

# 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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**January 01, 2023 – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Year A)**

**2023**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

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

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

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

**MAY GOD BE WITH YOU THROUGH NEW YEAR AND FILL YOUR LIFE WITH COMFORT, LOVE & CHEER. MAY THIS DAY AND THE DAYS AHEAD HOLD MANY BLESSINGS FOR YOU AND YOURS.**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS – MARRIAGE

**Congratulations to Matthew Papineau and Kristin McKenzie**

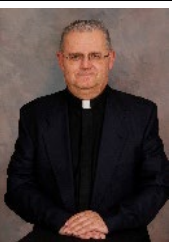
Married in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House

Saturday – December 31, 2022 - 02.00 PM



### THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

Thank you to all who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Christ's birth in all our churches (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline): people who removed snow, people who cleaned & decorated our churches, people involved in music ministries, liturgy schedulers, readers, altar servers, ushers, projector operators. **GOD BLESS!**



### VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler

I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone for your prayers, Christmas cards, gifts, donations of cash and food, especially this year of rising prices for everything. May God bless you for your generosity and your support! I really appreciate your goodness and kindness to me at Christmas and always.

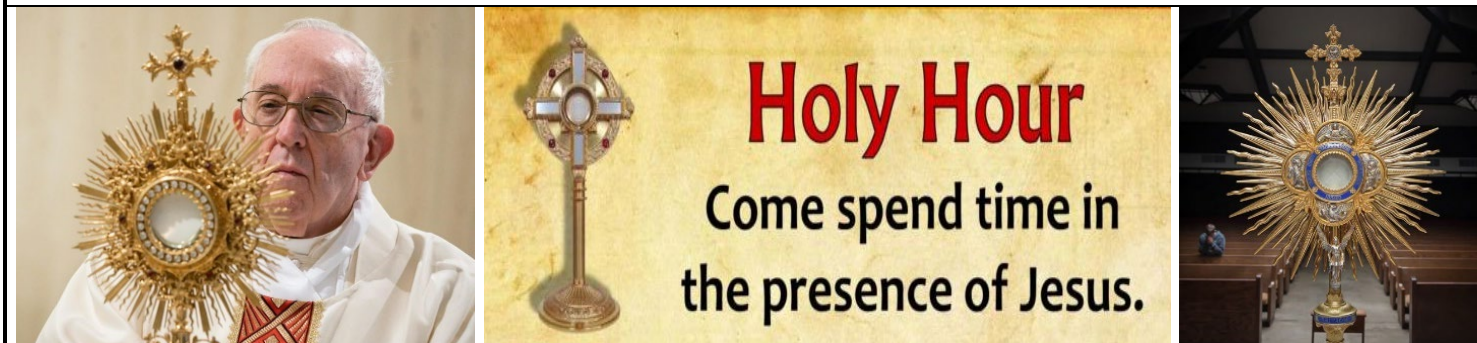
## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 02, 2023.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

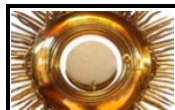
## HOLY HOUR ADORATION - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 03, 2023 • 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM • MASS – 06.30 PM**



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

**Friday – January 06, 2023 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



## FIRST COMMUNION - CELEBRATION OF ILLUMINATION **JAN. 08**

We invite all the children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in 2023 to the Celebration of Illumination in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. \* Next Sunday – January 08, 2023 during Mass at 9.00 AM.



## 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 10, 2023 • 07.00 PM • Mass at 6.30 PM**



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 10, 2023 • 7.00 PM**

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.**

# 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

## FOURTH MEETING

**SUNDAY – JAN. 15, 2022 ♦ 01.30 PM \* SESSIONS 1/2 – COMMUNION**



**ON VACATION**

**FR. KLER'S VACATION**

**January 16 – January 26, 2023**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
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	Gary Donald	Bonnie Leaf	Linda Schmidt
Jan. 07, 2023 at 07.00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Roxane Bourdeau	Karen Carmichael	Josiah Kirtzinger	Brianne Melvin
Jan. 08, 2023 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Scott & Linda Collinson	Eleita Collinson	Morgan Duhamel	Audrey Kokesch

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Dec. 31, 2022 at 05.00 PM	Justin Graham	Margie Miller	Eileen & Roy Hoven
Jan. 08, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Melanie Heske	Tim & Lori Hoven & family

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Numbers 6:22-27 \* Galatians 4:4-7 \* Luke 2:16-21*

**The birth of Christ is manifestation of God's unending love for humanity.** To express his love for all humanity, God takes on our human nature by being born of a woman, Mary. As she is the mother of Jesus, we honor Mary as our spiritual mother, the mother of all God's adopted sons and daughters. Through the Son's Spirit sent by God, Christ dwells in our hearts and we can't help but share this Good News, as the shepherds did, by praising and glorifying God in our lives. • In the Book of Numbers, the Lord instructs Moses to tell Aaron and his sons that he will bless them. In his Letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul explains that they are now adopted children because God sent his Son to be born of a woman. In the Gospel, after seeing the infant Jesus, the shepherds share the message they heard from the angels and praise and glorify God. *Mary treasured all these words... in her heart.*



**We honor the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God, for this points to the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. • January 1<sup>st</sup> marks the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another. So, too, the birth of Jesus marks the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of a new era of God's grace. As Paul explains to the Galatians in today's second reading, Jesus was born of a woman just as we were, like us in all things but sin. By adoption, we are children of God and children of our Blessed Mother. • Today's feast, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, arises from the settling of a controversy among our early Christian ancestors. There were arguments about the divinity of Christ and the role that Mary plays in the story of salvation.**

**If we embrace an image of God who makes all things possible, then these things are true: Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Jesus is God, and therefore as the mother of Jesus, Mary is the Mother of God. To deny the holiness of Mary and her rightful place as Mother of God is to downplay the divinity and perfection of her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Why do we honor Mary? Because Jesus did, and he instructed us to do the same. Jesus honored Mary's wishes at Cana when she requested that he perform his first miracle, turning water into wine. It was there that she spoke her last words recorded in Scripture: *Do whatever he tells you.***

**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](http://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](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

**ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE**

**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

**Monday** January 02, 2023 – St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen; bishops, doctors  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday** January 03, 2023 – Weekday in Christmas Season  
06.30 PM + Orville Kittelson

**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION**

**Wednesday** January 04, 2023 – Weekday in Christmas Season  
**06.30 PM** + Orville Kittelson

**TIME OF MASS CHANGED**

**11.00 AM** Mass in Clearwater Centre is cancelled

**Thursday** January 05, 2023 – Weekday in Christmas Season  
09.00 AM For people with addictions & their victims

**Friday** January 06, 2023 – Weekday in Christmas Season  
09.00 AM Blessings & grace for Danielle Smith

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION**

**Saturday** January 07, 2023 – Epiphany of the Lord  
07.00 PM For all parishioners at home and in extended care who cannot attend Mass

**Sunday** January 08, 2023 – Epiphany of the Lord  
09.00 AM For deceased members of the Marland, Russell & Riedemann families

**EVERGREEN**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Saturday** December 31, 2022 – Mary the Holy Mother of God  
**05.00 PM** Thanksgiving & blessings for our church families

**Thursday** January 05, 2023 – Weekday in Christmas Season  
11.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Sunday** January 08, 2023 – Epiphany of the Lord  
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**CAROLINE**

**NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE**

**Sunday** January 01, 2023 – Mary the Holy Mother of God  
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**Sunday** January 08, 2023 – Epiphany of the Lord  
01.00 PM For all parishioners at home and in extended care who cannot attend Mass

**STEWARDSHIP**

**DEC. 25, 2022**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,404.45 \* Evergreen - \$190.00 \* Caroline - \$255.00  
**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** RMH - \$1,180.00 \* Evergreen - \$245.00 \* Caroline - \$130.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$375.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**FLOWERS:** RMH - \$40.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFER:** RMH - \$1,350.00 \* Evergreen - \$140.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**T O T A L :** **\$5,309.45**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$115.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**UKRAINIAN COUPLE:** RMH - \$295.00 \* Caroline - \$250.00