

St. Matthew Parish



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



Caroline

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

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January 08, 2023 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year A)

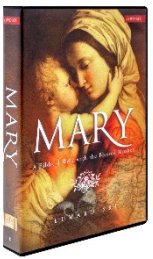


FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM THE CELEBRATION OF ILLUMINATION

Sunday – January 08, 2023 - 09.00 AM

We welcome all the children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in 2023 to the Celebration of Illumination in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House

Aubree * Cameron * Cecilia * Dominic * Farra * Gillian * Isaac * Lorne * Luka * Luke * Otis * Raina * Rhea * Simon * Sophie



A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Sunday - January 08, 2023 • After 09.00 AM Mass • Jan. 08 – Mar. 05, 2023

Register at the parish office. • For more information contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

Workbooks optional - \$40. Eight sessions, 30-minute video, 45-60 minute discussion afterwards.
There is homework for those wanting to do that aspect, but it is not a requirement to participate.

Official trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzmy0gr4Nw4>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.**



MASS FOR STAFF • IN ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday – January 11, 2023 • 08.00 AM • In St. Dominic High School

ADORATION FOR ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL – IN THE SCHOOL

Wednesday – January 11, 2023 • 10.00 AM - 03.00 PM In school chapel



MASS FOR STAFF • IN ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Thursday – January 12, 2023 • 08.00 AM • In St. Matthew School

CALLED TO PROTECT – ONLINE

THURSDAY - JANUARY 12, 2023 • 07.00 PM – 09.30 PM

To register, please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/zdvjRPi92YNcbP6YA>



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – January 13, 2023 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

ADORATION FOR ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL – IN THE SCHOOL

Friday – January 13, 2023 ♦ 10.30 AM - 10.50 AM In school chapel



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

FOURTH MEETING

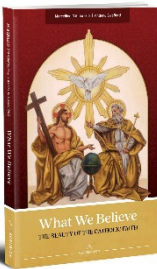


SUNDAY – JAN. 15, 2023 ♦ 01.30 PM * SESSIONS 1/2 – COMMUNION

ON VACATION

FR. KLER'S VACATION

January 16 – January 26, 2023



WHAT WE BELIEVE: THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Monday - January 23, 2023 • 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM • Jan. 23 – Apr. 03, 2023

Register at the parish office. • For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940 (phone/text)

Study materials are US\$27.95, online purchase. We will be meeting in person and following an online format. Official trailer: <https://youtu.be/z9iWfmh2-0w>

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.



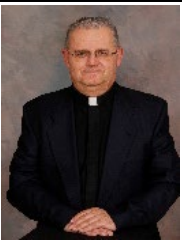
CHAIR OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

The new chairperson of Maintenance Committee in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House is **Scott Collinson**. Thank you very much for accepting this important position. He will be in the church every Wednesday from 07.00 PM to 09.00 PM taking care of the maintenance. You can find him there.



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 & 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.



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
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
Jan. 14, 2023 at 07.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Justin & MarliSS Cartier	Leslie Read	Dorraine Lonsdale	Caleb Kirtzinger
Jan. 15, 2023 at 09.00 AM	Linda Collinson	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day			Linda Schmidt

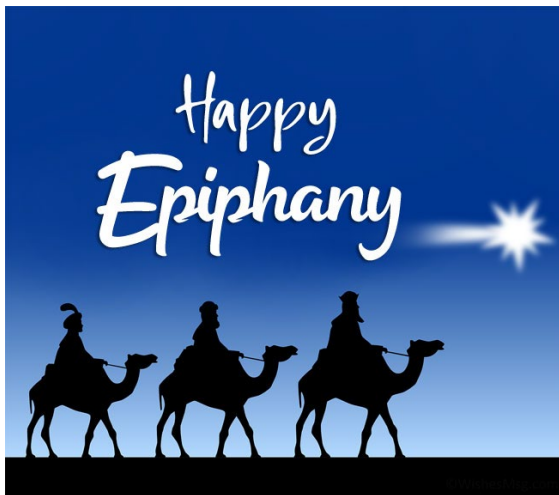
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Jan. 08, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Melanie Heske	Tim & Lori Hoven & family
Jan. 15, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Lori Hoven	Juanita Szymanek	Jim Backs & Cecil Hoven

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Isaiah 60:1-6 * Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 * Matthew 2:1-12*

The Lord shines his light on each of us for the good of all. Today's feast illuminates God's particular revelations for the good of all. God chose one nation, the people of Israel, to be a light for all peoples. God revealed Jesus as king to the Magi in a feast we celebrate today. As God continues to touch and bless each of us, let us consider how his light may shine through us to others. • The prophet Isaiah shares a vision of God's light shining upon Jerusalem and drawing nations toward it. Saint Paul writes of God's revelation to the Gentiles as co-heirs of the Gospel. In the Gospel, the Magi seek the king of the Jews and pay homage to the child Jesus.



The familiar biblical Christmas stories that we hear during this holy season contain many unexpected events and characters. They hardly seem fit for a king. It all begins with a young virgin who cannot possibly be with child, yet she indeed conceives and bears the Son of God within her. This child is then born after a difficult journey by his parents to Bethlehem. The birth is subsequently announced – by angels – to the most ordinary of people, doing some of the most labor-intensive and dirty work around: shepherds. Finally, the only “important” people who recognize the newborn as a king are non-Jewish foreigners.

As we examine the characters in this chapter of Jesus' life, it seems that all the wrong people are involved. None of these people would be considered important or worthy to the outside observer. It seems that this king has invited the poor and the

outcast to his birthday. How can King Herod be so afraid of a weak baby born into poverty and obscurity?

CONSIDER JOINING THE PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Do you want to make new friends? Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to walk in friendship and faith with other women? Do you want to develop a deeper spiritual life? Are you interested in having fun?

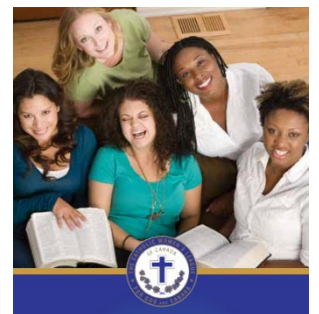
Consider joining the parish CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE. Memberships are now due for year 2023.

There are three ways to join and pay your membership:

1. eTransfer to CWL email cwlrocky@gmail.com for auto deposit. Please include your name in the message.
2. Drop off your \$40 at the church office, either by cheque or cash.
3. Place in an envelope your \$40 and place in the collection basket at the front of the altar in the church, ensure the envelope is clearly marked CWL membership.

In all the above ways, include your name, address, email, and phone number.

If you new to the parish and have a CWL membership number please include it.



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 Scott Collinson
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.smpmnh.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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ALL MASSES LIVE ON YOU TUBE

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

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

Monday **January 09, 2023 – Baptism of the Lord**
No Mass

Tuesday 06.30 PM **January 10, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Health & wellness for Sterling Kopchia-Spence

Wednesday 08.00 AM **January 11, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Mass for staff and students in St. Dominic School

09.00 AM + Anthony Walisser
11.00 AM Mass in Westview Lodge (Rocky Mountain House)

Thursday 08.00 AM **January 12, 2023 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin**
Mass for staff and students in St. Matthew School
For all intentions placed on prayer boards in all our churches

09.00 AM **Friday** **January 13, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Blessings & grace for Audrey Ouellette

09.00 AM **09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION**
Mass in Ravines at Park Avenue (Rocky Mountain House)

Saturday 07.00 PM **January 14, 2023 – 02 Sunday in Ordinary Time**
+ Boyd Hallman

Sunday 09.00 AM **January 15, 2023 – 02 Sunday in Ordinary Time**
+ Sr. Colleen Chisholm

EVERGREEN NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

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

Thursday 11.00 AM **January 12, 2023 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin**
Birthday blessings for Georgia Santucci

Sunday 11.00 AM **January 15, 2023 – 2 Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For all parishioners at home and in extended care who cannot attend Mass

CAROLINE NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

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

Sunday 01.00 PM **January 15, 2023 – 2 Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM JAN. 17 TO JAN. 26

STEWARDSHIP

JAN. 01, 2023 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: RMH - \$700.75 * Evergreen - \$440.00 * Caroline - \$105.00

NEW YEAR OFFERING: RMH - \$350.00 * Evergreen - \$150.00 * Caroline - \$105.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$30.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

ONLINE + E-TRANSFER: RMH - \$540.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

TOTAL: **\$2,420.75**

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$70.00 * Evergreen - \$65.00 * Caroline - \$20.00