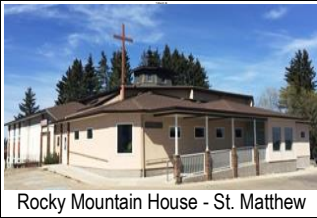


April 18, 2021 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (B)



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



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**APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

We invite you to donate to our parish by bringing your donation to our parish office during office hours or you can donate securely and safely on our parish website, by e-transfers or by Automatic Bank Withdrawal.

We like to highlight the option of Automatic Bank Withdrawal for regular and Together We Serve offerings. It is simple to implement, changes or cancellations can be made at any time but must be in writing. **Please, contact the parish office.**

**ONLINE 50/50 FUNDRAISER**

**KOFC ALBERTA/NWT STATE COUNCIL**

**Tickets sale ends - Apr. 28 • Draw - Apr. 30**

For more info and to buy tickets please visit:

<https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab>

Share this info with your family and friends.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS**



The Alberta-Northwest Territories, Knights of Columbus annually provides fifteen \$750.00 scholarships. A maximum of three scholarships for each of the five regions established by the State Council are available. • This program is open to Alberta/NWT Knights in good standings, their wives, children, and grandchildren, and also to widows of deceased Knights in good standings. These scholarships are for studies in a post-secondary institution. This program is intended to supplement and enhance the various scholarships and bursary programs currently offered by several councils and to provide opportunities in areas where no scholarships currently exist.

**Application deadline is May 31, 2021.**

For more information, please contact: State Secretary at 403.285.6625 or email [ss2019@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:ss2019@kofc.ab.ca). Application forms can be obtained from Grand Knight Robert Schmidt (403.418.7089 or [Robert.U.W.Schmidt@Gmail.com](mailto:Robert.U.W.Schmidt@Gmail.com)) or can be downloaded from following website: [www.kofc.ab.ca](http://www.kofc.ab.ca).

**STEWARDS OF FAITH AND ACTION**

PARTICIPATE AT HOME

**ONLINE MASS**

[www.smprmh.ca/mass\\_online.htm](http://www.smprmh.ca/mass_online.htm)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 \* 1 John 2:1-5a \* Luke 24:35-48

**The risen Christ forgives our sins and advocates for us before the Father.** In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world – to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believer, and are the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world. ● Peter tells the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus, and exhorts them, *Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.* John writes to his community in the hope that they do not sin, but if they should, he tells them they have an Advocate in Christ. In the Gospel, while the two disciples recount to the others their experience with Jesus *on the road*, the risen Christ appears to them with a greeting of peace. He shows them his body, and eats in front of them, in order to help them *understand the Scriptures* and what they had witnessed.

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

**Fear is one of the most common of all emotions. We all fall into its grasp from time to time. It can be very real and even cause us to freeze up and not act as we should. The disciples certainly experienced this when Christ appeared in their midst as they were listening to *the two disciples [recount] what had taken place on the way.* The risen Christ came, offering them reassurance and peace. It is one thing to hear a story about Christ's post-resurrection appearance, it is another to see it with your own eyes. The evangelist does not hold back in describing their fear - even their incredulity. They see Jesus but they immediately think it might be a ghost or a hallucination.**

**But Jesus will not allow that fear to have the last word. Reassuring them of his real, actual presence, he proves it by the most common of all actions: He invites them to look at his hands and feet, and to touch him so they will sense the reality of flesh and bones, which a ghost does not have. And then eats in front of them – something else a ghost would not do. But more than just ameliorating the disciples' fear, Jesus' presence has a triple purpose: to prove his resurrection, to help them understand the Scriptures, and to prepare them for their mission before the world.**

**Jesus calls them witnesses – *martyrs* in Greek – disciples who give all to proclaim the risen Christ. Peter becomes one of the great examples of this change. In our first reading, we saw a different Peter from the Good Friday man who denied Jesus three times. Filled with the truth of the Resurrection and the power of the Spirit, he is the very opposite of fearful. Now he has the courage to stand before those who condemned Jesus – to proclaim him as the fulfillment of the prophetic promises and to call all to repentance. Saint John matches this powerful message with a reminder to his community of the immensity of Jesus' forgiveness.**

**So what about us? It is easy in our broken humanity to allow fear and doubt to control us. Yet they must never have the last word: Christ always finds a way to reassure us of the truth and reality of the Resurrection, and its offer of life. As believers, we find that reassurance in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church where the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Spirit is at work. Here we encounter Christ. Here he takes away our fears and doubts and frees us to go out and share the Good News. Jesus has conquered sin and death. The reign of fear is over.**



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector
Apr. 17, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Marliss Cartier	Mona Cruickshank	Morgan Duhamel	Alex Cartier
Apr. 18, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Bonnie Leaf	Pat Hughes	Doreen Quintal	Mara Gagne
Apr. 24, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Karen Carmichael	Kent Carmichael	Laurier Nobert	Audrey Kokesch
Apr. 25, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Steve Oscar	Amelie MacKenzie

# Childrens Adoration

A child friendly opportunity to spend time with Jesus!

## ADORATION FOR ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Wednesday – Apr. 21, 2021 ♦ 02.00 PM – 02.15 PM ♦ In St. Matthew Church



## ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Friday – April 23, 2021 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



More on Parish Website

## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

Next Session \* Sunday - Apr. 25, 2021 \* 01.00 PM - 03.30 PM



With great joy, I announce to you the name chosen for the newest parish in the Archdiocese of Edmonton: **Divine Mercy Parish**. The Committee charged with planning for the new parish proposed this name as the community's first choice, and I am delighted to accept it. Indeed, “Divine Mercy” is a message we want echoed and lived throughout the Archdiocese. It proclaims the good news of God's unconditional love, which reaches our wounded world as mercy, and transforms suffering into hope.

(Archbishop Richard Smith)

## WILD GOOSE MARRIAGE ACADEMY



**Struggling in your marriage?** Wild Goose Marriage Academy provides online courses, coaching, and resources for Christian couples. This new initiative is led by Catholic marriage experts Paul and Carol Quist who will be offering an intensive, 4-week marriage boot camp called “Seven Steps to Heal Your Christian Marriage”. Learn more and register at [www.wgmacademy.com](http://www.wgmacademy.com)

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

We invite our parishioners to consider donation of food items for our local Food Bank. You can bring your donation during office hours or when you come to the church for the Mass. Collection boxes are placed in the church lobby. Thank you very much for your help!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Congratulations*

We would like to congratulate Rev. Stephen Hero who has been appointed as the new bishop of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He was a former associate pastor and vocations director who grew up in Edmonton and spent nine years as rector of St. Joseph Seminary. The announcement was made in Rome on March 25, 2021.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Father Sylvain Casavant has been appointed as rector of St. Joseph Seminary.

**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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**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 video.**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

**ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE**

**Saturday April 17, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
07.00 PM + Sr. Marie Fougere  
**Sunday April 18, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
09.00 AM ++ Pat & Joan MacDonald

**Monday April 19, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
No Mass  
**Tuesday April 20, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
06.30 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**Wednesday April 21, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
09.00 AM For all intentions placed on prayer boards  
**Thursday April 22, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
09.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**Friday April 23, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
09.00 AM Thanksgiving to the Trinity for all spiritual blessings  
**09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION**

**Saturday April 24, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
07.00 PM In thanksgiving for many blessings  
**Sunday April 25, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
09.00 AM + Judy Smith

**EVERGREEN**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday April 18, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities  
**Thursday April 22, 2021 – Weekday in Season of Easter**  
11.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**Sunday April 25, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**CAROLINE**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday April 18, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
01.00 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**Sunday April 25, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**Please, check out the pictures of the churches in Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline on our special website:**

**[smpmhc.smugmug.com](http://smpmhc.smugmug.com)**

