

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

April 15, 2018 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (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



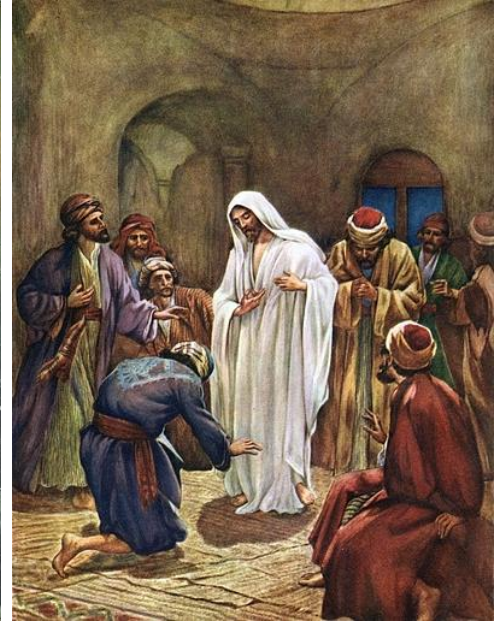
Caroline - St. Joseph



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture. The risen Christ made himself known to his disciples. After having revealed himself in Emmaus in the breaking of the bread, he encouraged the disciples in Jerusalem to look at and to touch his wounds. He reminded them of what Scripture had foretold, just as Peter reminded the community in the first reading. ♦ **In the first reading, Peter** proclaims the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, calling his listeners to repentance and salvation. **In today's Epistle, John** encourages believers to trust Jesus, their Advocate, and show their love for God by keeping his commandments. Our **Gospel reading** presents the risen Christ making himself known to his disciples.



The risen Christ releases us from fear and assures us that he lives anew, and forever. ♦ Today's Gospel follows the encounter the two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Now, these same two disciples have returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. All of the Apostles are hidden there, staying out of sight for fear that those who killed Jesus will soon be coming for them. ♦ Jesus appears to them in that room and offers the peace that he alone can give. He reassures them they are seeing victory, not defeat – that he is truly risen. He is not a ghost and they are not hallucinating. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed recounting of how prophecies from the Hebrew Scriptures have all been fulfilled by his passion. The disciples' mission will be to go and tell others the very same truth – God's plan of salvation did not take a detour at Calvary; instead it was the defining moment of victory. ♦ Jesus calls them all witnesses of these things, a point echoed by Saint Peter in the Book of Acts. Peter has indeed become a witness. Before the Holy Spirit came upon him in wind and fire, he, like the others, hid himself from the public eye. Now – his fears replaced by faith in the Resurrection – Peter stands publicly as the rock of Christ's Church, challenging his listeners to repent, and inviting them to be baptized and share in Christ's victory. ♦ Then and now, the resurrection of Jesus is disbelieved by some, and ignored by many. However, for those who have faith in the Lord and lean on the cross of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes an anchor that preserves our hope, even, and especially, during the darkest days of our lives. In the sacraments, Jesus takes our fears away – the same way he did on the road to Emmaus and in the Upper Room. Like his disciples, we are then called to go and free others from their fears, by telling them the Good News that Christ has conquered death.



NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Next Sunday – April 22, 2018 → After 9.00 AM Mass ♦ St. Matthew Church – RMH

All parishioners are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 22. See you all!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE


Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
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					
Apr. 21, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Laverne Froese	Dorraine Lonsdale	Bonnie Leaf	Teresa Johnson	Laurier Nobert
Apr. 22, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Dave & Bonnie Parfitt	Bonnie Perreault	Doreen Quintal	Lorie Hughes	Faye Boyle	Catherine Bolton

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Apr. 15, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Jim Backs	Mark Szymanek Family	Connie Cadrain and Hal Phillips
Apr. 22, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Lori Hoven	Perrson Family	Mike Szymanek and Roy Hoven

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!

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. **God Bless!**

CWL MEETING

Sunday – April 15, 2018 ♦ AFTER MASS AT 09.00 AM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 4th Degree Meeting

Monday - April 16, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM



RETREAT FOR GRADE 2

Tuesday – April 17, 2018 ♦ 9.30 AM – 2.30 PM

St. Matthew Church – Rocky Mountain House

Theme: Easter - Eucharist.



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.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – Regular Meeting

Thursday - April 19, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM



THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - Apr. 20, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

Adoration



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 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 • **Tickets - \$25.00 each**

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

GUEST SPEAKER – STEVE DEFER

Tickets - \$25.00 each • Tickets will be on sale following all this weekend’s Masses.

If you have not yet purchased your tickets this will be your last opportunity.



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items and helped with getting the apartment ready for the Shandi family. The response has been great. The apartment is now ready. There is still no arrival date but it could be anytime soon.

We're back!! **GLORIFY** will be making a joyful noise again in St. Matthew Church this spring! We had such an awesome start last session and we can't wait to grow in music and faith this year, as we glorify God, with the young people of our parish. Sessions for all three clubs are as follows:



GLORIFY Praise Band -



For young people in Grades 5-12, GLORIFY Praise Band will continue to grow in our musical talents as we explore new songs and revisit the great set of songs we learned last year. This older age group allows us the opportunity to focus more on complex instrumentation and vocals, including harmonies, as well as opportunities for solo parts! The goal is to continue to grow in our talents and faith so we can go out into our communities and share these God given gifts with the world! **Meeting Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM starting Wednesday, April 25, 2018.**

GLORIFY Jr. -



For Children in grades K-4, GLORIFY Jr. is a club where we sing, dance and explore instruments in a fun way. Children grow in faith and friendship as they gain the confidence and skills needed to share music with larger groups and eventually move on to the GLORIFY Praise Band. The goal is for them to see how special God made each one of them and how spending time in musical praise and worship is yet another way they can grow their relationship with God! **Meeting Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM starting Wednesday, April 25, 2018.**

If you have any questions or would like to register for any of these two clubs, please contact us!

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The Holy Father has released a new apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, [*Gaudete et exsultate*](#) (Rejoice and Be Glad), in which he says that God calls us all to be saints - not plastic statues of saints, but real people who make time for prayer and who show loving care for others in the simplest gestures. "We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer," he writes. But "that is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves."

The Joy of Marriage: Embracing God's Vision • "Humane Vitae" at 50

The [Catholic Organization for Life and Family](#) welcomes pastors, pastoral staff, theologians and all the faithful to join them at this year's annual conference. The conference will examine the profound theological, pastoral, and prophetic implications of Blessed Paul VI's encyclical [Humane Vitae](#). It will feature the Most Reverend Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal, Dr. Janet E. Smith, Dr. Michel G. MacDonald, and Mr. Patrick Coffin. The conference will be held in Ottawa at the Infinity Centre, May 31 – June 1. For more information, and to register (and take advantage of reduced hotel rates) please visit <http://www.colf.ca/en/in-action/item/292-colf-conference-2018-on-life-and-the-family/>

MARCH FOR LIFE. Keep the date: bishops of Alberta invite you to join them at this year's annual March for Life, on **Thursday, May 10.**

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

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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
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April 14, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Blessings and grace for Luce Chandlis on her 90th Birthday

April 15, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Blessings and grace for Bernard Couve & Sarah Couve
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church
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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
For all members of our parish communities

Monday

06.30 PM
Intention:

Tuesday

09.00 AM
Intention:

Wednesday

11.00 AM
Intention:

Thursday

10.00 AM
Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM
Intention:

April 16, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

No Mass

April 17 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha; virgin, protectress of Canada

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Blessings & grace for Jack Turner & family

April 18, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Ryan Arcand
Rocky Mountain House - Westview Lodge →→→→ **CHANGE OF DATE**

April 19, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

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

April 20, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Strength and healing for Darlene Beer

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

Saturday

07.00 PM
Intention:

Sunday

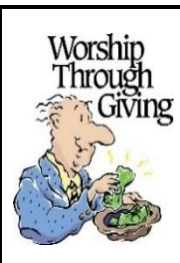
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April 21, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
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April 22, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
God's Blessings for First Communicants in 2018 and their families
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church
For all members of our parish communities
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Apr. 08, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION (EASTER):

RMH - \$1,735.75 * Evergreen - \$562.00 * Caroline - \$55.00

Apr. 08, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

RMH - \$7.20 * Evergreen - \$10.95 * Caroline - \$00.00

Apr. 08, 2018 ♦ TOGETHER WE SERVE COLLECTION: RMH - \$50.00

Apr. 08, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION: RMH - \$20.00

Altar Servers Workshop • Saturday - May 19, St. Mary's Parish

Dear Parents,

This year the Office of Vocations is hosting the Altar Servers Workshop at St. Mary's Church in Red Deer. If your daughter or son is an active altar server in your parish, please consider registering them for this workshop. Our parish office has the registration information.

Contact Deacon Bernie or our parish office before May 10th to sign up!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!