

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

April 29, 2018 – 5th 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



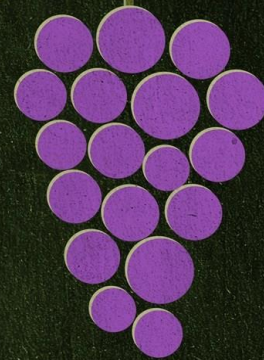
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Jesus teaches us to stay connected always to the Father, through whom all good things come. The image of the vine and the branches is a clear reminder of our dependence on God for our every breath. If we hope to bear any good fruit in this world, we must stay close to the source of goodness - God himself. ♦ In the first reading, Saul, increasing in strength and fortitude, is preaching the truth that Jesus is the Christ. Barnabas brings him to the Apostles explaining that they need not fear, Saul is indeed converted. In John's Letter, he challenges us to love in deed and truth, and reminds us that our hearts are known by the Father. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the vine and the Father is the vine grower. We must abide in him in order to bear good fruit.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing.



John 15:5

A life in Christ bears much fruit.

In all honesty, we must admit that we cannot “do it all” by ourselves. We will not be useful, productive or successful unless we go about our tasks and accomplish our mission in the power of Jesus Christ. But really, that is a good thing! Having Jesus Christ, Spirit-filled and risen from the dead on our side, and empowered by the gifts of God's Holy Spirit, is what truly gives value to whatever we do.

We are branches of the main vine, as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel account: *I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.* If you live in me and I in you, he tells us, you will live a life of meaning, purpose, direction and infinite value.

We, as Catholic Christians, are called to apply the powers we have, powers that come from God, to heal, redeem and thereby sanctify – not only in our own individual lives but in the world around us. In our commonly shared life of faith in Jesus Christ, we truly have the ability to make change happen in the world.

We have God's commitment: his covenant to be with us no matter what. And to help us be a part of accomplishing his work, we have God's Presence among us, even within us, when we receive the body and blood of Jesus. We live in him, and he in us. May our lives bear much fruit, for the glory of God and the good of the world.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Apr. 28, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Jeannette Hobden	Steve Oscar	Ernie Murias	Bonnie Leaf	Leo Pelletier
Apr. 29, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Catherine Bolton	Julie Layden	Joanne Como	Jim Marland	Sarah Cubby
May 05, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Orville Kittelson	Bonnie Leaf	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Doreen Couture
May 06, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Joanne Mazza	Marliss Cartier	Joyce Donald	Pat Hughes	Lorie Hughes

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Apr. 29, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Bill Pollock	The Reicherts	Gerald and Margie Miller
May 06, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Gerald Miller	Barron Reichert	The Cadrains	Dennis and Brenda Nugent

RETREAT FOR GRADE 2

Tuesday – May 01, 2018 ♦ 9.30 AM – 2.30 PM



St. Matthew Church – Rocky Mountain House

Easter - Eucharist



HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Tuesday – May 01, 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?

GLORIFY JR.

Meeting – Wednesday, May 02, 2018 ♦ 04.00 PM – 04.30 PM

GLORIFY PRAISE BAND

Meeting – Wednesday, May 02, 2018 ♦ 04.00 PM – 05.30 PM



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

Kristin Drever pr.petals@gmail.com or call 403-871-0019 • Sarah Kirtzinger skirtzin@gmail.com or call 403-871-0808



ST. MATTHEW YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday – May 03, 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. For more info contact Peter van Kampen at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955.

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday – May 04, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

Adoration



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



MARCH FOR LIFE

May 10, 2018 ♦ 12.00 PM – 02.00 PM

Thursday – May 10, 2018 ♦ 10.00 AM ♦ Mass For Life

St. Joseph Basilica (10044-113 Street NW, Edmonton)

In 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pledged 650 million in foreign aid to countries that offer reproductive services including abortion. In 2018, Premier Rachel Notley passed the Bubble Zone legislation making it illegal to promote life within 50 meters of an abortion facility; and also making it illegal to persuade those entering the medical profession to not go into abortion services. Who will speak for these vulnerable babies? The preborn babies would come to the Alberta Legislature Building (10800-97 Avenue) at noon, May 10, 2018, if they could. They would join the police escorted, 11th annual Pro-Life March through downtown (1-2 pm). But they can't... unless their mother's take them. Will you come and join the voice? See you there.

Archbishop Smith, together with his brother bishops of Alberta and the NWT, have issued an invitation to everyone to join them at the **2018 Alberta March for Life** in Edmonton on Thursday, May 10. ♦ "As Catholics we know that every human life, from fertilization to natural death, is a precious gift," the Bishops write in their letter of invitation. "We are committed to protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We are committed to offering mercy, comfort and love to those who suffer, not murder (cf. Ex 20:13; Mt 19:18). ♦ "We are also called to proclaim the Gospel message of life and love, through word and witness, to the world. One way to do this is by joining the Bishops of Alberta at the annual March for Life. We invite you to pray with us at the Mass for Life at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Basilica in Edmonton. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, we will gather at 12 noon in front of the Alberta Legislature to hear some inspiring speakers before marching downtown. A special invitation is extended to our Catholic teachers and students. ♦ "We hope you will journey with us on May 10th in support of the sanctity of all human life. May God bless you in your witness."

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

The [Catholic Organization for Life and Family](http://www.colf.ca/en/in-action/item/292-colf-conference-2018-on-life-and-the-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/>

Christian Pastoral Care Association

May I Sit With You Awhile? The Basic Arts of Pastoral Care

This course offers pastoral care visitors the opportunity to learn and practice the basics of pastoral visiting. The course is designed to help visitors focus on the needs of the people receiving care. Six workshops feature a combination of information and hands-on practice: Defining Pastoral Care, Pastoral Care Visiting, Developing Listening Skills, Grief & Loss, Ethics, Professionalism & Administration, and Spiritual Practices in Pastoral Care.

Friday, Jun. 8, 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm & Saturday, Jun. 9, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. ♦ Bethany Baptist Church, 3901 44 St., Red Deer.

The event is open to everyone, and especially those who provide pastoral care in congregations, hospitals, care facilities, hospice and other contexts of ministry. Refreshments will be provided. To find out more information and to register please go to www.cpcassoc.ca. **The cost is: \$110.00.** To register please visit the website at www.cpcassoc.ca/events. Registration Deadline is May 25, 2018 at 8:00 pm. Registration Closes on May 25, 2018 at 8:00 pm. To become a CPCA member visit our website at www.cpcassoc.ca. We hope to see you there!

Keith Bird - Education and Events Coordinator, Christian Pastoral Caregivers Association

Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers

With the support of their parish pastor and under the direction of the parish pastoral team, the role of the volunteer minister of pastoral care is to provide spiritual support to the sick, the shut-in or the incarcerated in either an institution or private home.

This program offers participants a better understanding of pastoral care given to hospital patients, continuing care and assisted living residents, community shut-ins and congregation members. The comprehensive 10 hour program will outline the foundations of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Ministry, Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, Caring for the Volunteer and finishes with a Certificate ceremony.

There is a limit of 20 participants for each program course. This course is offered on-campus only. **Registration cost is \$85.00.**

A pastor's reference letter and current Police Information Check (PIC) including the Vulnerable Sector Check is required.

These courses are offered over two days: Friday 6:30 pm - 9.30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am - 4.00 pm. **Next workshop - Jun. 01 & 02, 2018.**

Location: Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta.

Camp Work Bees - Can you help?

Please join us for work bees as we prepare each camp for the upcoming season! Work Bees go rain or shine. They begin at 8:30 a.m. and you can stay until you are ready to go home. The projects are varied and all skill levels are appreciated. Please let us know if you are coming so we can properly plan for lunch and snacks. **Our Lady of Victory Camp** Work Bee is on **Saturday, May 26, 2018.** Camp Encounter's Work Bee is on **Saturday, June 16, 2018.** For more info or RSVP, contact us at info@campencounter.com or info@olvc.ab.ca

Meet and Greet Consecrated Women ♦ The Vocations Awareness Committee, consisting of consecrated women, and the Office of Vocations invite women (ages 18-35) who are discerning God's call in their lives to a "Meet & Greet" on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at St. Joseph's Basilica downstairs in the Parish Hall (from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm). There will be representatives from various consecrated orders present to give a brief presentation on their communities. There is no fee to participate; however, [pre-registration](#) is required by May 17, 2018. An itinerary of the day's events will be provided upon registration.

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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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

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

April 28, 2018 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For a special intention

April 29, 2018 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Blessings and grace for Ed Ouellette

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish community

Monday

April 30, 2018 - St. Marie De L'Incarnation; religious

No Mass

Tuesday

06.30 PM

Intention:

May 01, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

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

Wednesday

08.00 AM

Intention:

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

Thursday

10.00 AM

Intention:

06.30 PM

Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

May 02, 2018 - St. Athanasius; bishop, doctor

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew School Chapel

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Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

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Eckville - Eckville Manor

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May 03, 2018 - St. Philip and St. James; Apostles

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Hélène Pelletier

May 04, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Anthony Walisser

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

10.30 AM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - Clearwater Centre

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Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

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11.00 AM

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01.00 PM

Intention:

May 05, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Sylvia Olyneck

May 06, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

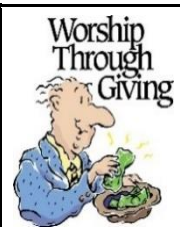
+ Ben Krabben

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish community



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Apr. 22, 2018 ♦ REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION (EASTER):

RMH - \$1,842.90 * Evergreen - \$1,080.80 * Caroline - \$75.00

Apr. 22, 2018 ♦ CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

RMH - \$26.45 * Evergreen - \$4.20 * Caroline - \$4.75

Apr. 22, 2018 ♦ MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION: RMH - \$210.00

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 our parish, please consider registering them for this workshop. Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith. Our parish office has the registration information.

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