

September 16, 2018 – 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

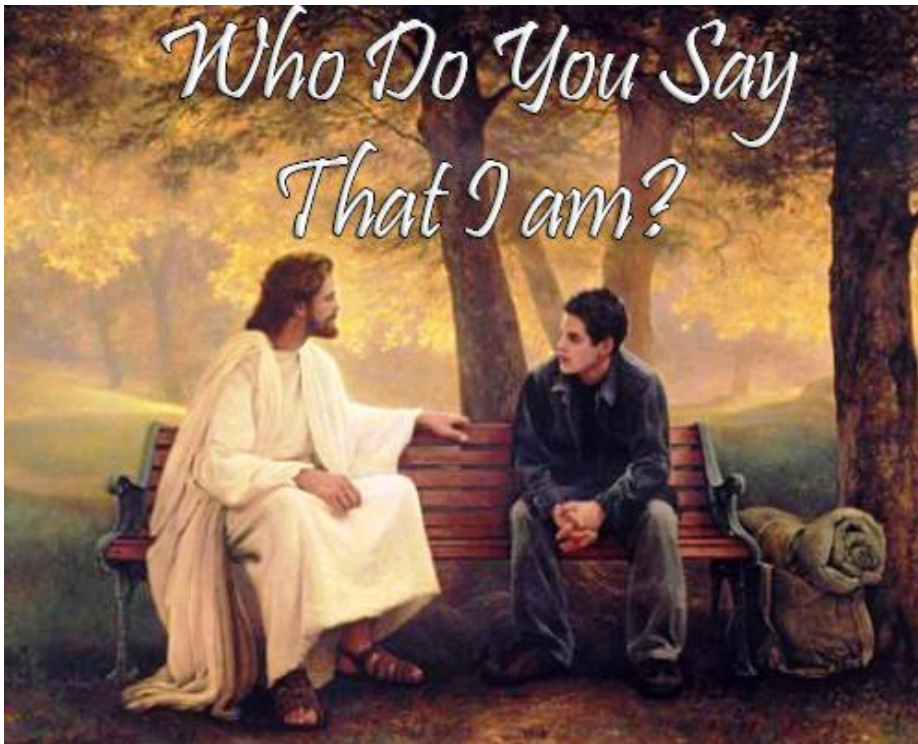
ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS
 Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
 Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
 Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

As the Christ, Jesus is the one that Israel has long waited for. Scripture contains many important questions. Chief among them is the one Jesus asks today, *Who do you say that I am?* How we answer that question goes to the heart of our faith. Can we, like Peter, say You are the Christ? And how deep is our commitment to this confession of faith? ♦ Describing the Servant of the Lord, **Isaiah** emphasizes his total trust in God, even in times of trial and persecution. **Saint James** emphasizes that our faith must always have a practical dimension to it. We can demonstrate what we truly believe only through our actions and deeds. **Jesus** chastises Peter for failing to understand the true purpose of his mission.



The story of Peter, with all its twists and turns, is one that every Christian can learn from. ♦ Peter is rightly recognized as a great saint. Many see themselves reflected in his flawed humanity and find hope in the fact that, despite all his struggles, he ultimately became a saint. But what makes Peter a great saint is not his flaws, but his deep faith in Christ. ♦ This truth is evident when we recall that it was Peter who denied and deserted Jesus in his time of need. There, the one who declares Jesus to be the Messiah proved himself to be a fair-weather friend. So great is Peter’s misunderstanding of Jesus and his mission that he even felt able to rebuke him. But in one of the most shocking Gospel interactions, Jesus turns on Peter in the strongest way: *Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.* Strong words indeed! But deserved by Peter for he is totally out of step with Christ. ♦ As we hear this Gospel, it is good for us to ask what we believe about Jesus. If we simply see him as a prophet, can we truly believe in the reconciliation offered through his cross and Resurrection? Or are we like Peter, happy to confess that he is the Christ but unable to embrace the fullness of what that means?



PARISH GARAGE SALE

ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL

Saturday, September 15, 2018 after 07.00 PM Mass

Parishioners are encouraged to help themselves to anything which is left over for free. A donation box will be available.

Sunday, September 16, 2018 after 09.00 AM Mass

Parishioners are encouraged to help themselves to anything which is left over for free. A donation box will be available.

Sunday - September 16, 2018 ♦ 01.00 PM – 3.00 PM → Clean up and pack up remaining items

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Sep. 15, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael	Laverne Froese	Roxane Melvin
Sep. 16, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					
Sep. 22, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Orville Kittelson	Lura Collinson	Ernie Murias	Laverne Froese	Leo Pelletier
Sep. 23, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Jeannette Hobden	Julie Layden	Sarah Cubby	Becky Marland	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Sep. 16, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Margie Miller	The Matt Andersens	Bill and Shirley Pollock
Sep. 23, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymaneks	Tim Hoven and Neal Persson



In Loving Memory of **FR. WALDEMAR PACKNER (1967 - 2018)**

Fr. Waldemar was the best friend of Fr. Leon and was born and raised in Fr. Leon's home parish. Ordained in 1992. He was killed in car accident last Thursday at the age of 51 (on his way to visit his mother).

CWL TEA PARTY – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday - September 16, 2018 → Following 9.00 AM Mass

Ladies, this is your chance to meet the other ladies within the parish. This is open to Members and those wishing to be members. This will not be a formal meeting, but we will discuss as we visit ideas for the CWL fundraiser (spuds n split or something different), and a possible ladies retreat. Bring your ideas and goodies to share at the tea.



“CATHOLICISM” – by Bishop Richard Barron ♦ Rocky Mountain House

Sep. 16, 2018 - Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM • Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)
 Sep. 17, 2018 - Monday Bible Study Group ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM • Contact Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)

R C I A - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEP. 18, 2018 IS CANCELLED!

RCIA Organizational Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sep. 18, 2018 at 7.00 PM is cancelled. We do not have any candidates registered this year for RCIA.



CWL WOMENS' RETREAT – SYLVAN LAKE

Wed. – Sep. 19, 2018 → 9.00 AM - 3.30 PM

TOPIC: GAUDETE AT EXSULTATE (Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis)

“THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WOLRD”

Retreat Master is **Fr. Józef Wroblewski, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, St. Albert.** COST: \$50.00 per person.

- AT: Sunnyside - Christian Retreat Centre ♦ 202 Birchcliff Road, Birchcliff, AB (Northshore of Sylvan Lake)
- HOSTED BY: Sylvan Lake CWL → 9.00 AM – 3.30 PM (Registration starting at 8.30 AM)
- **Cheques to be made out to: Our Lady of The Assumption CWL.**
- Contact Pauline Harriott to register at 403-746-2745 • **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – September 12, 2018.**



PRAYER MEETING IS CANCELLED!

Wed. – Sep. 19, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM

Rocky Mountain House

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7.00 PM is cancelled!



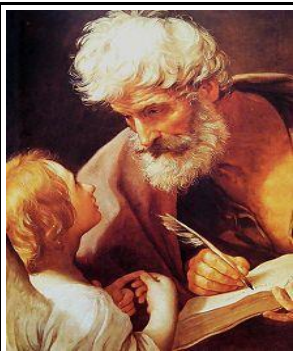
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON – SEP. 19, 2018

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended Confirmation Organizational Meeting on Sep. 13, 2018

Confirmation lessons in 2018: Sep. 13 - 19 - 25 • Oct. 02 - 10 - 15 - 30 • Nov. 07 - 21 - 26 • Dec. 04

All confirmation lessons will begin at 7.00 PM and end at 8.00 PM



FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, EVANGELIST - SEPTEMBER 21

Patron Saint of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House

Matthew, son of Alphaeus, was a Roman tax collector. As such he was thought to be in collaboration with the enemy by the very ones from whom he collected taxes. Matthew's Gospel was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. Matthew preached among the Jews for 15 years; his audiences included the Jewish enclave in Ethiopia and places in the East. Patron of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, security forces, security guards, stock brokers and tax collectors. Mass in Rocky Mountain House at 9.00 AM.

THIS WEEK**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

MY LORD AND MY GOD

Friday - September 21, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

**PRO-LIFE EVENT**

Friday, Sep. 21, 2018 - Doors opened at 05.30 PM

Save the date for the annual educational event sponsored by Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) and The Back Porch. Guest speaker is Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director turned pro-life advocate and best-selling author. Join us on Friday, September 21, 2018 for dinner and presentation at the Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre. Tickets are \$25 each, available at www.alies.ca/event

No one should be forced to flee their home.

This fall, Development and Peace will be joining Caritas Internationalis to "Share the Journey". This Campaign is Pope Francis' invitation to all peoples to walk in the shoes of migrants and refugees. Please join us, **September 22 at Newman Theological College** (Edmonton, 10012 84 St NW) to learn about the root causes of forced migration and ways we can take action here in Canada. The **Annual General Meeting from 9:30-10:15 AM** will be followed by **Fall Action Workshop from 10:30-3:00 PM**. In a communication on July 27, Archbishop Smith indicated continued support for the educational initiatives of Development and Peace. There will be a *Soup and Sandwich Lunch by Donation*. Please RSVP to Sylvianne Perry 780 462-2529 | nsperry@telus.net

**NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

Next Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on September 23, 2018 ♦ St. Matthew Church - RMH

All parishioners are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Sep. 23. See you all!

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH FIRST SESSION - SEP. 23, 2018**

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended First Communion Organizational Meeting on Sep. 11, 2018

2018/2019 dates and times of the catechetical sessions (all on Sundays):

Sep. 23, 2018 – Oct. 21, 2018 – Nov. 18, 2018 – Jan. 20, 2019 – Feb. 24, 2019 – Mar. 10, 2019

All catechetical sessions will begin at 1.30 PM and end at 4.30 PM (or possibly 5.00 PM)

First Reconciliation - Apr. 30, 2019 at 7.00 PM ♦ First Communion - May 05, 2019 at 9.00 AM

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Please, register before September 19, 2018. * Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office, if you plan to attend.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday - Sep. 28, 2018 → 5.30 PM

CWL, Knights of Columbus and Beautiful Breakfast Group are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5.30 PM. The funds raised will go to the parish kitchen needs. Please mark your calendar. The tickets are \$15.00 per person for anyone over 12 years of age. Tickets go on sale September 16, 2018. We will be looking for silent auction items and collecting them in September.

**ALL SAINTS PARTY**

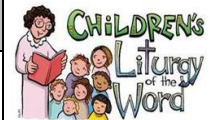
Wednesday - Oct. 31, 2018 ♦ 05.00 PM - 07.00 PM

Dress up as your favourite Saint, play some games, enjoy a simple supper and more! PLEASE, REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 403-845-3457. For more information and to volunteer to help organize contact Lisa at 403-846-7137.

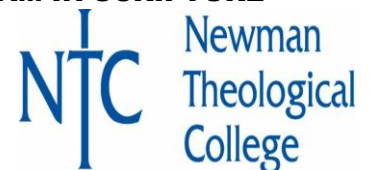
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers needed!

Consider this ministry, please! We would like to start Children's Liturgy as soon as possible. If you are interested in leading or helping, please contact Mona Cruickshank at 403.846.1027.

**NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OFFERS NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SCRIPTURE**

Newman Theological College has added a new specialty in Sacred Scripture to its Certificate of Theology (C.Th.) program. The C.Th. Sacred Scripture route is ideal for all who have a strong desire to engage the study of Sacred Scripture at a deeper level. The C.Th. Sacred Scripture route will further equip catechists, youth ministers, deacons, chaplains, and those involved in supporting the mission of the Church with the skills to approach the task of interpreting Sacred Scripture with the mind of the Church for the good of the People of God in our time. It is a 30-credit undergraduate program, comprising six courses in Scripture and four in other areas of theology. Courses can be taken online or on campus. For more information, visit www.newman.edu.



Monday - Friday
12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

Our parish office will be closed on Wednesday,
September 19, 2018

NEW ISSUES OF "OUR DAILY BREAD" BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

The daily devotional thoughts published in Our Daily Bread help readers spend time each day in God's Word.

**FR. KLER'S VACATION**

September 25, 2018 - October 25, 2018

Fr. Leonard Gartner and Fr. Daniel Gurnick will celebrate Sunday Masses during Fr. Kler's absence!

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	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Tuesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Wednesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Thursday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Friday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

Contact Information

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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
Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
First Communion Class	Shayna Pritchard	403.845.2393
Confirmation Class	Steve Oscar	403.895.0373
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
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 Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Bible Study Mondays	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
Intention:

11.00 AM
Intention:

01.00 PM
Intention:

September 15, 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Nicole Hartman

September 16, 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Healing for Pat Gerry

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

Monday

September 17, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday

September 18, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

06.30 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

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Wednesday

September 19, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Meetings in Pastoral Centre in Edmonton

Thursday

September 20, 2018 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions; martyrs

No Mass in Evergreen at 10.00 AM

Meetings in Edmonton

06.30 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

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Friday

September 21, 2018 - St. Matthew; Evangelist

09.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Safe travels for Father Leon

09.30 AM - 01.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH

10.45 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew School

(Opening Mass of school year for St. Matthew School)

Intention:

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Saturday

September 22, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07.00 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Sonny Leer

Sunday

September 23, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

11.00 AM
Intention:

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01.00 PM
Intention:

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

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SEP. 09, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$1,614.45 * Evergreen - \$510.00 * Caroline - \$225.25

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$12.60

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$25.00 * Evergreen - \$200.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$40.00

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Every September, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, this is one of 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions supported through our *Together We Serve* appeal, rather than through a separate collection.



Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is part of a worldwide network of bishops conferences which are a country's major link to the Vatican. The CCCB enables the bishops to serve Canadian Catholics by educating and speaking out on matters of public interest. The CCCB's Publication Service provides a variety of liturgical and catechetical publications for use in our parishes, and its various committees work to nurture relationships with aboriginal peoples, other Christians and other faith groups, and lay movements and associations. Thank you for sharing generously through *Together We Serve* to support our bishops.

To date, we collected \$10,900 for Together We Serve appeal. This is 51% of our target goal.