07.45 AM Mass for staff from St. Dominic and St. Matthew Schools
09.00 AM + Sr. Cappy Peters

Friday February 26, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Lent
09.00 AM For successful surgery for Nanette

09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → PRIVATE ADORATION

Saturday February 27, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
07.00 PM + Sr. Ruth Calvert
Sunday February 28, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
09.00 AM + Marie Rose Parisiene

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday February 21, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all the members of our parish communities
Thursday February 25, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Lent
11.00 AM For all prayer board intentions in RMH, Evergreen and Caroline
Sunday February 28, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
11.00 AM + Dave and all others who committed suicide

CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday February 21, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent
01.00 PM + Herbert Mayrl
Sunday February 28, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

FEB. 14, 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$1,170.00 * Evergreen - \$330.00 * Caroline - \$35.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE	RMH - \$30.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$40.00 * Evergreen - \$100.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$00.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$35.00

MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

FEB. 15, 2021

REGULAR COLLECTION: RMH - \$3,745.00 *
Evergreen - \$1,125.00 * Caroline - \$1,200.00
COMPASSIONATE FUND: Evergreen - \$200.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$135.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$165.00



Automatic Withdrawal
from Bank Account

Set-it and Forget-it