

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

March 04, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph



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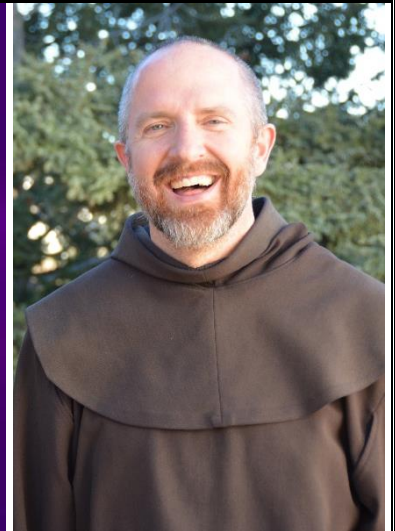
INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Jesus performed many signs, but it was in his death and resurrection that God's glory was fully revealed and made manifest. When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove his authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, his disciples remember his words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist? ♦ **In the first reading**, God presents the Ten Commandments to Moses. **In the Letter to the Corinthians**, Paul declares Christ as the power and wisdom of God for Jew and Gentile, alike. **Today's Gospel** displays Jesus' zeal for his Father's house, as he drives the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

Lent
Fast • Pray • Give



THEME: WITNESSING THE PRESENCE OF GOD THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

RETREAT MASTER - FR. DAN GURNICK (OFM)

MARCH 10 - 13, 2018

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Catholic Church (5208 - 53 Ave.)

WEEKEND MASSES:

March 10, 2018 (Saturday) at 07.00 PM in RMH
March 11, 2018 (Sunday) at 09.00 AM in RMH
March 11, 2018 (Sunday) at 11.00 AM in Evergreen
March 11, 2018 (Sunday) at 01.00 PM in Caroline

MONDAY AND TUESDAY MASSES:

March 12, 2018 (Monday) - Rocky Mountain House:
Mass (7.00 PM) & Retreat Teaching (7.30 PM - 8.30 PM)
March 13, 2018 (Tuesday) - Rocky Mountain House:
Mass (7.00 PM) & Retreat Teaching (7.30 PM - 8.30 PM)

Good Will Collection will be taken on Monday and Tuesday to go to Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre and the Franciscan Missionary Union. The Franciscan Missionary Union gives funds to projects in developing countries.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE


Date and Time	Greeter(s) - Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC - Chalice 1	EMHC - Chalice 2
Mar. 03, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Jeannette Hobden	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Laurier Nobert	Joanne Como
Mar. 04, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Jim Marland	Rebecca Marland	Ricardo Rodriguez	Dave Parfitt	Sarah Cubby
Mar. 10, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Dorraine Lonsdale	Orville Kittelson	Laurier Nobert	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael
Mar. 11, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Dave & Bonnie Parfitt	Marliss Cartier	Joanne Mazza	Barry Kirtzinger	Jim Marland	Ricardo Rodriguez

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Mar. 04, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Margie Miller	Tim Hoven	The Andersen Family	Jim Backs and Juanita Szymanek
Mar. 11, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Neal Perrson	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Gerald and Margie Miller

	FIRST COMMUNION CLASS	Sunday – March 04, 2018 → 04.00 PM - 05.45 PM
St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House ♦ The presence of all candidates is very important and expected.		

RCIA CLASS	Tuesday – March 06, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM	RCIA
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	HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – ST. MATTHEW
Tuesday – Mar. 06, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM	
Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of today's life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company silently! Offer your precious time to Him – come for Adoration. Will you spend an hour with Jesus? Will you come?	


ST. MATTHEW YOUTH MINISTRY	Thursday – Mar. 08, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM	YOUTH GROUP
St. Matthew's Youth Ministry runs most Thursdays from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM at the Church. All youth grades 6-8 are welcome to attend! Adult and High School leaders are needed. Please contact Peter van Kampen at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955.		

THIS WEEK	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Friday - Mar. 09, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM		

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK	
♦ THURSDAY, MAR. 08, 2018 AT 10.30 AM – EVERGREEN ♦ JESUIT MARTYRS (Mass at 10.00 AM)	
♦ FRIDAY, MAR. 09, 2018 AT 06.00 PM – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ♦ ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	
Soup & Buns after Stations with presentation by Susan Campbell from the Pregnancy Care Center	

LITTLE FLOWERS LENTEN BOTTLE DRIVE	Feb. 14, 2018 - Apr. 01, 2018	Can and BOTTLE DRIVE
The Little Flowers Girls' Club will be conducting a bottle drive through Lent. If you have bottles to donate, please bring them to the church between Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Easter Sunday (Apr. 01) and put them in the labelled bins in the foyer. Thank you for your support!		

LITTLE FLOWERS CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB	Next meeting – Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018	
Little Flowers Catholic Girls' Club is a fun-filled faith formation group for girls ages 4 and up. We meet the second Saturday of the month from 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM, September through June. Each month girls work on developing a specific virtue and learn about a female saint. This year we will also be memorizing hymns and passages of Scripture, doing art projects, and completing handicrafts. To register or volunteer, please contact Rhonda Caluttung at 403-846-0404. Next meeting is on Saturday, March 10, 2018.		

	BIBLE STUDY IN RMH	LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS	Mar. 11, 2018 - May 06, 2018
Join us for 8 weeks Bible Study ♦ Sundays after Mass 10.30 AM to 12.00 PM (30 min. video and 60 min. discussion)			
For more information contact Lisa at 403-846-7137 or lafeser@outlook.com			

As I attended morning Mass on Friday the 23 rd of February I felt deeply moved and thankful that an anonymous person had requested a Mass which intention was for blessings and graces for myself. I was particularly grateful as the Mass is the greatest form of prayer that one can offer. While I have benefitted from your generosity, I want you to know that scripture says, those who give in secret will be recognized and rewarded in abundance by God. My heartfelt thank you.	THANK YOU!
<i>Leo Pelletier</i>	

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN OUR PARISHES

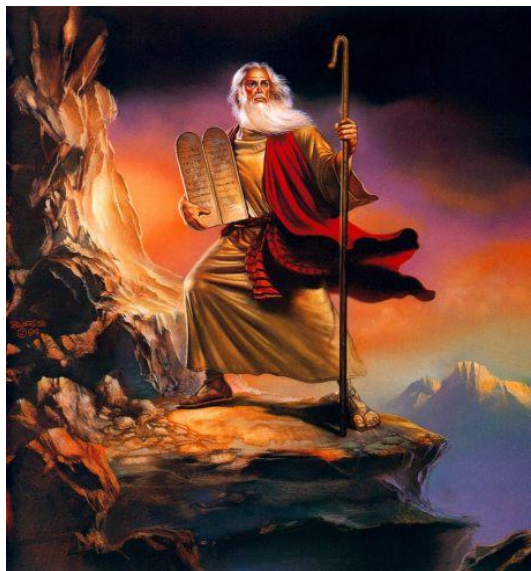
March 14, 2018 Wednesday	Rocky Mountain House	St. Matthew	07.00 PM
March 22, 2018 Thursday	Evergreen	Jesuit Martyrs	07.00 PM

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN OTHER PARISHES IN RED DEER DEANERY

March 05, 2018 Monday	Sylvan Lake	Our Lady of the Assumption	07.00 PM
March 07, 2018 Wednesday	Trochu	St. Anne of the Prairies	07.00 PM
March 12, 2018 Monday	Rimbey	St. Margaret	07.00 PM
March 13, 2018 Tuesday	Red Deer	St. Mary	07.00 PM
March 15, 2018 Thursday	Olds	St. Stephen	07.00 PM
March 20, 2018 Tuesday	Lacombe	St. Stephen	07.00 PM
March 21, 2018 Wednesday	Ponoka	St. Augustine	07.00 PM
March 23, 2018 Friday	Innisfail	Our Lady of Peace	06.00 PM
	Red Deer	Sacred Heart	07.00 PM



The Temple and its surrounding complex on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount was a very holy site to the Jews of antiquity. From the time of Solomon, this location had been a place of prayer, pilgrimage and sacrifice. It had undergone multiple attacks, desecrations, destructions and reconstructions. At the time of Jesus, Jews would have been gathering in the second Temple – built by Herod, and eventually destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. ♦ It was here that Mary and Joseph had presented their Son to the Lord and were greeted by Simeon and Anna. It was here that Mary and Joseph found their twelve-year-old Son. It was here that Jesus preached and prayed. Since many pilgrims came to this holy site to fulfill prescriptions of the law and to offer sacrifice, local merchants thought it an ideal location for doing business – changing money and selling sheep, oxen and birds for ritual sacrifices. ♦ On this occasion, near Passover, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem and becomes rightfully angry at the sight of such commerce and chaos in his Father’s house. He drives out the merchants and animals, spills the money and overturns tables. It must have been quite a sight! How had such a holy place been turned into a marketplace? ♦ All those merchants and Jewish pilgrims would have been familiar with the Ten Commandments which we heard in today’s first reading. The first three go into great detail about respect for God the Father – that there be no other gods, that God’s name not be taken in vain, and that the Sabbath be kept holy as a sacred day of rest. They would have known that love and care for one’s neighbor would have mattered equally. Yet, the commandments were rejected, the Temple was defiled, the poor were ignored and the Messiah in their midst was condemned to death. ♦ We, too, live in a world in which commandments are broken and the sacred is profaned. Right and wrong seem to be blurred at times. In this Lenten season, let’s think about some ways in which we can draw deep within ourselves and resolve to “turn over some tables.” When should we speak out against injustice? Where can we identify idolatry? And in the privacy of our thoughts, how can we cast out the trivial and make room for the sacred? Let us resolve to begin with prayer – asking for Christ-like wisdom instead of human wisdom.



WHAT IS A RETREAT?

In its simplest form ‘Retreat’, means ‘to withdraw, to drawback.’ Throughout the ages, the Christian tradition has understood Retreat to be an important part of spiritual formation. That is, time consciously set aside for God, a change of focus, a deliberate act of stepping outside of normal routine by withdrawing (not running away) from the noise and pressures: the immediate and insistent claims of our social, domestic and work responsibilities in order to be in a quiet place where all our senses are open and ready to listen to God. Retreats are a time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion.

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Ret.) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

5208-53 Ave (Box 130) ♦ Rocky Mountain House, AB * T4T 1A1

Office Hours

Monday	01.00 PM - 06.00 PM
Tuesday	09.00 AM - 12.00 PM and 01.00 PM - 06.00 PM
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	Office Closed
Friday	10.00 AM - 06.00 PM

Contact Information

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CWL	Karen Carmichael	403.846.2168
Bible Study	Roxane Melvin	403.845.3127

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	10.00 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
	06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Friday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH
First Wednesday	11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville
First Friday	10.30 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH
Second Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH
Second Wednesday	11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House
9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION

Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH
6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION

PARISH WEBSITE → WWW.SMPRMH.CA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

March 03, 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Anthony Walisser

March 04, 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For all members of our parish communities

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

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Monday

March 05, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

No Mass

Tuesday

06.30 PM

Intention:

March 06, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Connie Lecerf

07.00 PM - 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION →→ St. Matthew Church, RMH

Wednesday

08.00 AM

Intention:

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

Thursday

10.00 AM

Intention:

06.30 PM

Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

March 07, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew School Chapel

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Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

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Eckville - Eckville Manor

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March 08, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Blessings & healing for the family of Jack Turner

March 09, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Blessings & grace for Deacon Bernie

09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION →→→→→ St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

March 10, 2018 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ + Michelle Hartman & Nicole Hartman

March 11, 2018 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Dorothea Cyr

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Feb. 25, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION

RMH - \$1,674.35 * Evergreen - \$498.00 * Caroline - \$80.00

Feb. 25, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$9.30

Feb. 25, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION: RMH - \$155.00

Feb. 25, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION: RMH - \$5.00

Tax Receipts for 2017 - Mailed!

All tax receipts left at the back of each church last weekend (Feb. 25, 2018) were mailed to our parishioners. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



Did you know that by giving to **Together We Serve**, during Lent or anytime throughout the year, you can help 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions? Check out the promotional video for 2018 to see how our gifts make a difference: <http://bit.ly/WeServe2018>. And please share! (runs 2:11). Through the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese, we raised a total of \$1.897 million in 2017. Our goal for 2018 is \$2 million. For detailed results, visit <https://caedm.ca/TogetherWeServe/HowtheGiftsAreShared>.