

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

**March 18, 2018 - FIFTH 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**

Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven. The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it? ♦ In today's reading from **Jeremiah**, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. **The Letter to the Hebrews** presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. **In the Gospel**, Jesus approaches his passion.



**NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

Next Sunday - March 25, 2018 → After 9.00 AM Mass ♦ St. Matthew Church – RMH

All parishioners are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 25. See you all!



*Thank You*

**LENTEN PARISH RETREAT**

Thank you very much to all who attended our parish retreat. **Very special Thank You to Fr. Dan Gurnick OFM**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018**

March 29, 2018	Holy Thursday	05.00 PM – 06.00 PM 06.00 PM – 08.00 PM 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM <b>08.00 PM – 11.00 PM</b>	Evergreen Evergreen Rocky Mountain House Rocky Mountain House	Mass of the Last Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass of the Last Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
March 30, 2018	Good Friday	<b>03.00 PM</b> <b>03.00 PM</b> 07.00 PM 07.00 PM	Evergreen Rocky Mountain House Evergreen Rocky Mountain House	<b>Good Friday Service of Lord's Passion</b> <b>Good Friday Service of Lord's Passion</b> Way of the Cross Way of the Cross
March 31, 2018	Holy Saturday	11.00 AM → → New! <b>09.00 PM</b>	Rocky Mountain House <b>Rocky Mountain House</b>	<b>→ → → Blessing of Food Baskets</b> <b>Easter Vigil Ceremonies</b>
April 01, 2018	Easter Sunday	09.00 AM 11.00 AM 01.00 PM	Rocky Mountain House Evergreen Caroline	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass

## 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. 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					
Mar. 24, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Leo Pelletier	Dom Couve	Ernie Murias	Bonnie Leaf	Leo Pelletier
Mar. 25, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Doreen Quintal	Catherine Bolton	Joanne Como	Rebecca Marland	Dave Parfitt

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Mar. 18, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Roy Hoven	The Andersen Family	Dennis and Brenda Nugent
Mar. 25, 2018 at 11.00 AM	?????	?????	?????	?????



### In Loving Memory of **EDNA ANNE MANCHESTER (1934 - 2018)**

**FUNERAL MASS:** Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ Saturday – March 17, 2018 at 02.00 PM



### 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 → RMH


"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.**



### NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Only for those who registered their attendance.






### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN EVERGREEN

March 22, 2018 Thursday	Evergreen	Jesuit Martyrs	07.00 PM
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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK

- ♦ THURSDAY, MAR. 22, 2018 AT 10.30 AM – EVERGREEN ♦ JESUIT MARTYRS (Mass at 10.00 AM)
- ♦ FRIDAY, MAR. 23, 2018 AT 06.00 PM – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ♦ ST. MATTHEW CHURCH


Soup & Buns after Stations with presentation by Kirby Bigchild from Rocky Native Friendship Center



### ST. MATTHEW YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday – Mar. 22, 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. 23, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



**CWL**

**There will be no CWL meeting this Sunday (Mar. 18). Next meeting is April 15.**



Tickets for the upcoming CWL Spring Banquet are ready for CWL members to pick up to sale and purchase at the church office.  
**The Spring Banquet is Friday - April 27, 2018 and tickets are \$25/each.**



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### BISHOP BITTMAN'S JOURNEY



In appreciation for the priestly and episcopal ministry of Bishop Gregory Bittman in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Archbishop Richard Smith will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, March 19**, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Basilica. All are welcome to attend and pray for Bishop Bittman as he embarks on his new ministry in the Diocese of Nelson.

*The Diocese of Nelson will celebrate the Installation of Bishop Bittman at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 25**, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna. Reception to follow. There will also be a Mass at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26**, at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. Reception to follow.*

### 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 arrive between the end of March and the middle of April.

**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.

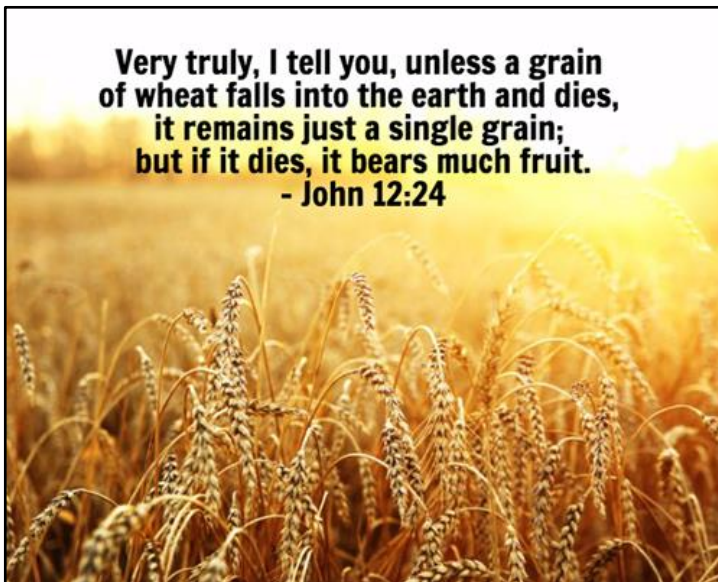
We are now collecting large home items: beds, dressers, living room furniture, etc. We have presently some dishes, some linens, a small loveseat, and dining room table. If you have anything that the family could use, please contact Karen Carmichael at 403-846-2168.



### CALL ALL MUSICIANS

If you play piano or guitar reasonably well please consider sharing your God given talent by joining the choir. Choir practice for the first three Sundays is one hour prior to Mass for anyone who wishes to sing. For more information please call or text Vivian at 403.845.9387

**Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**  
- John 12:24



**PALM SUNDAY**  
March 25th, 2018



**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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**PARISH MINISTRIES**

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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**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday**

07.00 PM  
Intention:

**March 17, 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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

**Sunday**

09.00 AM  
Intention:

**March 18, 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Blessings & grace for the staff of St. Matthew School

11.00 AM  
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

01.00 PM  
Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
For all members of our parish community

**Monday**

**March 19, 2018 – Solemnity of St. Joseph**

No Mass

**Tuesday**

06.30 PM  
Intention:

**March 20, 2018 – Weekday in Lent**

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

**Wednesday**

09.00 AM  
Intention:

**March 21, 2018 – Weekday in Lent**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Donato Digovannantonio

**Thursday**

**09.00 AM**  
Intention:

**March 22, 2018 – Weekday in Lent**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church → → → TIME CHANGE  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

10.00 AM  
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Friday**

09.00 AM  
Intention:

**March 23, 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 24, 2018 – Palm Sunday**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Edna Manchester

**Sunday**

09.00 AM  
Intention:

**March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday**

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

11.00 AM  
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

01.00 PM  
Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
For all members of our parish community



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**Mar. 11, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION**

RMH - \$1,525.80 \* Evergreen - \$437.00 \* Caroline - \$50.00

**Mar. 11, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:**

RMH - \$8.45 \* Evergreen - \$3.40 \* Caroline - \$0.00

**Mar. 11, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION: RMH - \$50.00**



**Mar. 15, 2018 ♦ BANK WITHDRAWAL – REGULAR COLLECTION:**

RMH - \$3,240.00 \* Evergreen - \$800.00 \* Caroline - \$1,000.00

**Mar. 15, 2018 ♦ BANK – MAINTENANCE FUND: Evergreen - \$75.00**

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**Archbishop Romero, Pope Paul VI among those moving closer to sainthood**

Pope Francis has cleared the way for the canonizations of Blessed Paul VI and Oscar Romero. He recognized a miracle attributed to Blessed Paul, who will be declared a saint in late October at the end of the Synod of Bishops on youth and discernment. Blessed Paul, who was born Giovanni Battista Montini, was pope from 1963 to 1978. Vatican did not announce date for the canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero.