

October 28, 2018 - 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Just as Jesus restored sight to the blind man, our faith in him opens our eyes to truth and eternal life in Christ. The story of Jesus healing the blind man speaks powerfully to us. Your faith has saved you, Jesus tells him. The man, with his sight restored, follows Jesus. May our own faith and determination give us sight as well, that we may also know and follow God in our daily lives. ♦ The prophet Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord keeps his promises, gathering and delivering the people of Israel. In the Letter to the Hebrews, God calls some to be priests, representing the people and following the example set forth by Jesus. Mark's Gospel recounts the story of Jesus healing the blind man on the road from Jericho.



FIRST COMMUNION - THE CELEBRATION OF ENROLLMENT

We welcome all the children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in 2019 to the Celebration of Enrollment in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House! (Sunday - October 28, 2018 during Mass at 09.00 AM)

Benjamin ♦ Brent ♦ Wade ♦ Molly ♦ Caterina ♦ Matthew ♦ Gabriel ♦ Jody ♦ Lillian ♦ Brynn ♦ Danyka ♦ Kourtney ♦ Dylan ♦ Sean ♦ Joanna



Jeremiah promises God's chosen people that they will soon return from exile in Babylon. God renews his covenant through the prophet. As all are gathered together for their return to Jerusalem, they will come with the blind and the lame in their midst.

Blindness was thought to be a curse from God. Those who could not see could not work. If you could not work, you could not feed your family. Bartimaeus had endured great poverty due to his condition. What was his life like? Could he sustain a wife and a family? Had he become a burden to his father Timaeus? Whatever the case, he cries out Son of David, have pity on me. So many people who could see Jesus did not believe he was the Son of God. Bartimaeus,



who has never seen anything, truly makes an act of faith in calling out to the Lord. Not only does the blind man demonstrate great faith, but also great determination, as he refuses to allow the others to prevent him from attracting Jesus' attention. ♦ Jesus the High Priest so beautifully described in today's Letter to the Hebrews, who deals patiently with the ignorant and erring, grants Bartimaeus' greatest wish. In doing so, he restores him to life. The Lord does the same for us when he removes the blindness that afflicts us - those hard-to-see places in our lives that seem to keep us from seeing suffering or need around us.



BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday -> After 9.00 AM Mass on October 28, 2018 ♦ St. Matthew Church Hall

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

AUDREY OUELLETTE

It will be the 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!

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... THANK YOU!

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
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
Nov. 03, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Orville Kittelson	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias
Nov. 04, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Julie Layden	Joanne Mazza	Marliss Cartier	Doreen Couture	Pat Hughes	Lorie Hughes

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Oct. 28, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Gerald Miller	The Perrson Family	Tim Hoven and Lori Hoven
Nov. 04, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Barron Reichert	The Mark Szymaneks	Gerald and Margie Miller



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

Oct. 28, 2018 - Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM • Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

Oct. 29, 2018 - Monday Bible Study Group ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM • Contact Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)



### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

7.00 PM - 8.00 PM



### ALL SAINTS PARTY

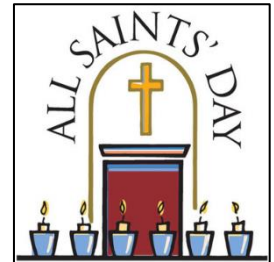
Wednesday - Oct. 31, 2018 ♦ 05.00 PM - 07.00 PM

Register at the parish office. Dress up as your favourite Saints! Potluck supper & desserts! Saint themed snacks and drinks! Candlelight litany of the Saints song! Peter's famous Saint action game! Mary stomp the serpent scavenger hunt! Saint themed games! Saint paper doll creating! Win a giant guessing jar of candy! Ora Pro Nobis candy boxes for all kids! Your whole family is invited!

**November 01.** For many of us, it is hard to separate All Saints' Day from All Souls' Day. It is, after all, a two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints. On All Saints' Day we celebrate our ancestors of faith who are one with God in the heavenly realm and on All Souls' Day we remember those well on their way to heaven. We are all familiar with the giants of the Church, such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Augustine and Saint Anne. We study their lives and we celebrate their feast days throughout the year. On All Saints' Day we celebrate *all* saints, whom we trust are now one with their Savior, having lived honorable and just lives among us. We also remember on All Saints' Day our personal saints, Grandpa Frank or Great Aunt Philomena, and all the holy men and women of God who have touched our lives and are now part of that glorious kingdom of God.

Mass Times on November 01, 2018:

10.00 AM – Evergreen, 06.30 PM – Rocky Mountain House



### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Thursday – Nov. 01, 2018 after 10.00 AM Mass



### PRAYERFUL LUNCH

Thursday, November 01, 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

Thursday, November 01, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM

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. For more info contact Peter at 403-848-0955.

**November 02.** The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," St. Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for departed members. In the middle of the 11<sup>th</sup> century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was adopted throughout the Roman Church. The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, **some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God.** The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification. Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead. Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights.





IT WOULD BE *tragic* AND SAD IF  
*someone* WHO HAS DIED  
 IS EVENTUALLY  
*forgetten* AND LEFT OUT AS IF  
 HE OR SHE HAS NEVER *existed.*



**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.



**THIS WEEK**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**MY LORD AND MY GOD**

Friday – November 02, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



**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



**We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.**  
**-St. Padre Pio**



*All Souls' Day*

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN RMH**

**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**



**MID – TERM ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS – EDMONTON**

**Nov. 06 - 08, 2018**

Fr. Kler will attend Mid-Term Assembly of Priests in Edmonton → Nov. 06 - 08, 2018 (Tue. - Thu.) ♦ No Mass on these three days

**SUPPER FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, SPOUSES & GUESTS**

**Friday – November 09, 2018 ♦ 6.30 PM**

The Knights of Columbus booked the Steak Pit at the Legion for Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 at 6.30 PM. (We cook our steaks or chicken at 7.00 PM). **Cost/meal is \$14** which includes your choice of Steak or Chicken, baked potato, garlic toast and salad. ♦ Please reply to Gary Donald (403.845.5269 or [gjdonald1@hotmail.com](mailto:gjdonald1@hotmail.com)) as to whether you are able to attend and if you would like steak or chicken. This event is open to spouses and guests as well so indicate the meal choice for them as well. We will need to provide final numbers by Nov. 02, 2018.



**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH**

**NEXT SESSION – NOV. 18, 2018 ♦ 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

**CWL CABINET**

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR PURCHASE**

The CWL religious cabinet has been re-stocked with all kinds of items – books, scapulars, crucifixes, pins, cards and more!  
 Please, see Vivian at the office or after Mass to make any purchases.

**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
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Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
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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](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday** 07.00 PM  
Intention: **October 27, 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Pilar Narciso

**Sunday** 09.00 AM  
Intention: **October 28, 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Don's successful treatments  
11.00 AM  
Intention: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
01.00 PM  
Intention: Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
For all members of our parish communities

**Monday** **October 29, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday** 06.30 PM  
Intention: **October 30, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
For a special intention

**Wednesday** 08.00 AM  
Intention: **October 31, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky – St. Matthew School Chapel **CHANGE OF DATE**  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

09.00 AM  
Intention: Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ H el ene Pelletier  
11.00 AM  
Intention: **CHANGE OF DATE**  
Eckville – Eckville Manor  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Thursday** **November 01, 2018 – Solemnity of All Saints**  
10.00 AM  
Intention: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
06.30 PM  
Intention: Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Blessings and grace for Dan Duhamel on his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Friday** **November 02, 2018 – The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (Solemnity of All Souls)**  
09.00 AM  
Intention: Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Pat Gerry

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → →** St. Matthew Church, RMH  
10.30 AM  
Intention: Rocky Mountain House – Clearwater Centre  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested  
**07.00 PM**  
Intention: Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church **ADDITIONAL MASS**  
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Saturday** 07.00 PM  
Intention: **November 03, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Pat Gerry

**Sunday** 09.00 AM  
Intention: **November 04, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
Blessings and grace for Deacon Bernie on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate  
Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
For all members of our parish communities  
11.00 AM  
Intention: Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
01.00 PM  
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**OCT. 21, 2018 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**



**REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:**  
RMH - \$1,280.45 \* Evergreen - \$654.20 \* Caroline - \$88.00  
**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:**  
RMH - \$14.15 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$715.00 \* Evergreen - \$105.00

**PLEASE, PRAY FOR DEACON BERNIE OUELLETTE**  
Please, pray for our Deacon Bernie Ouellette, who is taking treatments in Red Deer for his cancer. May God bless him with His Healing and give him the strength to accept His will.

