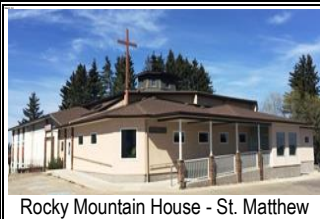


April 01, 2018 – EASTER SUNDAY (B)



Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



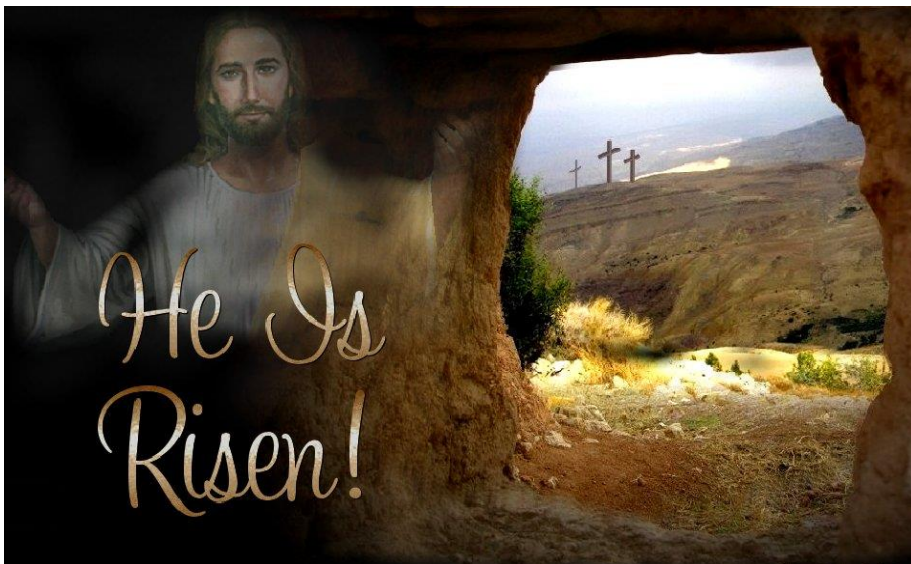
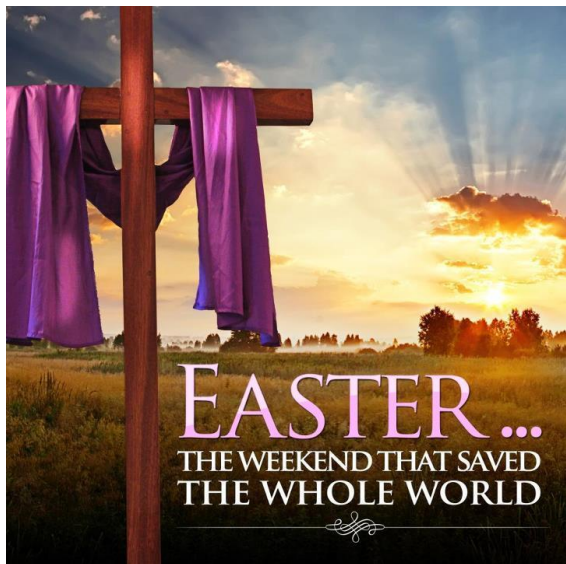
Caroline - St. Joseph



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Is it fact or fiction? The totality of our faith hinges on our fervent belief that the tomb is empty. It all comes down to this. Jesus being raised from the dead gives purpose to his cross and ours. Without the Resurrection, all suffering is absurd, death is the end and we are lost. ♦ **Saint Peter** gives a summary of the Paschal Mystery in our reading from Acts. **In the reading from Colossians**, Paul reminds us that being raised in Christ calls us to a higher standard. **In the Gospel**, Mary Magdala does not go into the empty tomb right away. Instead, she seeks out Peter and the Beloved Disciple.



When we come to the empty tomb and look in, what do we see? • The fact that Easter falls on April First this year will not be overlooked by the most cynical of nonbelievers concerning the resurrection of Jesus. Saint Paul, in the first chapter of his first letter to the Church of Corinth, refers to the cross as a stumbling block for some and an absurdity for others (1:23). • Those of us gathered here, however, embrace the cross; we see right through the pain and agony of the cross to the glory of the Resurrection. For like Mary Magdala, Peter and the Beloved Disciple, we have come to the empty tomb, we have peered deep inside and we believe. • Like Mary, Peter and the Beloved Disciple, we arrive at our understanding of the resurrection of Jesus at different speeds, each at our own pace. In Saint John's account, Mary Magdala first thought someone stole Jesus' body, and Peter was perplexed at what he saw. The Beloved Disciple is the first one to grasp what has taken place. • If the Gospel message ended at the cross, you and I would not be here today. The stories about all the good works, all the miracles, all the teachings of Jesus would be collecting dust on a shelf somewhere. He would have been seen as a wonderful and compassionate prophet, but he would not be seen as he is today, as the glorified and risen Son of the living God. • Every day, we have a decision to make as followers of the Risen One. Each day, we must decide whether we will be observed helping to roll the stone away or trying to keep the stone still in front of the tomb. By our actions – by our witness in the workplace, in our homes and among our neighbors – are we fools for Christ, or do we hang back and let someone else do the heavy lifting?

**MAY THIS JOYOUS DAY BRING HOPE AND BLESSING TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
MAY THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSESS ALL UNDERSTANDING WARM YOUR HOME.
HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Mar. 31, 2018 at 09.00 PM Easter Vigil	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Karen Carmichael - 1 Reading Catherine Bolton - 5 Reading	Dorraine Lonsdale - 3 Reading Dom Couve - Epistle	Laurier Nobert	Joyce Donald	Karen Carmichael
Apr. 01, 2018 at 09.00 AM Easter Sunday	Bill Fletcher	Jim Marland	Rebecca Marland	Dave Parfitt	Joanne Como	Bonnie Leaf
Apr. 07, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Dom Couve	Bonnie Perreault	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Laurier Nobert
Apr. 08, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Maria Vos	Bonnie Leaf	Steve Oscar	Pat Hughes	Sarah Cubby	Rebecca Marland

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	EMHC - Chalices
Apr. 01, 2018 at 11.00 AM Easter Sunday	Jim Backs	Mike Szymanek	The Fuengeling Family	Ed and Carol Szymanek
Apr. 08, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Margie Miller	The Conway Family	Neal Person and Juanita Szymanek



HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Tuesday – Apr. 03, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM

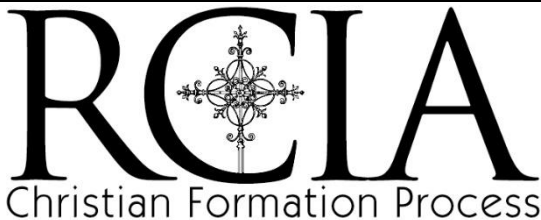
Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of today's life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can 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?

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - Apr. 06, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

Adoration



RCIA YOUTH GROUP – RETREAT DAY

Saturday – April 07, 2018 → 08.00 AM - 05.00 PM

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House

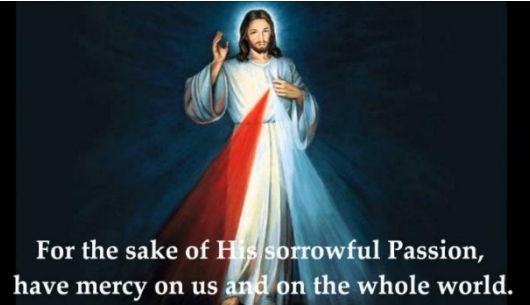
Retreat for RCIA candidates from Youth Group. **Thank you, Peter!**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 08, 2018 - 3.00 PM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE – ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

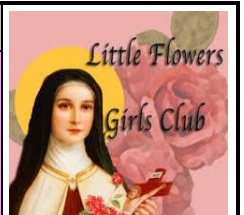
Our parish invites all parishioners to special Celebration of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday - April 08, 2018 at 3.00 PM in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House. Service will be between 50 and 60 minutes. Coffee will be offered after Service. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



LITTLE FLOWERS CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB

Next meeting – Saturday, Apr. 14, 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, April 14, 2018.



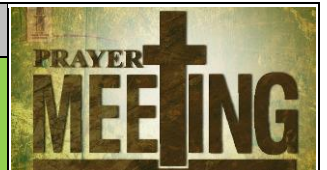
NEXT PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday – April 18, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM

Dates • 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.**



CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- **DAKOTA CHISHOLM** (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion)
- &
- **VICTORIA STREET** (Confirmation and First Holy Communion)



First
Communion
Retreat

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – RETREAT DAY

Sunday – April 22, 2018 → 10.30 AM - 02.00 PM

St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House

Lessons from Blessed program, games and activities,
wiener roast in the backyard, songs, and Adoration

CWL SPRING BANQUET

Friday – April 27, 2018

“Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God’s Call”

St. Matthew Parish Hall

Mass – 5.00 PM • Doors open – 5.30 PM • Dinner – 6.00 PM

By: Creative Catering

GUEST SPEAKER – STEVE DEFER

Tickets - \$25.00 each (Tickets on sale until April 15)

Tickets are available from any CWL member and at the Parish Office (403.845.3457)

Spring
BANQUET



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

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.



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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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 March 31, 2018 – EASTER VIGIL

09.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church → → → **TIME CHANGE**
Intention: God's blessings for Dakota Chisholm and Victoria Street

Sunday April 01, 2018 – EASTER SUNDAY

09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Deacon Bernie
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: + Ryan Arcand
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities



Monday April 02, 2018 – Easter Octave

No Mass

Tuesday April 03, 2018 – Easter Octave

06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested

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

Wednesday April 04, 2018 – Easter Octave

08.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew School Chapel
No Mass School Break

09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For a special intention

11.00 AM Eckville – Eckville Manor

Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested

Thursday April 05, 2018 – Easter Octave

10.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested

06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested

Friday April 06, 2018 – Easter Octave

09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Father Leon

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

10.30 AM Rocky Mountain House – Clearwater Centre

Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested

Saturday April 07, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Donna and Steve Oscar

Sunday April 08, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

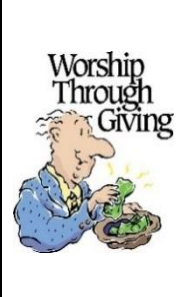
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Millie McKenzie

11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention: For all members of our parish community

01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

Intention: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ No intention requested



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Mar. 25, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION
RMH - \$2,884.70 * Evergreen - \$1,364.00 * Caroline - \$115.00
Mar. 25, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:
RMH - \$9.60 * Evergreen - \$15.50 * Caroline - \$3.00
Mar. 25, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION:
RMH - \$130.00 * Evergreen - \$80.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
Mar. 25, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION:
RMH - \$300.00 * Evergreen - \$85.00 * Caroline - \$00.00



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Apr. 02, 2018 Easter Monday	Office Closed
Apr. 03, 2018 Tuesday	09.00 AM - 12.00 PM and 01.00 PM - 06.00 PM
Apr. 06, 2018 Friday	10.00 AM - 06.00 PM