

# St. Matthew Parish



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



Caroline

## ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND MISSIONS IN EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE

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

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**December 18, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**R. I. P.**

**ORVILLE LLOYD KITTELSON**

**1939 - 2022**

**FUNERAL VIGIL:** St. Matthew Church (RMH) • Friday - Dec. 16, 2022 - 07.00 PM

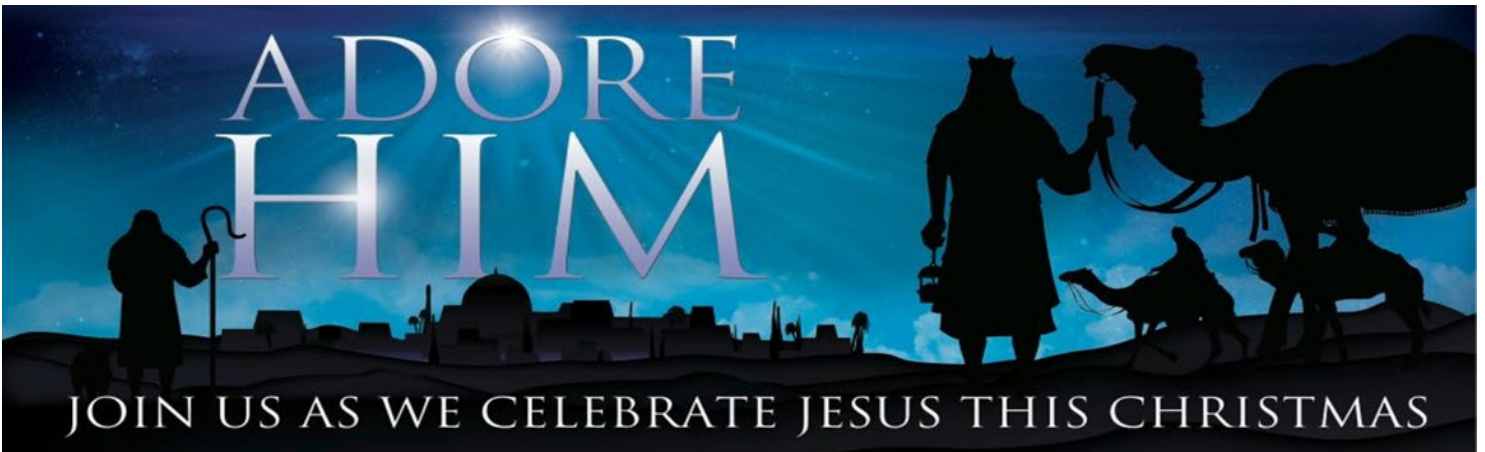
**FUNERAL MASS:** St. Matthew Church (RMH) • Saturday - Dec. 17, 2022 - 11.00 AM

**CHURCH DECORATING - ST. MATTHEW**

Monday - Dec. 19 • 06.00 PM

**CHURCH  
DECORATING**

Everyone is welcome! If you intend to come, please contact Tina Mews at 403.847.8262 or [Tina.Mews@wsp.com](mailto:Tina.Mews@wsp.com)



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

<b>ROCKY MTN HOUSE</b>	Dec. 24, 2022 – Saturday	05.00 PM
<b>ROCKY MTN HOUSE</b>	Dec. 24, 2022 – Saturday	07.00 PM
<b>EVERGREEN</b>	Dec. 24, 2022 – Saturday	09.00 PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

<b>ROCKY MTN HOUSE</b>	Dec. 25, 2022 – Sunday	09.00 AM
<b>EVERGREEN</b>	Dec. 25, 2022 – Sunday	11.00 AM
<b>CAROLINE</b>	Dec. 25, 2022 – Sunday	01.00 PM

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

<b>EVERGREEN</b>	Dec. 31, 2022 – Saturday	05.00 PM
<b>ROCKY MTN HOUSE</b>	Dec. 31, 2022 – Saturday	07.00 PM


### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

<b>ROCKY MTN HOUSE</b>	Jan. 01, 2023 – Sunday	11.00 AM
<b>CAROLINE</b>	Jan. 01, 2023 – Sunday	01.00 PM

## CHRISTMAS BOX FOR SEMINARIAN – ISAAC NIBOURG

Invitation to all parishioners to send Christmas wishes and/or small gifts to our CWL adopted seminarian Isaac Nibourg. Christmas box is placed in the foyer for collection of these cards/items that will be delivered to Isaac for Christmas. Thank you!



	<h2 style="text-align: center;">POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU!</h2>
<p>The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. Red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. Anyone can give special monetary donation toward the purchase of the flowers for the decoration of the sanctuary for Christmas. Just mark your donations "Flowers for Christmas". Anyone wishing to donate actual flowers for the church can drop them off in the office by noon on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Thank you very much!</p>		

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 \* 01.00 PM - 02.00 PM • Confessions for students in St. Dominic School


<p>Thursday, December 22, 2022</p>	<p>Rocky Mountain House</p>	<p>07.00 PM</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">ADVENT CONFESSIONS</h2>
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	<h2 style="text-align: center;">ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH</h2>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday – December 23, 2022 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM</b></p>			

<h2 style="text-align: center;">SERVE, SHARE AND GROW TOGETHER</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">WORK GROUPS</h2>
<p>St. Matthew is starting fresh and following up with establishing four volunteer work groups to assist with our family parish events. If we have four groups your commitment would be to support approximately two events per year. We will require a minimum of 15/group to a max of 20. These groups would be used for beautiful breakfast and/or funerals. Each event would have 5 individuals for prep, 5 for serving, and 5 people for clean-up. Many hands make light work and happy hearts.</p>	

	<h1 style="font-size: 4em;">SALE</h1>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHRISTMAS CARDS • \$7</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CATHOLIC INSPIRATIONS CALENDARS • \$5</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MISSALS FOR 2023 • \$5</b></p>
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**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2023.** Next year's collection envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you know you will not use the envelopes because you have switched to online or pre-authorized donations, please return them to the office. Vivian can assign you a new number with no printed envelopes.

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">MANGER OF GIFTS</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">ORGANIZED BY CWL</h2>
<p>Please join the CWL in providing a "Manger of Gifts" for the Mountain Rose Women's Shelter this Advent. You will find a basket of stars in the foyer. Choose a star and purchase the item stated on it. When you drop the item off in the manger, attach your star to the Christmas Night Sky. Thank you for helping us spread joy this Christmas.</p>		

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">WELCOME UKRAINIAN IMMIGRANTS</h2>
<p>Viktor Dupak and his wife, Mariana Muzyka came to Canada from Kyiv, Ukraine on November 21, 2022. Viktor has a background in Oil and Gas and furniture production. Mariana is a pharmacist. They are currently staying with a host family in Caroline and are excited about starting their life in Canada and are very grateful for the help and kindness of Canadians. • They are currently looking for a used car. Their budget is \$4,000.00 or less. If you have any information, please call or text 403-722-4056. • If you would like to help this newly arrived couple, please mark your donation to the parish as "Ukrainian Couple" and we will forward the full amount of your donation to them. <b>IT IS NOT A SPECIAL COLLECTION.</b> It is just a way to help the parishioners who would like to help this couple.</p>	

**SAFE TRIP TO ALL WHO WILL TRAVEL AND HAPPY RETURN!**



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Dec. 17, 2022 at 07.00 PM	Mona Cruickshank		Caleb Kirtzinger	Laurier Nobert	Josiah Kirtzinger
Dec. 18, 2022 at 09.00 AM	Linda Collinson	<b>Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day</b>			Amelie MacKenzie
Dec. 24, 2022 at 05.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Justin & Marliiss Cartier	Dorraine Lonsdale	Marliiss Cartier	Brianne Melvin
Dec. 24, 2022 at 07.00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Loretta Leer	Laurier Nobert	Josiah Kirtzinger	Lura Collinson
Dec. 25, 2022 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Jim Marland	Steve Oscar	Jo-Anne Como

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Dec. 18, 2022 at 11.00 AM	Lori Hoven	Roy Hoven	Bill & Shirley-Anne Pollock
Dec. 24, 2022 at 09.00 PM	Tim Hoven	Justin Szymanek	Mark & Juanita Szymanek & family
Dec. 25, 2022 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Simon Szymanek	Justin & Jenn Graham & family

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Isaiah 7:10-14 \* Romans 1:1-7 \* Matthew 1:18-24*

**God keeps his promises.** Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a savior for his people, a savior born under unusual circumstances who would clearly be God’s chosen one. After many years had passed since that promise – years in which the Lord continued to guide and prepare his people – we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew’s Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice and praise God for he is faithful and keeps his promises. • Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will give his people a sign: A virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son and will name him Emmanuel. Paul introduces himself to the Romans as one *called to be an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God*, specifically among the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts how the birth of Jesus Christ came to pass, in accordance with Isaiah’s prophecy.

**As we enter this final week of Advent, the Gospel turns our attention to the role of Saint Joseph in salvation history. When we ponder the mystery of the Incarnation, our attention is often focused on Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the way God prepared her for her central role as Mother to our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Church, and to all of us. But what about Joseph? He remains a bit more of a mystery, a shadow in the background of these momentous events when the Son of God took on human flesh, became fully human, and united humankind to the divine life forever.**

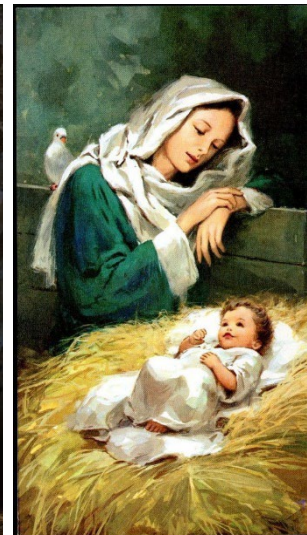
**As Advent draws to a close, let us spend some time pondering these two questions: How is God inviting me to cooperate with the slow work of building up his kingdom, in my own heart, in my family and friendships, in the community? And, examining my heart, how is fear posing an obstacle to my cooperation? As we ponder these questions, let us ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us and show us how to respond with graciousness and humility, with trust and courage, to the Lord’s invitation.**

SHE WILL BEAR A SON  
AND YOU SHALL CALL  
HIS NAME

Jesus

FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS  
PEOPLE FROM THEIR  
SINS

Matthew 1:21



**PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER**

**Deacon (Retired) – Bernie Ouellette**  
**Deacon – Clarence Otteson**  
**Secretary – Vivian Duhamel**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**MINISTRIES • PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Altar Servers** Deacon Bernie Ouellette  
**Baptism Preparation Class** Steve and Donna Oscar  
**Bible Study Mondays** Mara Gagne  
**Bible Study Sundays** Lisa Feser  
**Called to Protect** Ernie Murias  
**Children's Liturgy** Mona Cruickshank  
**CWL** Bonnie Leaf  
**First Communion Class** Catherine van Kampen  
**Knights of Columbus** Robert Schmidt  
**Maintenance**  
**Ministry to the Sick** Ernie Murias  
**Music Ministry** Doreen Quintal  
**Parish Finance Council** Randall Sugden  
**Parish Pastoral Council** Lauren MacKenzie  
**Prayer Chain** Alice Murray  
**Together We Serve** Vivian Duhamel  
**Youth Group** Peter van Kampen

**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

**ALL REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR & BOOKED THROUGH THE OFFICE**

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN**

Contact parish office if you want your child to be baptized in one of our churches. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more information check parish website or call our parish office.

**CONFESSIONS**

In Rocky Mountain House – every Saturday 6.15 PM - 6.45 PM & every Sunday 8.15 AM - 8.45 AM • In Evergreen & Caroline: after each Mass by request (no appointment needed).

**In every church - anytime by appointment with the priest.**

**MARRIAGE**

If you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in one of our churches contact parish office at least 9 months in advance. Preparation Course is mandatory. For more information check parish website or call our parish office.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

RMH - Fridays 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Noon). Mass 9.00 AM.  
RMH - Every First Tuesday 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM. Mass 6.30 PM.

**MASSES ONLINE**

Livestreamed Masses continue for those who are unable to attend Mass in person. [www.smpm.ca/mass\\_online.htm](http://www.smpm.ca/mass_online.htm). If you attend livestreamed Mass your image may be included in video on YouTube.

**PARISH WEBSITE → [WWW.SMPRMH.CA](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE**

**Saturday** December 17, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent  
**11.00 AM** Funeral Mass for Orville Kittelson

07.00 PM + Marc Ruelle

**Sunday** December 18, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent  
09.00 AM Birthday blessings for Zane Perreault

**Monday** December 19, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday** December 20, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
09.00 AM For deceased members of Marland, Russell & Riedemann families

**Wednesday** December 21, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
09.00 AM Blessings & grace for Dan Duhamel

**Thursday** December 22, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
09.00 AM For people with addictions & their victims

**Friday** December 23, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
09.00 AM Blessings & grace for Karen Boston

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION**

**Saturday** December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve

05.00 PM God's blessings & healing for Father Leon  
07.00 PM ++ Jerome & Lucille Benoit

**Sunday** December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day  
09.00 AM ●●●●●●●● No intention requested

**EVERGREEN**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday** December 18, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent  
11.00 AM Blessings for Meaghan West

**Thursday** December 22, 2022 – Weekday in Advent  
11.00 AM Blessings for Danielle Nicholas

**Saturday** December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve  
09.00 PM ●●●●●●●● No intention requested

**Sunday** December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day  
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**CAROLINE**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday** December 18, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent  
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**Sunday** December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day  
01.00 PM ●●●●●●●● No intention requested

**STEWARDSHIP**

**DEC. 11, 2022**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** RMH - \$2,695.00 \* Evergreen - \$430.00 \* Caroline - \$150.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$85.00 \* Evergreen - \$100.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:** RMH - \$1,150.00 \* Evergreen - \$100.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**TOTAL:** **\$4,710.00**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$80.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$20.00  
**FRIENDS OF JESUS:** RMH - \$29.15

**MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS**

**DEC. 15, 2022**

**REGULAR COLLECTION:** RMH - \$4,295.00 \* Evergreen - \$1,075.00 \* Caroline - \$1,325.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$445.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$25.00

**TOTAL:** **\$7,165.00**

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