

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 25, 2022 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Year A)

WE WELCOME EVERY PARISHIONER AND GUEST TO ALL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE. THANK YOU FOR COMING!



May the Love and Peace of Christ surround you and your family this Christmas and may God bless you throughout New Year 2023!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2022 – Saturday	05.00 PM
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EVERGREEN	Dec. 24, 2022 – Saturday	09.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

EVERGREEN	Dec. 31, 2022 – Saturday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 31, 2022 – Saturday	07.00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Jan. 01, 2023 – Sunday	11.00 AM
CAROLINE	Jan. 01, 2023 – Sunday	01.00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 01, 2023 MASS IN RMH AT 11.00 AM

CHANGE



WELCOME UKRAINIAN IMMIGRANTS

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. **IT IS NOT A SPECIAL COLLECTION.** It is just a way to help the parishioners who would like to help this couple.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 26, 2022 to Jan. 02, 2023 inclusive.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022. Mass in St. Matthew Church at 09.00 AM.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – December 30, 2022 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

SERVE, SHARE AND GROW TOGETHER

WORK GROUPS

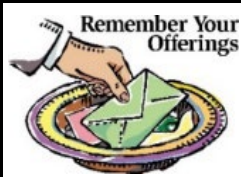
St. Matthew is starting fresh and following up with establishing four volunteer work groups to assist with our family parish events. If we have four groups your commitment would be to support approximately two events per year. We will require a minimum of 15/group to a max of 20. These groups would be 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.



DONATIONS FOR 2022

If you wish to donate extra funds and have them included in the receipts for the 2022 tax year, all cash or cheques must be in the office by December 26, 2022. If you are making a donation via e-transfer, please do so no later than December 30, 2022. Please include a message indicating what the money is for, ex. regular Sunday collection, Christmas donation, Together We Serve, etc.

• E-transfers are to be sent to: office@smprmh.ca • Thank You for your continual support! •



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.

CALLED TO PROTECT

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THURSDAY - JANUARY 12, 2023 • 07.00 PM

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Thursday January 12, 2023, 07.00 PM - 09:30 PM. The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The virtual session will be by zoom.

To register, please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/zdvjRPi92YNcbP6YA>. Those who register will receive a zoom link and training materials by latest Monday 17, 2022.

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!





LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Dec. 24, 2022 at 05.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Justin & MarliSS Cartier	Dorraine Lonsdale	MarliSS 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
Dec. 31, 2022 at 07.00 PM	Jo-Anne Como	Carla Marks	Rhonda Caluttung	Dorraine Lonsdale	Jonah Caluttung
Jan. 01, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Linda Collinson	Morgan & Susanna Duhamel	Susanna Duhamel	Bonnie Leaf	Linda Schmidt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
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
Dec. 31, 2022 at 05.00 PM	Justin Graham	Margie Miller	Eileen & Roy Hoven

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ON CHRISTMAS EVE

*Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7 * Titus 2:11-14 * Luke 2:1-16*

In the darkness of this holy night, God’s purest light appears. The Christmas story is known to all through word, song, and tradition. But it is more than an account of a baby born in difficult circumstances. Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Christ in time. He is a child, innocent and powerless, and yet he has within him the awesome capacity to reconcile and heal the whole of creation. In the darkness of this holy night, God’s purest light appears, offering us his mercy and a share in his eternal life. • The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah; he will sit upon the throne of David and upon him will rest dominion and authority. Paul tells Titus that in Christ the very grace of God has appeared in our world and through him, we have all been offered salvation. Luke recalls the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, when the glory of God filled the very skies.

The events surrounding the birth of Jesus have been recalled in word and song throughout the centuries. We know the story of a young soon-to-be father whose life is turned upside down by the news of this child and yet who trusts, even if he does not always understand. We know the story of the young couple who has to leave home and family to comply with an imperial edict issued from far away – leaving home at the very time they most needed its comfort and care. We are familiar with the shepherd-folks on the very fringes of society whose lives are considered to be insignificant and unclean, and yet have been chosen by God to be main witnesses to this great and glorious event. • Tonight, we gather to celebrate God’s greatest gift, his last and greatest revelation of himself in the great drama of our salvation. It is the gift of God’s own presence made real in this holy Child that lifts our hearts and fuels our song of joy. • How do we give thanks for this greatest of all gifts? Christmas is a time for giving gifts. We love to share with loved ones, to surprise them with a well-thought-out and unexpected gift. And what an unexpected and glorious gift this Child is to us. What do we offer in return? What gift should we bring to the Christ Child this Christmas night? Nothing less than our whole self, committed to loving others a little more deeply and forgiving a little more easily. Perhaps to be a people of dialogue and peacebuilding, who see the dignity of others and the potential in the most vulnerable and least among us.

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.smpmhc.ca/mass_online.htm. If you attend livestreamed Mass your image may be included in video on YouTube.

PARISH WEBSITE → WWW.SMPRMH.CA

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

LIVESTREAMING ALL MASSES IN ROCKY

We livestream all Weekday & 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	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
Monday	December 26, 2022 – St. Stephen; the first martyr
	No Mass
Tuesday	December 27, 2022 – St. John; apostle, evangelist
06.30 PM	+ Robert Wilson
Wednesday	December 28, 2022 – The Holy Innocents; martyrs
09.00 AM	For all intentions placed on prayer boards in our churches
Thursday	December 29, 2022 – Fifth Day in Octave of Nativity
09.00 AM	For people with addictions & their victims
Friday	December 30, 2022 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
09.00 AM	Thanksgiving for blessings received
	09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION

Saturday	December 31, 2022 – Mary the Holy Mother of God
07.00 PM	++ Alphonse & Jeannette Nobert
Sunday	January 01, 2023 – Mary the Holy Mother of God
11.00 AM	Blessings and grace for the Perreault family and God's guidance in the New Year

EVERGREEN

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

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
Thursday	December 29, 2022 – Fifth Day in Octave of Nativity
11.00 AM	●●●●●●●● No intention requested
Saturday	December 31, 2022 – Mary the Holy Mother of God
05.00 PM	Thanksgiving & blessings for our church families

CAROLINE

NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday	December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day
01.00 PM	●●●●●●●● No intention requested
Sunday	January 01, 2023 – Mary the Holy Mother of God
01.00 PM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

STEWARDSHIP

DEC. 18, 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$3,245.55 * Evergreen - \$405.00 * Caroline - \$40.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$100.00 * Evergreen - \$50.00 * Caroline - \$20.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$300.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$50.00

TOTAL: \$4,210.55

TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$100.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
UKRAINIAN COUPLE:	RMH - \$550.00