

St. Matthew Parish



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



Caroline

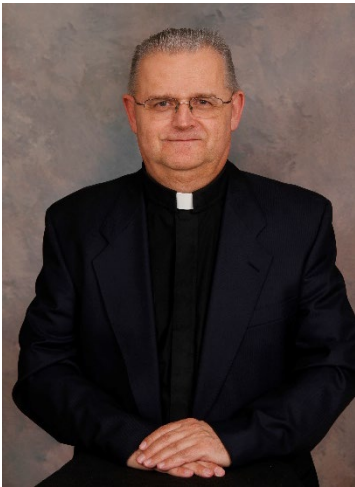
ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND MISSIONS IN EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE

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

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March 05, 2023 – 02 SUNDAY IN LENT (Year A)



Everything in this life here on earth comes to an end sooner or later. The last six and half years it was my privilege to live and pray and work with great people in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House and Missions in Evergreen and Caroline. Farewells are never easy but I leave you with a sense of thankfulness and hope. You all have given me the marvelous opportunity to work with you and to serve you as your pastor. This weekend I will celebrate my last Sunday Masses in our parishes. I will move on to be pastor of St. Margaret Parish in Rimbey and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Sylvan Lake.

I want to thank each one of you for your love, friendship, kindness, patience, prayers and respect. The time here was a powerful and glorious experience for me, because of all of you! It is a great privilege to serve such a prayerful, helpful and cooperative communities. I felt warmly welcomed from the day I arrived and during these six and half years I had the opportunity to experience a deep and wonderful sense of friendship and kindness. I take with me memories of many people who came to pray together, to work together, who willingly contributed their talents and time, often without asking and certainly without expecting praise. I will not mention the names; they know who I am talking about. People involved in so many different ministries. You supported me and the parish with a great sense of devotion. Thank you for your faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ! You are such good examples of truly Christian life. • Be assured of my prayers as you move on to the next chapter in your history with Fr. Rajesh Jesuraj as your next pastor. I hope and pray that you will be as kind and as respectful to him as you were to me. Please, keep me in your prayers as I promise you to keep you in my prayers. I had very peaceful, wonderful and blessed time here. You are great and you should be very proud of yourselves. Keep up the good work!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Leon Kler

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A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Sunday – March 05, 2023 • 10.00 AM • Contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 (phone/text)



WHAT WE BELIEVE: THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Monday – March 06, 2023 • 07.00 PM • For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940 (phone/text)

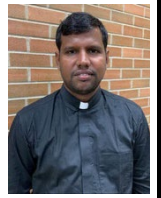


FR. LEON KLER WILL LEAVE ST. MATTHEW PARISH:

TUESDAY - MARCH 07, 2023

FR. RAJESH JESURAJ WILL ARRIVE TO ST. MATTHEW PARISH:

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 08, 2023



NEXT HOLY HOUR ADORATION IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH IS CANCELLED!

NO ADORATION ON TUESDAY – MARCH 07, 2023 AT 07.00 PM • NO MASS AT 06.30 PM

SCHEDULE OF MASSES THIS WEEK IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

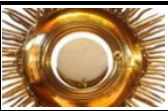
Tuesday – No Mass * Wednesday – No Mass * Thursday – 09.00 AM * Friday – 09.00 AM



YOUTH GROUP - RMH

THURSDAY – MARCH 09, 2023 - 07.00 PM

Youth Group is up and running again! We meet most Thursdays from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM, at the church. Grades 7-8. For more information, contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – March 10, 2023 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



CALLED TO PROTECT

FRIDAY - MARCH 10, 2023 • 01.00 PM - 03.30 PM

“Called to Protect” training session will be offered on Friday, March 10, 2023, from 01.00 PM to 03.30 PM. The two and a half hours session is for all volunteers and employees 18 years and over. Virtual session will be by zoom. Link to register: <https://forms.gle/YttiUzbmW98tcvy8>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING SEASON OF LENT

We invite all our parishioners for soup and buns after each celebration of the Stations of the Cross in Rocky Mountain House. Next Stations – Mar. 10, 2023 at 07.00 PM.

EVERY THURSDAY	11.30 AM	EVERGREEN	JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH	Mass at 11.00 AM
EVERY FRIDAY	07.00 PM	RMH	ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	Mass at 09.00 AM
EVERY SUNDAY	12.30 PM	CAROLINE	ST. JOSEPH CHURCH	Mass at 01.00 PM



Next Stations:

Mar. 09 at 11.30 AM
Evergreen

Mar. 10 at 07.00 PM
Rocky

Mar. 12 at 12.30 PM
Caroline



MERCY & MARY – With Fr. Michael Gaitley

NEW SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Mar. 12 * Mar. 19 * Mar. 26 * Apr. 02 * Apr. 16 • Please register at the parish office.
Cost is free! * Printed Workbooks will be provided * Please, contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 (phone/text)
 Video trailer: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mercyandmary/409287631?autoplay=1>

Can You Help?

CAN YOU HELP UKRAINIAN FAMILY?

FROM GERDA GROOTHUIZEN

Family of 5 (grandparents, parents, and 3 y/o) recently arrived in Rocky from Mariupol, Ukraine, needs a reliable vehicle. If you have one for approx. \$7,000 we would appreciate hearing from you. Please, contact Gerda at (867) 445-1053.

OUR DAILY BREAD

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The next issue of “Our Daily Bread” is available for FREE at the back of each church.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Mar. 04, 2023 at 07.00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Debbie Baich	Marliss Cartier	Dorraine Lonsdale	Faye Boyle
Mar. 05, 2023 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Glen & Joanne Mazza	Steve Oscar	Susanna Duhamel	Linda Schmidt
Mar. 11, 2023 at 07.00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Roxane Bourdeau	Josiah Kirtzinger	Laurier Nobert	Brianne Melvin
Mar. 12, 2023 at 09.00 AM	Linda Collinson	Dom & Mandy Couve	Bonnie Perreault	Eleita Collinson	Noah Kirtzinger

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Mar. 05, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Simon Szymanek	Dennis Nugent	Ed & Carol Szymanek
Mar. 12, 2023 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Juanita Szymanek	Tim & Lori Hoven & family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Genesis 12:1-4a * 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 * Matthew 17:1-9*

We will one day share in the glory of the Lord. The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus and understand that we are meant to share that when the fullness of the kingdom is at hand. • God tells Abram to leave his homeland and go to a land that he will show him, where the Lord will make of him a great nation. Saint Paul tells Timothy to *join with [him] in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God.* In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain and he is transfigured before them.

Today's Gospel is a good reminder of the true purpose of Lent. It is a reminder that, as disciples, we have ultimately one goal: to strengthen our relationship with Christ so we might come to share in his eternal glory. It's a Gospel that both encourages and keeps us focused: By recalling the Transfiguration, we glimpse that glory, the same glory that is offered to us if we are steadfast in our lives of faith. • As we begin the second week of Lent, we learn that the Transfiguration is only a preview of Christ's glory; another mountain has yet to be climbed. Jesus has to be transformed and clothed in the naked pain of Calvary before he puts on the eternal glory of his resurrection. It is a glimpse of hope, however, meant to fortify us on our journey to Calvary with Christ. May this hope be our guide and our sustenance.



ABRAHAM
A FATHER OF FAITH
Genesis 12:1-8



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 Joanne Mazza
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.smpm.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 March 04, 2023 – 02 Sunday of Lent
07.00 PM + Orville Kittelson
Sunday March 05, 2023 – 02 Sunday of Lent
09.00 AM For deceased members of Truant family

Monday March 06, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
No Mass

Tuesday March 07, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
Mass Cancelled Fr. Leon leaves in the morning

HOLY HOUR ADORATION IS CANCELLED

Wednesday March 08, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
Mass Cancelled Fr. Rajesh is coming in the afternoon

Thursday March 09, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
09.00 AM + Milly McKenzie

Friday March 10, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
09.00 AM + John Ouellette
09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION

Saturday March 11, 2023 – 03 Sunday of Lent
07.00 PM Blessings & grace for Maureen Le Boeuf

Sunday March 12, 2023 – 03 Sunday of Lent
09.00 AM Deceased members of Marland, Russell, & Riedemann families

EVERGREEN NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday March 05, 2023 – 02 Sunday of Lent
11.00 AM Birthday blessings for Sara Santucci

Thursday March 09, 2023 – Weekday in Season of Lent
11.00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Sunday March 12, 2023 – 03 Sunday of Lent
11.00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

CAROLINE NO LIVESTREAM ON YOU TUBE

Sunday March 05, 2023 – 02 Sunday of Lent
01.00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

Sunday March 12, 2023 – 03 Sunday of Lent
01.00 PM Thanksgiving for Côté & Rich families

STEWARDSHIP

FEB. 26, 2023

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$930.00 * Evergreen - \$275.00 * Caroline - \$80.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$205.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$350.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
T O T A L :	\$1,840.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$45.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$20.00
FRIENDS OF JESUS:	RMH - \$06.65