

April 08, 2018 – 2nd SUN. OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) (B)

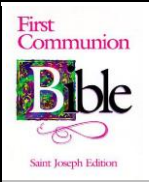
ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Like the early Christians, let us be filled with gratitude and love for the Lord. The Church continues to celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. We acknowledge that God has appointed the risen Jesus judge of all creation. With hearts full of hope and faith, we seek to be reconciled in his divine mercy and to share in his eternal life. ♦ **In Acts**, Luke recalls how the early Christian community was filled with gratitude and love for the Lord and was willing to share everything they had as a sign of that love. **Saint John** reassures the struggling community that by loving God they have the strength to love each other and remain faithful to the Lord. **In the Gospel**, Jesus convinces Thomas of the truth of his resurrection.



WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE

JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH - EVERGREEN

We welcome **John and Mathias** preparing to receive **First Holy Communion in 2018** to the **Celebration of the Presentation of the Bible in Jesuit Martyrs Parish in Evergreen!** (Sunday – April 08, 2018 during Mass at 11.00 AM)

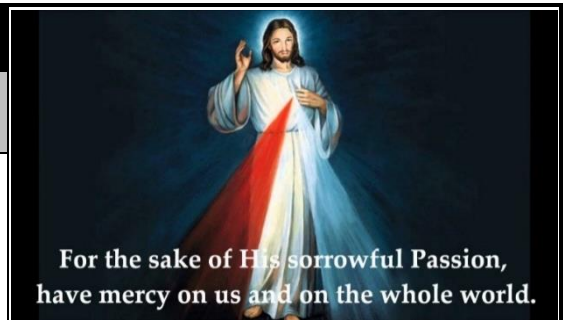


During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 08, 2018 - 3.00 PM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE – ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Everyone is invited 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. **COME AND PRAY WITH US!**



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
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
Apr. 14, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Pat Gerry	Leo Pelletier	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Doreen Couture	Bonnie Leaf
Apr. 15, 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	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Apr. 08, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Margie Miller	Conway Family	Neal Perrson and Juanita Szymanek
Apr. 15, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Jim Backs	Mark Szymanek Family	Connie Cadrain and Hal Phillips

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - Apr. 13, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

Adoration



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 intentions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Feel free to invite others.**



CELEBRATION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

We invite all children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in 2018 in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House to the Celebration of the Presentation of the Bible on Sunday, April 22, 2018 during Mass at 9.00 AM.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – RETREAT ♦ ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday – April 22, 2018 → 10.30 AM - 02.00 PM ♦ St. Matthew Church

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

CWL SPRING BANQUET

Friday – April 27, 2018

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

St. Matthew Parish Hall • By: Creative Catering

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

GUEST SPEAKER – STEVE DEFER

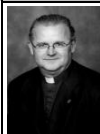
Tickets - \$25.00 each (Tickets on sale until April 15)

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

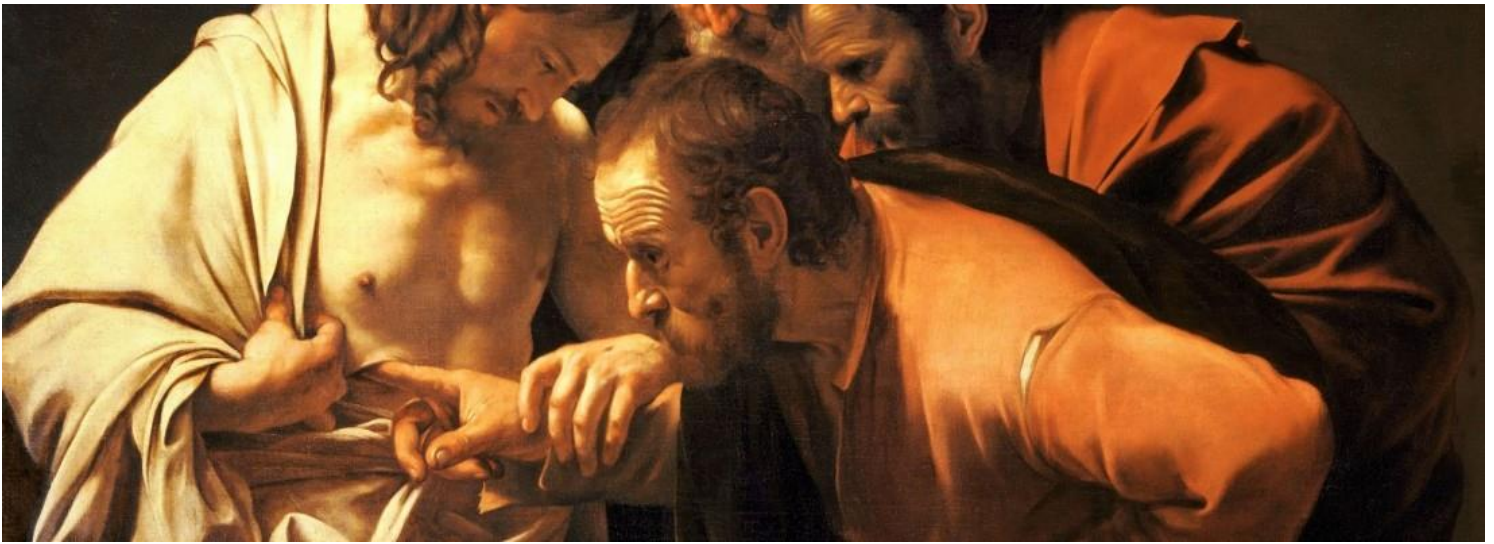


Thank you to all the people who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Death and Resurrection of Jesus in all our churches (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline): people who cleaned and decorated our churches, sacristans, organists and all people involved in choirs and music ministries, liturgy schedulers, readers, gifts bearers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, adult servers and altar servers. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED SERVICES! HAPPY EASTER SEASON!

THANK YOU!



Thank you... from Fr. Kler ♦ I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for all prayers, Easter cards, gifts, donations of cash and food. May God bless you for your generosity and support. I truly appreciate your goodness and kindness to me. **May God Bless You Always!**



All encounters with Christ bring about hope and healing. Healing plays a huge role in our society. We spend billions on healthcare, and rightly so. Like our physical health, our spiritual health also needs attention. Throughout the Gospels, healing is one of the major characteristics of Jesus' ministry. Some are recalled in detail, others simply noted. Yet all these healings are signs of the kingdom of God. Here in Christ, God comes forth into our world in a new and dynamic way, fulfilling his promises and even at times turning the laws of nature upside down. • Today, we hear this ministry of spiritual healing being passed to the Eleven, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Gospel passage today is the scriptural basis for the sacrament of reconciliation. John tells us that Jesus appears to the Eleven as they hid in the Upper Room. One can imagine the stale air and oppressive smell in a room shut away from the world. But Jesus appears among them like a fresh breeze filling the house, displacing that stale air of fear, gently blowing away the dust of disappointment & propelling the disciples to forgiveness and healing. • In this moment of encounter and empowerment, the Apostles are given a holy responsibility to share God's healing and forgiveness with others. They are now carriers of God's promises, and have the power to heal physically and spiritually in Christ's name. What they say about the risen Christ is no mere fantasy or delusion. They witnessed his death and Resurrection, and now they bear witness to his risen glory – becoming instruments of the very mercy and forgiveness that Jesus so abundantly and generously bestows on all who follow him. • John then shows us how Thomas receives this life-changing mercy. Thomas finds it hard to believe what the other disciples tell him, and so Jesus literally stands before him and shows him his wounds: he gently takes Thomas from doubt to faith. Using his own words, Jesus coaxes one of the great declarations of faith – *My Lord and my God*. In that moment, Thomas is both healed and changed – healed of his grief and pain, changed from doubt to belief. • The need for that mercy and healing is just as great today as it was in the first century. Perhaps that is why Pope John Paul declared today to be Divine Mercy Sunday. At the heart of our faith is this recognition that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and above all his steadfast mercy.

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP SMITH

Regarding support for Development and Peace

4 April 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development of Peace (CCODP) was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1967 to foster justice and integral human development in the Global South. The Archdiocese of Edmonton has strongly supported *Development and Peace* through the annual *Share Lent* Campaign for many years, and most recently through our annual *Together We Serve* appeal.

Development and Peace fulfills its mandate in collaboration with more than one hundred partner agencies in the Global South, contracting with them to carry out specific projects aimed at improving the lives of our sisters and brothers in many developing countries. The Bishops of Canada have recently been apprised of the preliminary results of a review of these CCODP partners.

The initial results communicated to us are alarming. An estimated forty partners appear to show evidence of conflict with Catholic moral and social teaching and, in particular, that they do not demonstrate full respect for the sanctity of human life.

For this reason, the Archdiocese of Edmonton will withhold the D&P portion of the 2018 *Together We Serve* donations from *Development and Peace*. The funds will be withheld until such time as we receive clear assurance that funds received from present and future *Together We Serve* collections will be used only by agencies whose mission, values and practices cohere with the teachings of the Catholic Church and with the criteria of *Caritas Internationalis*, of which the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* is the Canadian representative. We will continue to respect the intent of your donations through *Together We Serve*.

I recognize that there are many people in the Archdiocese who give of themselves generously in support the good works of *Development and Peace*, whether by donation or by assisting in the organization's educational and advocacy initiatives. I write this letter in a spirit of transparency and accountability, and promise to keep you posted on developments regarding this current issue.

Sincerely in Christ,

Richard Smith – Archbishop of Edmonton

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

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

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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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 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 Chain	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 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 communities
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Monday April 09, 2018 – The Annunciation of the Lord
No Mass
Tuesday April 10, 2018 – Weekday in Season of Easter
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Wednesday April 11, 2018 – St. Stanislaus; bishop, martyr
~~08.00 AM~~ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew School Chapel
No Mass School Mass at 10.45 AM
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For a special intention
10.45 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For St. Matthew School → School Mass – Easter
11.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - Westview Lodge → → → → **CHANGE OF DATE**
No Mass Mass rescheduled for next Wednesday

02.25 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: For St. Dominic School → School Mass - Easter
Thursday April 12, 2018 – Weekday in Season of Easter
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 13, 2018 – Weekday in Season of Easter
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday April 14, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Luce Chandlis on her 90th Birthday
Sunday April 15, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Bernard Couve & Sarah Couve
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

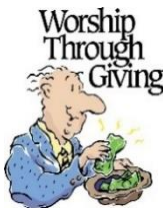
Mar. 30, 2018 ♦ GOOD FRIDAY - TOGETHER WE SERVE:
RMH - \$1,714.90 * Evergreen - \$417.00

Apr. 01, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION (EASTER):
RMH - \$3,251.50 * Evergreen - \$1,085.00 * Caroline - \$175.00

Apr. 01, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:
RMH - \$58.35 * Evergreen - \$8.60 * Caroline - \$00.00

Apr. 01, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION:
MH - \$510.00 * Evergreen - \$50.00 * Caroline - \$20.00

Apr. 01, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION: RMH - \$120.00



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!