



Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

**March 11, 2018 - FOURTH 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**

God's mercy and love, made clear in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, overcame our sins and transgressions. God does not love us conditionally, or despite our sins, but rather because he created us, and he is love. His mercy and compassion are that of a loving Father. ♦ In the first reading from **Second Chronicles**, we hear of the fall of Judah. In **Paul's Letter to the Ephesians**, he reminds us that even when we were dead in our transgressions, God brought us to life through Christ. In the **Gospel**, John proclaims that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO**

**LENTEN PARISH RETREAT**

**RETREAT MASTER - FR. DAN GURNICK (OFM)**

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

**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. 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
Mar. 17, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Pat Gerry	Laurier Nobert	Steve Oscar	Karen Carmichael	Doreen Couture	Joyce Donald
Mar. 18, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Mar. 11, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Neal Perrson	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Gerald and Margie Miller
Mar. 18, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Roy Hoven	The Andersen Family	Dennis and Brenda Nugent



## 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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK

- ♣ THURSDAY, MAR. 15, 2018 AT 10.30 AM – EVERGREEN ♣ JESUIT MARTYRS (Mass at 10.00 AM)
- ♣ FRIDAY, MAR. 16, 2018 AT 06.00 PM – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ♣ ST. MATTHEW CHURCH  
Soup & Buns after Stations with presentation by Marcie Tyson from Rocky Victim's Services



## ST. MATTHEW YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday – Mar. 15, 2018 ♣ 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM

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](mailto:vankampen.peter@gmail.com) or 403-848-0955.



## THIS WEEK

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - Mar. 16, 2018 ♣ 09.30 AM - 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♣ Mass at 09.00 AM

Adoration



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday – March 18, 2018 → 04.00 PM - 05.45 PM

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House ♦ The presence of all candidates is very important and expected.



## ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Monday – March 19, 2018 at 4.00 PM at the church. All altar servers are invited to attend!



## RCIA CLASS

Tuesday – March 20, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM



## PRAYER LINE MEETING

Wednesday – March 21, 2018 at 09.30 AM → Rocky Mountain House

PRAYER LINE

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Heb. 4:16) Interested parishioners from St. Mathew, Jesuit Martyrs and St. Joseph the Workman are invited to participate in a conversation regarding a new Prayer Line for the parish. Praying for one another is one way to build Christian Community, enhance our daily prayer, and to support each other. In today's world there are many options available to us for organizing a Prayer Line. The discussion will be held after Mass in Rocky Mountain House at the Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 9.30 AM (Mass at 9.00 AM). If you have some suggestions but are unable to attend, please contact Alice Murray at 403.722.4056 or email at [murralice@gmail.com](mailto:murralice@gmail.com)

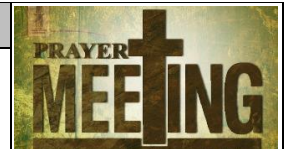
## NEXT PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday – March 21, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM

Dates • March 21, 2018 \* April 18, 2018 \* May 16, 2018 \* June 20, 2018 • 7.00 PM

Loose Format: Praise/worship Songs, small group sharing on prayer life, etc

Share prayer needs/intentions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Feel free to invite others.**



## LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN OTHER PARISHES IN RED DEER DEANERY

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



TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,  
UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT  
FALLS INTO THE EARTH AND  
DIES, IT REMAINS ALONE; BUT IF  
IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

John 12:24

Jesus Christ is the new covenant. ● In the Old Testament, covenant commitments were typically sealed in blood and with sacrifice. In today's first reading, Jeremiah prophesies a new covenant that the Lord will make with his people – the power of which can make the whole world into the New Israel. That covenant came in the person of Jesus. ● The central saving act of Jesus Christ was his shedding of blood as a sacrifice for us – dying on the cross in order that we might share in God's life. Through the blood of that covenant all of us, Jew and Gentile alike, can share in God's divine life. ● As Christians, we can enter into that new covenant in this Mass. In the fullness of Jesus Christ – body and blood, soul and divinity – present in the Eucharist, God shares his life with us, and offers us the opportunity to respond. And so we do. We receive the body of Christ from the table of the Lord, and receive the blood of Christ from the chalice of our salvation given to us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. ● The shocking thing is that in order to fill us with his life-giving blood, Jesus had to die. This is at the core of the Mass – it is what Mass is all about. Without it being the real blood of Christ, the Mass would be nothing more than an empty ritual. Instead, it is a joining of heaven with earth; it is the union of God's divine life with human life. ● In the Old Testament, that call for union was found in the voices of the prophets and in obedience to and observance of God's laws. But that union was somewhat distant. Now it is restored in the blood of Christ who, in the words of our second reading, was made perfect, [and] became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. ● Christians see God through the lens of love, something more profound than mere obedience. The Incarnation of God the Son calls us into a relationship of love, where we are to know God not just with our minds, but more importantly, with our hearts.

**LITTLE FLOWERS LENTEN BOTTLE DRIVE**

**Feb. 14, 2018 - Apr. 01, 2018**



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!



**ARRIVAL OF SHANDI FAMILY**

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

Jamil, Dina and Alex will arrive soon. The Shandi Family has received word from the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon to be ready to travel at a moment's notice. The paperwork is in order and vetting process has been completed. They are expected to travel within the next 15 to 30 days. **We thank everyone who has helped get us to this point.** Donations have been good and our money is in place to support the family for their first year in Canada. This was a joint effort with the help of Catholic Social Services. Thank you everyone for your generous support.

We are now collecting large home items: beds, dressers, living room furniture, etc. We have presently some dishes, some linens, a small loveseat, and dining room table. If you have anything that the family could use, please contact Karen Carmichael at 403-846-2168.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE ♦ Edmonton Campaign ♦ Feb. 14 – Mar. 25, 2018**

*40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion*

Please consider praying outside of the Women's Health Options Clinic (12409 - 109A Ave., Edmonton) between 7.00 AM and 7.00 PM

For more information, contact Karen Richert at 780-425-1637 or email [40days@edmontonprolife.org](mailto:40days@edmontonprolife.org) or visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/edmonton](http://www.40daysforlife.com/edmonton)



# 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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Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor	587.355.3947
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Direct email address to pastor	pastor@smpmhc.ca

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council	Lauren MacKenzie	403.845.2836
Parish Finance Council	Randall Sugden	403.844.8478
Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
RCIA	Kristin McKenzie	403.845.0017
	Steve Oscar	403.895.0373
	Vivian Duhamel	403.845.9387
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.845.2454
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen	403.848.0955
Prayer Line	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
Knights of Columbus	Gary Donald	403.845.5269
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](http://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 10, 2018 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
+ + Michelle Hartman & Nicole Hartman  
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

## Monday

07.00 PM  
Intention:

## March 12, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

## RETREAT SESSION

## Tuesday

07.00 PM  
Intention:

## March 13, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Blessings, healing & hope for Debbie Hartman

## RETREAT SESSION

## Wednesday

08.00 AM  
Intention:  
09.00 AM  
Intention:  
11.00 AM  
Intention:

## March 14, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Dominic School Chapel  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
Rocky Mountain House - Westview Lodge  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

## Thursday

09.00 AM  
Intention:  
10.00 AM  
Intention:  
Friday  
09.00 AM  
Intention:

## March 15, 2018 - Weekday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church → → → TIME CHANGE  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
March 16, 2018 - Weekday in Lent  
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

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

## Saturday

07.00 PM  
Intention:

## March 17, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

## Sunday

09.00 AM  
Intention:  
11.00 AM  
Intention:  
01.00 PM  
Intention:

## March 18, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Blessings & grace for the staff of St. Matthew School  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
For all members of our parish community



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

### Mar. 04, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION

RMH - \$2,460.00 \* Evergreen - \$867.00 \* Caroline - \$81.00

Mar. 04, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$20.40

Mar. 04, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION: RMH - \$175.00

Mar. 04, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION

RMH - \$1,850.00 \* Evergreen - \$80.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

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