

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

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

As we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah. Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand. ♦ **The first reading** calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. **Paul's Letter to the Philippians** is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the **Gospel** as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near.

THIS WEEKEND IN ALL OUR CHURCHES

Advent is time of preparation as we prepare our homes to receive the Christ child. In preparation for Christmas we should take some time to count our own blessings and find ways to give back.

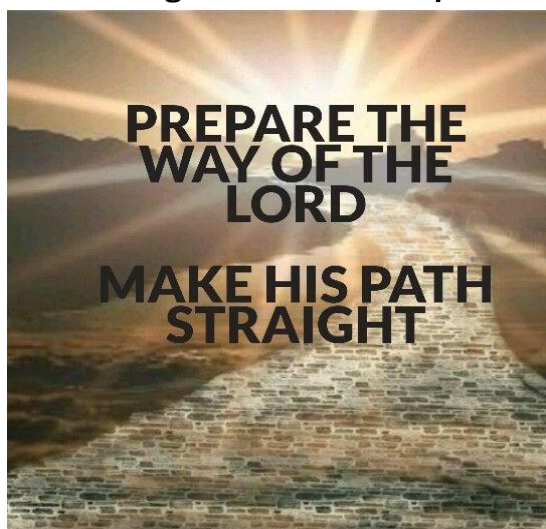
On Saturday - December 08, 2018 and on Sunday - December 09, 2018 we will have special FOOD COLLECTION DAY for Food Bank. Anything you can spare will be appreciated. Thank you for your support!



Community Food Bank

PLEASE, HOLD TO YOUR FOOD DONATION UNTIL COLLECTION TIME DURING THE MASS. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL BE ASKED TO BRING YOUR FOOD ITEMS AND LEAVE THEM BEFORE THE ALTAR.

Many of us have likely heard the phrase "All roads lead to Rome." The Roman Empire prided itself on its complex system of roads connecting every part of the empire with the capital. These stone-paved roads stretched throughout Europe, Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. They were built by slaves and paid for by taxes from conquered lands. These roads were feats of engineering, passing over hills and mountains, under aqueducts, taking many twists and turns to avoid nature's obstacles. They were anything but straight. • John the Baptist would have traveled Roman roads many times in his life, as did those who came out into the desert to hear him preach. It was there, where the roads end in the desert, that John tells his disciples to build a new road - one for God's Son: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John was not telling them to pick up shovels and pick axes. Rather, he prayed that they might pave a way for the love of the Lord to enter their hearts and touch their souls. • John is the last prophet before Jesus, as well as his first disciple. For those willing to undertake this ambitious task of making a straight path for the Lord, John tells them they will be met along the way by God in the flesh. He comes alongside us to assist us in our "road-making" and bridge-building, making winding roads both straight and smooth, by forgiving us our sins and removing obstacles from our path. *Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.* The



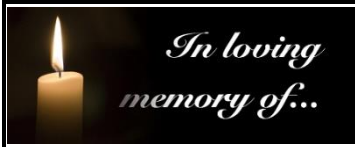
Lord will purify us, perfect us and prepare us for himself. • This road work began in us on the day of our baptism, and it continues until we meet the Lord at our death, as Paul told the Philippians: *I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it.* To help things along, the Apostle encourages us to increase in knowledge, love and perception, discerning *what is of value.* This Advent season, what is of greatest value is not the large number of gifts soon to appear under the tree. Rather, it is the gift of God's only Son who hung on the tree of the cross for us and for our salvation. • During this busy season, we do so much to prepare for the coming of Christmas. Let us make sure we spend at least as much effort this Advent season preparing for the coming of Christ, both his birth in Bethlehem and his return in glory as our King. At this Eucharistic table, we partake of the promise found in the words of Isaiah, and John: *and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.* May we too, then, prepare the way of the Lord as we go forth and proclaim the Good News we have heard and received.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

| Date and Time | Greeters/Gifts Bearers | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | EMHC - Hosts | EMHC – C1 | EMHC - C2 |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 08, 2018 at 07.00 PM | Orville & Adela Kittelson | Dorraine Lonsdale | Karen Carmichael | Laurier Nobert | Roxane Melvin | Ernie Murias |
| Dec. 09, 2018 at 09.00 AM | Justin & Mariss Cartier | Catherine Bolton | Luke Cartier | Pat Hughes | Ricardo Rodriguez | Sarah Cubby |
| Dec. 15, 2018 at 07.00 PM | Kent & Karen Carmichael | Laverne Froese | Nathalie Manuel | Ernie Murias | Leo Pelletier | Laurier Nobert |
| Dec. 16, 2018 at 09.00 AM | Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day | | | | | |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

| Date and Time | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | Gifts Bearers | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| Dec. 09, 2018 at 11.00 AM | Roy Hoven | Juanita Szymanek | The Andersen Family | Tim and Lori Hoven |
| Dec. 16, 2018 at 11.00 AM | Bill Pollock | Lori Hoven | The Reicherts | Dennis and Brenda Nugent |



In Loving Memory of CELINE REYNAUD (1935 - 2018)

FUNERAL MASS:

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ Thursday – Dec. 13, 2018 at 01.00 PM



SIGN-UP SHEET FOR MINISTRIES - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ♦ ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church for all the ministries for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. If you know which Mass you will attend during the holidays, please consider signing up for your chosen ministry. Thank you!

CWL ADVENT ROSARY - RMH

Saturday – December 08, 2018 ♦ 6.30 PM

Invitation for all Parishioners to Pray the Rosary together at 6.30 PM on Saturday, December 8, 2018 (before 7.00 PM Sunday Mass)



RCIA CLASS ♦ IN EVERGREEN

Sunday – December 09, 2018 ♦ 07.30 PM – 09.30 PM



RETREAT FOR GRADE 7

Tuesday – Dec. 11, 2018 ♦ 9.30 AM – 2.30 PM

St. Matthew Church – Rocky Mountain House

Theme: Love Your Selfie.



NEXT PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday – December 12, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM

St. Matthew Church
Rocky Mountain House

- Loose Format: Praise/worship Songs, small group sharing on prayer life, etc
- Share prayer intentions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Feel free to invite others.**



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

EVERGREEN

December 13, 2018 - Thursday

04.00 PM



CWL LADIES FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Thursday - Dec. 13, 2018 at 5.30 PM

At New Dragon Palace Buffet. All Ladies welcome to share a meal and the Joy of being Catholic women.

CWL Membership \$30 dues are due by Dec. 16, 2018

Please, pay to Debbie Baich



YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, December 13, 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-ins 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.

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday – December 14, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

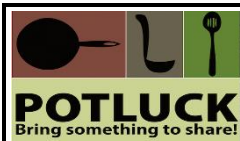


CWL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – 10.00 AM

At Rocky Cinema

We will be showing 1945 original film: *The Bells of St. Mary's*. Show starts at 10.00 AM on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Rocky Cinema. Tickets - \$5 each. Everyone Welcome! Can be bought from CWL member Debbie Baich or from Home Hardware.



POTLUCK LUNCH - EVERGREEN

Dec. 16, 2018 – After 11.00 AM Mass

Everyone is invited to concert of CHATELAINE singing group who will present selection of Christmas songs after potluck.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

\$3.00 per package or \$6.00 per package

SUNDAY MISSALS 2019 FOR SALE

\$5.00 each

CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDARS FOR SALE

\$3.00 each

NEW ISSUE OF "OUR DAILY BREAD"

Available for FREE at the back table in each church!

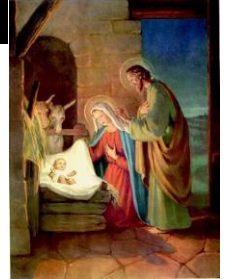




School Mass for St. Matthew School – December 04, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES FROM DEC. 22, 2018 TO JAN. 01, 2019

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| Dec. 22, 2018 – 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House | Dec. 29, 2018 – 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House |
| Dec. 23, 2018 – 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House | Dec. 30, 2018 – 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House |
| Dec. 23, 2018 – 11.00 AM Evergreen | Dec. 30, 2018 – 11.00 AM Evergreen |
| Dec. 23, 2018 – 01.00 PM Caroline | Dec. 30, 2018 – 01.00 PM Caroline |
| Dec. 24, 2018 – 05.00 PM Rocky Mountain House | Dec. 31, 2018 – 05.00 PM Evergreen |
| Dec. 24, 2018 – 08.00 PM Rocky Mountain House | Dec. 31, 2018 – 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House |
| Dec. 25, 2018 – 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House | Jan. 01, 2019 – 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House |
| Dec. 25, 2018 – 11.00 AM Evergreen | Jan. 01, 2019 – 01.00 PM Caroline |
| Dec. 25, 2018 – 01.00 PM Caroline | |



GIVE A GIFT FROM THE CHALICE GIFT CATALOGUE

A perfect way to celebrate Jesus' birth is to share your inner joy and peace by giving a gift that will make a significant impact for children, families and communities around the world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue gives our supporters the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of family and friends who will receive a beautiful card stating what gift or gifts you bought in their name. Each gift will help a child or family at a Chalice site location. *In thanksgiving I wish you God's joy, light and peace this Christmas time for you and your family.*
Fr. Patrick Cosgrove – President of Chalice



MANGER PROJECT

As the Wise Men who brought gifts to baby Jesus to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us follow their example by filling our "Manger of gifts" in support of mothers bringing life anew, into this world. May God Bless you all in this **Advent act of love**, as we await with joy the birth of our Lord, Christmas! ♦ On December 02, 2018, the first Sunday of Advent, you will notice in the foyer a manger filled with paper straw. Each straw has an item written on it that is needed to fill 10-12 baby care bags. These bags will be given to new mothers throughout the year 2019. Please feel free to take a straw or straws each week and kindly return your gift of love to be displayed surrounding the manger for the duration of the Advent. On December 20, 2018, these items will be prayerfully delivered with love and ready for distribution to those in need.

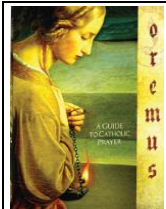
Gifts for Jesus



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

These bright red flowers were known as the 'Flowers of the Holy Night'. The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. **Anyone can give special monetary donation toward the purchase of flowers for Christmas. Just mark your donations "For flowers at Christmas". Anyone wishing to donate the actual flowers for the Church at Christmas can drop them off in the office by 4.00 PM on Friday, Dec. 21, 2018.**

Thank you!



BIBLE STUDY - "OREMUS" = Catholic Guide to prayer

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ Jan. 06 - Feb. 24, 2019 → Sundays 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM
Monday Bible Study Group ♦ Jan. 07 - Feb. 25, 2019 → Mondays 07.00 PM to 08.00 PM

Starting Jan. 06 - 07, 2019

Register at parish office by Dec. 09, 2018

- 8 sessions - 1 hour each (30 min. DVD and 30 min. lively discussion) ♦ **Workbook - \$25** (+ online access to DVDs for 2 months)
 - 2 ways to join the study - in person (in our church study group) or at home (and online)
 - plus this study is open for kids to participate as well... they will have their own table
- Presenter: Fr. Mark Toups**
For more info contact: Sundays - Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text) • Mondays - Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer & how to hear his voice.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN PARISHES IN RED DEER DEANERY

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| Dec. 10, 2018 Monday | Sylvan Lake | Our Lady of the Assumption | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 11, 2018 Tuesday | Red Deer | St. Mary | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 12, 2018 Wednesday | Olds | St. Stephen | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 13, 2018 Thursday | Evergreen | Jesuit Martyrs | 04.00 PM |
| Dec. 13, 2018 Thursday | Ponoka | St. Augustine | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 17, 2018 Monday | Rimbey | St. Margaret | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 18, 2018 Tuesday | Innisfail | Our Lady of Peace | 07.00 PM |
| Dec. 19, 2018 Wednesday | Red Deer | Sacred Heart | 07.00 PM |



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

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| 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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| Direct voice/fax/text line to office | 403.845.3457 |
| Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor | 587.355.3947 |
| Direct email address to office | office@smpmhc.ca |
| Direct email address to pastor | pastor@smpmhc.ca |

PARISH MINISTRIES

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|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Parish Pastoral Council | Lauren MacKenzie | 403.845.2836 |
| Parish Finance Council | Randall Sugden | 403.844.8478 |
| Ministry to the Sick Called to Protect | Ernie Murias | 403.845.4860 |
| Baptism Preparation Class | Ernie Murias | 403.845.4860 |
| First Communion Class | Steve/Donna Oscar | 403.895.0373 |
| Confirmation Class | Shayna Pritchard | 403.845.2393 |
| Children's Liturgy | Steve Oscar | 403.895.0373 |
| Youth Group | Mona Cruickshank | 403.846.1027 |
| Prayer Chain | Peter van Kampen | 403.848.0955 |
| Knights of Columbus | Alice Murray | 403.722.4056 |
| CWL | Gary Donald | 403.845.5269 |
| Bible Study Sundays | Karen Carmichael | 403.846.2168 |
| Bible Study Mondays | Lisa Sembaliuk | 403.846.7137 |
| | Roxane Melvin | 403.845.3127 |

SUNDAY MASSES

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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:

December 08, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Sr. Cappy Peters

December 09, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Chloe Kaniusis

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

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Monday

December 10, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Advent

No Mass

Tuesday

December 11, 2018 - Weekday in Season of Advent

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church → → **Change of Time**

Intention:

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Wednesday

Dec. 12, 2018 - Our Lady of Guadalupe; Patroness of Americas

08.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Dominic School Chapel

Intention:

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09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

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11.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - Westview Lodge

Intention:

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Thursday

December 13, 2018 - St. Lucy; virgin, martyr

No Mass in Evergreen at 10.00 AM Advent Penitential Service at 4.00 PM

06.30 PM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

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Friday

December 14, 2018 - St. John of the Cross; priest, doctor

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

+ + Ellen & Colin MacDonell

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



Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

December 15, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Strength & healing for Shar Tough

Sunday

December 16, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

+ Shirley Bouchard

11.00 AM

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention:

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01.00 PM

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

Intention:

For all members of our parish communities



DEC. 02, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$2,654.85 * Evergreen - \$525.00 * Caroline - \$40.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

RMH - \$15.05 * Evergreen - \$16.05 * Caroline - \$3.55

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$30.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - 1,080.00 * Evergreen - \$350.00

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are available at the church entries

The individual envelopes numbers did not change this year for our parishioners. **Year End Contributions** → If you wish to donate *extra funds* and have them included in the receipts for the **Year 2018**, ALL donations must be received at the Parish Office by **Dec. 30, 2018**. ♦ **Thank You for your faithfulness and continual support of our churches!**



ADVENT
hope • peace • joy • love • light

