

October 21, 2018 - 29th 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

Through his suffering, Jesus justifies many and sympathizes with us in our weaknesses. The coming of the kingdom has renewed all creation. Its fulfillment in Christ will bring complete renewal and hope. Even the difficult issue of suffering is changed. No longer without meaning or purpose, it has become an opportunity to serve and to be intimately joined to Christ, the Suffering Servant. ♦ **The prophet Isaiah** foretells the burden to be borne by the Suffering Servant, and how through that suffering the world would find redemption. **The writer of Hebrews** reminds us that Christ, in sharing our human condition, truly understands our struggles and temptations. **In the Gospel**, Jesus teaches us that discipleship and suffering are intimately related.

THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Pray and give generously

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church’s missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. During this year’s 90th anniversary, World Mission Sunday celebration relates its theme to the Year of Mercy, “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis notes: “The mercy of God is His loving concern for each one of us.... As the Father loves, so do His children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.”

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ’s call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world are so urgently needed. • Mission dioceses (about 1,100 at this time) – receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. In addition, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for assistance, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools. The world’s national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, we participate through our gifts to the *Together We Serve* appeal. If you want to help missions, please give your donation to TOGETHER WE SERVE Campaign any time during year.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Oct. 20, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Orville & Adella Kittelson	Laverne Froese	Doraine Lonsdale	Karen Carmichael	Leo Pelletier	Roxane Melvin
Oct. 21, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					
Oct. 27, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Nathalie Manuel	Dom Couve	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Leo Pelletier
Oct. 28, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Bill Fletcher	Julie Layden	Bonnie Leaf	Jim Marland	Sarah Cubby

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

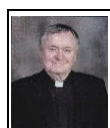
Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Oct. 21, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Bill Pollock	Lori Hoven	The Matt Andersens	Neal Perrson and Juanita Szymanek
Oct. 28, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Gerald Miller	The Perrson Family	Tim Hoven and Lori Hoven



Our reading from Isaiah's Songs of the Suffering Servant, while short, can often be easily overlooked as we rush to comment on the somewhat audacious and self-centered demands of the disciples in the Gospel. But Isaiah actually sets the scene for the Gospel passage by addressing the question of human suffering. As people of faith, suffering seems to go against our basic image of God as loving and caring, and in the face of the many expressions of suffering we are often left with the question – how could God let this happen? • Throughout history, many philosophers have attempted to answer this thorny question; for some, suffering is a divine punishment, for others a test or an opportunity to strengthen faith or to show heroic virtue or fidelity. Yet in the end, it remains a mystery – beyond our comprehension. As Christians, we often seek an explanation from Scripture. Isaiah tells us that *the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity*, and Hebrews tells us that *Jesus was similarly ... tested in every way*. At first glance neither sounds helpful, but when we look again through the eyes of faith, we see that these words are not simply meant to explain suffering, but to help us realize that even in suffering there can be good.

The suffering of the Servant is not without purpose or meaning, for the prophet tells us that through suffering *he shall justify many*. The term *justification* is central here. It's a term that implies that one has been acquitted and restored to right relationship with God, and that another has paid the price. Christ, in his suffering, has paid the price so that we can *confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help*. • Discovering meaning in suffering is also an element in today's Gospel passage. Having basked in the glory and fame of Jesus, the disciples want a little more – a place of status and glory in the kingdom. What they are surprised to hear is that authority and leadership in the kingdom is not about glory but about self-giving – even to the point of suffering and possibly one's death. Clearly this is a reversal of their world view.

So if discipleship and authority have a new meaning in the kingdom, is it too much to conclude that suffering, too, may have a new meaning? While it cannot be avoided or even fully explained, we can begin to use it for a greater purpose: we can learn from it and, as people of faith, join our suffering to those of the Suffering Servant whom we now recognize as Christ. Perhaps, then, our sufferings might not seem so inscrutable or meaningless. Perhaps, then, we might become Christ to others – an image of the Servant in the midst of our world. What gives us final hope is that not only did Christ experience suffering, as we do, but he ultimately overcame it in the Resurrection. Our hope is that we now can share in that triumph.



WE WELCOME FR. LEN GARTNER IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES!

Fr. Kler on vacation – from September 25, 2018 to October 25, 2018

Fr. Leonard Gartner will celebrate Sunday Masses during this weekend! • Thank you! • May God bless you!



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

Oct. 21, 2018 - Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM • Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

Oct. 22, 2018 - Monday Bible Study Group ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM • Contact Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT SESSION – OCT. 21, 2018

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

Catechetical sessions (all on Sundays): Sep. 23, 2018 – Oct. 21, 2018 – Nov. 18, 2018 – Jan. 20, 2019 – Feb. 24, 2019 – Mar. 10, 2019

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP OCT. 22, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM - 9.30 PM

Called to Protect™ is an abuse prevention training Workshop. This is a mandatory program available to all ministries involved in our Parish Community. As directed by Archbishop Smith, we are committed to educating all of our clergy, employees, volunteer leaders and volunteers in the concrete measures they can take to prevent abuse of any kind. All ministries fall under this umbrella from greeters, proclaimers to those involved in programs with children, youth, the elderly and vulnerable persons, money counters, creating safe environments and abuse prevention as set as out by the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Called to Protect™ Workshop - Monday, October 22, 2018. Workshop will be conducted at St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House from 7.00 PM to 9.30 PM. Thank you to all those already involved in the many ministries.



LUNCHTIME PRAYER

PRAYERFUL LUNCH

Thursday, October 25, 2018 ♦ 12.00 PM - 12.45 PM

Bring your own bag lunch and meet with others that would like to pray briefly on Thursdays from 12.00 PM to 12.45 PM. We will remember the works of the Lord by sharing what Jesus is doing in our lives, help each other appreciate His characteristics, and pray for one another.



YOUTH GROUP

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH - OCT. 25, 2018

Youth Group is up and running again! We have a youth ministry program for grades 6-8, facilitated in part by High School Students, every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM at the Church. Drop in's are welcome! Most nights consist of a large game, often outdoors, followed by snack, a teaching, prayer time, and a skit. The fall season runs every Thursday from October 4th through December 13th. For more info contact Peter at 403-848-0955.

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MY LORD AND MY GOD

Friday – October 26, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ No Mass at 09.00 AM



SEARCH RETREAT ♦ ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

October 26-28, 2018

Rocky Mountain House is hosting a SEARCH retreat, October 26-28, 2018, at St. Dominic High School. SEARCH retreats are Archdiocesan retreats for youth ages 15-18, and they have proven to be particularly powerful for our youth ministry in Rocky. If you are interested in helping with meal prep. or if you know a young person who would benefit from attending, contact Peter at 403-848-0955.



NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Next Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on October 28, 2018 ♦ St. Matthew Church

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. See you all!

It will be last Beautiful Breakfast prepared under the direction of Audrey Ouellette. Thank you, Audrey, for all years of hard work in preparing Beautiful Breakfast for our parish community! May God bless you abundantly!



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

All confirmation classes start at 7.00 PM and end at 8.00 PM



ALL SAINTS PARTY

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

Mark your calendars, make your costumes ... All Hallow's Eve Party (aka All Saints Party). Please register at the parish office with your children's names and ages. Families each to bring something to add to the treasure bags (candy or holy cards, etc.), potluck supper; and we need volunteers to organize activities and games, decorating and songs. All are welcome!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday – Nov. 04, 2018 at 3.00 PM

Pine Grove Cemetery - Rocky Mountain House ♦ We will meet at the entrance!
SHORT PRAYER SERVICE → FOLLOWED BY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF YOUR LOVED ONES



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE LET'S REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month of November, especially All Souls Day, November 2, is a traditional time to remember in prayer all the faithful departed. Our prayers help them as theirs help us. ♦ We will have on display in October a Book of Remembrance. If you wish to have your loved ones commemorated in our churches during all Masses in November, please write down the name or names in the Book of Remembrance (family members, parishioners, friends and neighbors). We will pray for all the faithful departed whose names are written in Book of Remembrance during all the Masses in November.



ALL SOULS DAY – November 02

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

MASS TIMES → → → →

9.00 AM – Mass in Rocky Mountain House ♦ 7.00 PM – Mass in Evergreen



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

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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:

October 20, 2018 - 29th Sunday in OT (MISSION SUNDAY)

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Fr. Len Gartner

+ Armand Pelletier

October 21, 2018 - 29th Sunday in OT (MISSION SUNDAY)

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Fr. Len Gartner

For a special intention

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Fr. Len Gartner

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

Fr. Len Gartner

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Monday

October 22, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday

October 23, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday

October 24, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Thursday

October 25, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday

October 26, 2018 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

09.30 AM - 01.00 PM → ADORATION → → → St. Matthew → No Mass at 9.00 AM

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

October 27, 2018 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Fr. Leon Kler

+ Pilar Narciso

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

October 28, 2018 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Fr. Leon Kler

Don's successful treatments

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Fr. Leon Kler

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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

Fr. Leon Kler

For all members of our parish communities

OCT. 14, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$1,733.80 * Evergreen - \$1,015.00 * Caroline - \$67.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

RMH - \$21.50 * Evergreen - \$3.35 * Caroline - \$0.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$20.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$55.00 * Evergreen - \$50.00

OCT. 15, 2018

THANK YOU FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$3,360.00 * Evergreen - \$675.00 * Caroline - \$1,000.00

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: RMH - \$60.00 * Caroline - \$100.00

COMPASSIONATE FUND: Evergreen - \$200.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: Caroline - \$100.00

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome in our Catholic Community

Zane Wardell Arzadon Pasia

Son of Elaine Arzadon and Jim Pasia of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. His baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during private celebration at 02.00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

GREETINGS AND ASSURANCES OF PRAYER

FROM FR. KLER FROM PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA.

THERE IS NO CATHEDRAL IN PHNOM PENH. Throughout the brutal repression of the Khmer Rouge and the uncertainty that followed, Catholics had been forced to keep their faith secret. Their church's physical presence had disappeared, for like Buddhism and Islam, Christianity was not allowed during Democratic Kampuchea era.

