

February 20, 2022 – 07 Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH & MISSIONS**

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



Bulletin QR Code

# You matter. Pope Francis wants to hear from you!

**What is synodality?** Synodality is about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another, in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the people of God - the very heart of what the church is all about.

**What's special about the Synod on synodality?** This Synod is unprecedented for at least three reasons:

- 1) It will be a two year process instead of a typical month.
- 2) All the baptized, are invited and no one is to be left behind or excluded.
- 3) It aims to give the entire Church a lived experience of synodality.

This is more than filling in a questionnaire! It is gathering the fruits of what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now. The aim of the Synod is put synodality into practice, starting now, in every diocese, parish and country across the whole world. This calls all of us at every level of the Church to renew our way of being and working together, moving forward. The entire purpose of the Synod is to listen to everyone, even children, trusting that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone. **What can you do?** Start by truly listening to one another, especially those who are in the margins of our churches who are forgotten, ignored or not listened to. Listen to those in your care. Hear what your children are trying to communicate to you. Remember, if you want to be heard, you must also be willing to listen. Pray for the whole Church, ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead us in this beautiful journey.

Read more about the Synod: • <https://caedm.ca/synod/> • <https://www.synod.va/en.html>



## ST. MATTHEW PARISH - RMH

**1997  
FEB. 22  
2022**

**Congratulations to  
Edgar and Solor Pansacala**  
on the occasion of their  
**25<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



### INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND      SPECIAL COLLECTION

- The Catholic Bishops of Canada have announced an Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The Archdiocese is committed to working with the bishops of Canada to meet the goal of securing \$30 million over a five year period.
- **For the faithful who wish to contribute to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, there will be two special collections across the Archdiocese** on March 05/06 and March 12/13 weekends. There will be envelopes for this purpose at the parish at the entrance of each church or everyone can donate through on-line donation link found at <https://caedm.ca/IndigenousRelations>.

## BIBLE STUDY

**NO BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY, FEB. 20, 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

**NO BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY, FEB. 21, 2022 AT 07.00 PM**



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022 • 7.00 PM**

**Special invitation to our parishioners to join Parish Charismatic Prayer Group.**

Parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday (except Adoration Tuesdays - First Tuesdays of the month) from 7.00 PM to 8.00 PM. **Mass at 6.30 PM.**



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - RMH

**Friday – February 25, 2022 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



## ASH WEDNESDAY (MAR. 02, 2022) ♦ MASSES + DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

10.30 AM	Mass + Ashes for St. Dominic School	Rocky Mountain House ( <u>St. Matthew Church</u> )
01.30 PM	Mass + Ashes for St. Matthew School	Rocky Mountain House ( <u>St. Matthew Church</u> )
05.00 PM	Mass + Ashes	Evergreen ( <u>Jesuit Martyrs Church</u> )
07.00 PM	Mass + Ashes	Rocky Mountain House ( <u>St. Matthew Church</u> )

## VIRTUAL “CALLED TO PROTECT” WORKSHOP • REGISTER NOW



**Saturday – March 05, 2022 • 01.00 PM - 03.30 PM**

On Saturday, March 05, 2022 at 01.00 PM we will be holding a Called to Protect. The workshop will take place over Zoom. It will be approximately 2.5 hours long. This mandatory program provides training for parish members interested in volunteering for any ministry. Link to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/tiNcfzA2d9n6p4Ht7>. Please, fill it out as soon as possible. • For further information contact: [lucy.Kaakyo@caedm.ca](mailto:lucy.Kaakyo@caedm.ca) or Ernie Murias [ernie@urias.ca](mailto:ernie@urias.ca). Thank you for your efforts and commitment in creating a safe environment for all. God bless.

## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2022

**SUNDAY – MARCH 06, 2022 ♦ 01.00 PM – 04.00 PM**

**SESSION 5/6 – COMMUNION**

## First Reconciliation First Communion



## NEXT MEETINGS

**Wednesdays – March 09 & 16, 2022 • 7.00 PM – 9.00 PM**

## LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE - RMH

**THURSDAY – MARCH 31, 2022 ♦ 07.00 PM**



## TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2021 WERE MAILED!

Two weeks ago we mailed to our parishioners all the Tax Receipts for 2021 not picked up in our churches. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

## BOOKLETS • “OUR DAILY BREAD”

These booklets are free

“Our Daily Bread” booklets for March, April and May are available at the back of each church.

## OUR DAILY BREAD

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Feb. 19, 2022 at 07.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Loretta Leer	Karen Carmichael	Rhonda Caluttung	Brianne Melvin
Feb. 20, 2022 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	<b>Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day</b>			Amelie MacKenzie
Feb. 26, 2022 at 07.00 PM	Faye Boyle	Carla Marks	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert	Audrey Kokesch
Feb. 27, 2022 at 09.00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Morgan & Susanna Duhamel	Hope Perreault	Leo Pelletier	Lura Collinson

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Feb. 20, 2022 at 11.00 AM	Tim Hoven	Simon Szymanek	No procession with gifts
Feb. 27, 2022 at 11.00 PM	Roy Hoven	Juanita Szymanek	No procession with gifts

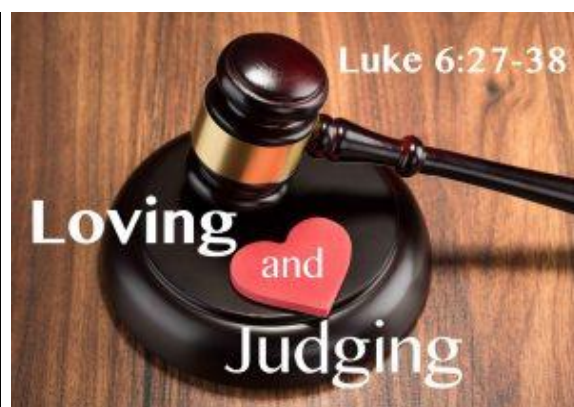
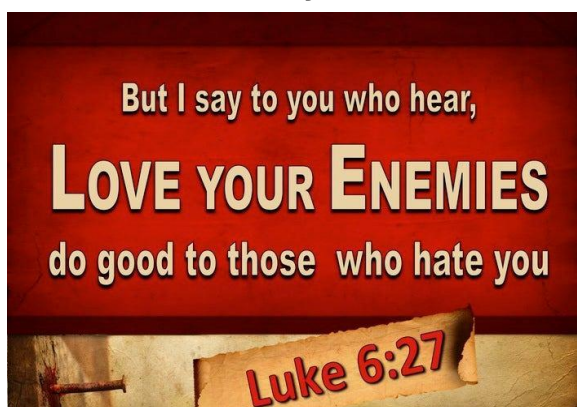
### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9. 12-13, 22-23 \* 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 \* Luke 6:27-38*

**We are called to bear Christ’s merciful image.** The Lord delivers Saul into David’s hands, and yet David chooses not to kill but to show mercy. As followers of Christ, we are called to love even our enemies and treat them as we would want them to treat us. We are asked to ignore our natural inclinations toward revenge and recompense, and instead choose forgiveness and generosity – to conform ourselves to Christ.

- Even though Saul is delivered into his hands by the Lord, David chooses not to kill him. Paul writes that just as we have borne the image of Adam, we shall also bear the image of Christ. Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies, give to everyone who asks, and be merciful as the Father is merciful.

**Today’s readings are about mercy and about following Christ’s teachings and example. In the first reading, David shows mercy by not killing Saul while Saul is sleeping. He had every opportunity, for the Lord delivered Saul into David’s hands by keeping his guards in a deep sleep. This allowed David to take Saul’s spear and water jug and escape without anyone waking. In the context of battle and with the Lord’s assistance, to spare Saul’s life is indeed a mercy. • Our Gospel reading for today comes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Plain. Jesus commands his disciples to love their enemies, concluding that they are to be merciful, just as the Father is merciful. In the next, much shorter, section of the reading, Jesus tells them to stop judging and condemning, and to be forgiving and generous. As much as they forgive, they will be forgiven, and as much as they give, they will receive. • Jesus is asking his disciples, and us, to rise above our base human natures. In our sinfulness we come to hate our enemies and we fight back when we are wronged, to keep what is ours and to give only when expecting something in return. It is natural to be self-interested because we are sinners: *Even sinners love those who love them.* But Jesus asks us to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Even the Most High God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked – in other words, to us. We are to be merciful because we have been shown mercy. We are to treat others not as we would want them to treat us, but to show them the same kindness that God has already shown us.**



**PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER**

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette  
Deacon - Clarence Otteson  
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**

See the parish website for details.

**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**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

**ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE**

**Saturday** February 19, 2022 - 07 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
07.00 PM + Dorothy Hagarty  
**Sunday** February 20, 2022 - 07 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM Strength & healing for Sarah Waldo

**Monday** February 21, 2022 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
No Mass

**Tuesday** February 22, 2022 - Chair of St. Peter, apostle  
06.30 PM For Edgar and Solor Pansacala on their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Wednesday** February 23, 2022 - St. Polycarp; bishop, martyr  
09.00 AM For all prayer board intentions

**Thursday** February 24, 2022 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM For all souls in purgatory

**Friday** February 25, 2022 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM + Sr. Catherine Peters

**09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION**

**Saturday** February 26, 2022 - 08 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
07.00 PM + Eda Otteson

**Sunday** February 27, 2022 - 08 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
09.00 AM For the intentions of Pearl Krzworuczka

**EVERGREEN**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday** February 20, 2022 - 07 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11.00 AM Blessings for Don & Darlene Pinkney on 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Thursday** February 24, 2022 - Weekday in Ordinary Time  
11.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Sunday** February 27, 2022 - 08 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**CAROLINE**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday** February 20, 2022 - 07 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**Sunday** February 27, 2022 - 08 Sunday in Ordinary Time  
01.00 PM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**ONLINE MASS | ONLINE MASS**

Livestreamed Masses continue for those who are unable to attend Mass in person, as well as those who feel uncomfortable wearing a mask in the church.

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

**NOTE:** If you attend livestreamed Mass your image may be included in the video.

**FEB 13, 2022**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,195.00 \* Evergreen - \$295.00 \* Caroline - \$55.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$110.00 \* Evergreen - \$100.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:** RMH - \$755.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**TOTAL:** **\$2,510.00**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$20.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS**

**FEB. 15, 2022**

**REGULAR COLLECTION:** RMH - \$4,255.00 \* Evergreen - \$1,075.00 \* Caroline - \$1,325.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$435.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$25.00

**TOTAL:** **\$7,115.00**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$335.00