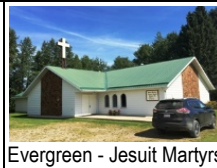


July 25, 2021 - 17 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



Bulletin QR Code

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

SUNDAY – JULY 25, 2021



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! • I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. • I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. • I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. • Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. • Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

EVENTS IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH THIS WEEK

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our parish office will be closed the following days:

July 26 (Monday) – July 30 (Friday) • August 06 (Friday) – August 13 (Friday)

OFFICE CLOSED

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

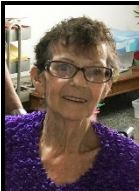
Athena Muriel Parane

Daughter of Angeli and Moises Parane of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. Her baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during private celebration at 02.00 PM on **Wednesday, July 28, 2021.**



ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Friday – July 30, 2021 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



In Loving Memory of **SANDRA (SANDY) GOSS (1943-2021)**

FUNERAL SERVICE: Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Saturday – July 31, 2021 – 02.00 PM • Inurnment at the later date

HELP WITH PARISH LIBRARY. Small and big ways you could help, such as putting away book returns, processing new additions, and many other odd jobs on our do-some-day-list to make the space beautiful, intuitive, and a wonderful resource area for all ages of parishioners and all stages of the spiritual life. To volunteer to help call or text Lisa at 403-846-7137.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS DURING PANDEMIC. Thank you very much to all our volunteers during pandemic: attendance recorders, ushers, projector operators, readers and people cleaning and sanitizing our church during this difficult time of pandemic. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION DURING PANDEMIC!**

INVITATION TO MUSIC MINISTRY. MUSIC MINISTRY in St. Matthew Parish invites anyone who is interested in helping with singing in the choir or as a musician during Sat./Sun. Masses to please contact the office or call or text Doreen at 403-846-8733.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE. We are going back to pre-pandemic order of liturgical ministries: greeters and gifts bearers, proclaimers for the first reading and proclaimers for the second reading, projector operators and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you to all the volunteers! **MINISTRY OF SACRISTANS WILL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER!**

This Week

HOLY HOUR ADORATION • ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Tuesday – August 03, 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?



Donate Online



e-Transfer

Automatic Bank Withdrawal

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 parish website or by e-transfer 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.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeter(s) and Gift Bearer(s)	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Eucharistic Minister	Projector Operator
July 24, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Justin & Marliiss Cartier	Clarence Otteson	Faye Boyle	Ernie Murias	Amelie MacKenzie
July 25, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Jeannette Hobden	Julie Layden	Linda Collinson	Jeannette Hobden	Mara Gagne
July 31, 2021 at 07.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Eleita Collinson	Karen Carmichael	Jo-Anne Como	Mona Cruickshank
Aug. 01, 2021 at 09.00 AM	Julie Layden	Bonnie Leaf	Gary Donald	Joyce Donald	Mara Gagne

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*2 Kings 4:42-44 * Ephesians 4:1-6 * John 6:1-15*

Offer your gift, however inadequate, with thanksgiving, trusting the power of God. Today's sign from John's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, shows the power of God. The boy gave five loaves and two fish. It was a small amount, but it was all he had. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and God provided food for many. We, too, can benefit from these three steps: Offer what we have. Give thanks. Expect God to act. • In today's first reading, Elisha the prophet directs his protesting servant to give his barley loaves to the people to eat. The Lord multiplies this offering and feeds a hundred people, with some left over. Paul urges the Ephesians to live in humility, working to preserve unity. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Time and again, Jesus made clear that his mission on earth was to do his Father's will. In his public ministry, he expressed the Father's love in various ways – he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and even raised people from the dead. He showed great affinity for the lowly and the outcast; he fought injustice with compassion and strength. He was not sent to be a political leader; he was the promised Messiah who came to save us from our sins.

The miracle in today's Gospel is well known. Large crowds were following Jesus because he had been curing the sick. Jesus saw that they were hungry. Amazingly, Jesus fed about five thousand men (and uncounted women and children). • After satisfying the human needs of his hungry followers, Jesus instructs his disciples to *gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost*, and they collect *twelve baskets full*. As with Elisha in today's Old Testament reading, *they had some left*. Jesus' miracle prefigured the superabundance of the Eucharist (CCC 1335). For from the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus would travel to Jerusalem, and there, he would institute the Eucharist the night before he died – a perpetual memorial of his sacrifice.

Two thousand years later, we, too, gather to listen to Jesus and to implore him with our needs. We, too, watch as the priest takes the bread, gives thanks, and distributes it to us – another unworthy and hungry crowd. We feast at the Lord's table. We encounter Jesus – the bread of life – under simple forms of bread and wine. • We are nourished by Word and sacrament. He freely gives us all we need. And yet, there is some left over – more grace, more gifts, more wisdom. What do we do with the leftovers? Perhaps the answer lies in today's second reading. Saint Paul tells the



Ephesians to *lead a life worthy of the calling to which they have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*. This is a job description for Christians! We must join with other Christians, with people of all faiths or no faith, to make the world better, to strive for unity and peace. Jesus knew his mission – to share the Father's love. That's our mission, too.

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



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 07.00 PM **July 24, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For Alicia & Matthew – God's blessings on wedding day/life together
Sunday 09.00 AM **July 25, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
+ Rhea Coderre

Monday **July 26, 2021 – St. Anne and St. Joachim; parents of BVM**
No Mass

Tuesday 06.30 PM **July 27, 2021 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Birthday blessings for Morgan Duhamel

Wednesday 09.00 AM **July 28, 2021 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
For all intentions placed on prayer boards in our churches

Thursday 09.00 AM **July 29, 2021 – St. Martha; disciple of the Lord**
For a special intention

Friday 09.00 AM **July 30, 2021 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Blessings and grace for John Ouellette

09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION



Saturday 07.00 PM **July 31, 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Blessings for Orville & Adela Kittelson on 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 09.00 AM **August 01, 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
+ Maurice Côté

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday 11.00 AM **July 25, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
Thursday 11.00 AM **July 29, 2021 – St. Martha; disciple of the Lord**
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Sunday 11.00 AM **August 01, 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday 01.00 PM **July 25, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Sunday 01.00 PM **August 01, 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

PARTICIPATE AT HOME

ONLINE MASS

www.smprmh.ca/mass_online.htm

JULY 18, 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: RMH - \$968.25 * Evergreen - \$365.00 * Caroline - \$355.00
MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$475.00 * Evergreen - \$70.00 * Caroline - \$10.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: RMH - \$120.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

TOTAL: **\$2,363.25**

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
FRIENDS OF JESUS: RMH - \$16.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00