



Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

December 23, 2018 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd. In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King - but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us. ♦ **In the first reading**, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. **Saint Paul** reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. **The Gospel** depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

CHURCH DECORATING - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Sunday - Dec. 23, 2018 • After 9.00 AM Mass

Everyone is welcome to help with decorating of the church in Rocky Mountain House.



Christmas Day and New Year's Day are the days of obligation. That means that we have an obligation on these two days to attend Mass in the church (during the day or on the evening before).

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2018 – Monday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2018 – Monday	08.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 25, 2018 – Tuesday	09.00 AM
EVERGREEN	Dec. 25, 2018 – Tuesday	11.00 AM
CAROLINE	Dec. 25, 2018 – Tuesday	01.00 PM

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 29, 2018 – Saturday	07.00 PM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 30, 2018 – Sunday	09.00 AM
EVERGREEN	Dec. 30, 2018 – Sunday	11.00 AM
CAROLINE	Dec. 30, 2018 – Sunday	01.00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

EVERGREEN	Dec. 31, 2018 – Monday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 31, 2018 – Monday	07.00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Jan. 01, 2019 – Tuesday	09.00 AM
CAROLINE	Jan. 01, 2019 – Tuesday	01.00 PM



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC. 24, 2018 TO JAN. 01, 2019 INCLUSIVE



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – Dec. 28, 2018 ♦ 09.30 AM – 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



SAFE TRIP TO ALL WHO WILL TRAVEL AND HAPPY RETURN!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Dec. 22, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Laverne Froese	Dom Couve	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Laurier Nobert
Dec. 23, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Catherine Bolton	Bill Fletcher	Lorie Hughes	Jim Marland	Doreen Couture
Dec. 24, 2018 at 05.00 PM	Laverne & Loretta Leer	Jeannette Hobden	Doraine Lonsdale	Gary Donald	Audrey Kokesch	Faye Boyle
Dec. 24, 2018 at 08.00 PM	Leo Pelletier	Rhonda Caluttung	Marliss Cartier	Ernie Murias	Joanne Como	Laurier Nobert
Dec. 25, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Jim Marland	Becky Marland	Ernie Murias	Bonnie Leaf	
Dec. 29, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Jackie Owchar	Doraine Lonsdale	Dom Couve	Karen Carmichael	Leo Pelletier	Laverne Froese
Dec. 30, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Justin & Marliss Cartier	Bonnie Leaf	Rhonda Caluttung	Doreen Couture	Sarah Cubby	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Dec. 23, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Barron Reichert	The Persson Family	Jim Backs and Hal Phillips
Dec. 25, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Neal Persson	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Gerald and Margie Miller
Dec. 30, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Mike Szymanek	Hal and Laurie Phillips	Connie Cadrain and Juanita Szymanek

WELCOME HOME

Christmas is a wonderful time to invite inactive Catholics and the unchurched to attend special Christmas services. Like all Catholic churches, we have our share of inactive members who do not attend the services and are inactive in their faith. One in every two Canadians does not participate actively in any church. So, what about inviting an inactive Catholic or friend with no church home to a Christmas service? ♦ The joyous Eucharist we celebrate at Christmas is the summit of our Advent preparation and the source of the joy we carry through the rest of the season into the New Year. How appropriate it is for our Christmas services to be the center of the Christmas celebration for our family, friends, and visitors. Let's invite and welcome home everyone for Christmas!

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!**



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! ♦ Since December 02, 2018, the first Sunday of Advent, we have 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 and Christmas Season. After Christmas Season these items will be prayerfully delivered with love and ready for distribution to those in need.

Gifts for Jesus

"LIVING FAITH" BOOKLETS AND "LIVING FAITH KIDS" BOOKLETS

Available for \$2.50 at the back in each church!

SUNDAY MISSALS 2019 FOR SALE

At the back of the church - \$5.00 each

This missal includes all the readings of the Mass for every Sunday of the year as well as prayers for personal devotion. It's an excellent resource for those seeking to participate fully in the Sunday Liturgy. Missal contains prayers, readings, and responses in a simple and continuous flow making it easy to use and understand for everyone.



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

NEW SCHEDULES OF MINISTRIES IN ST. MATTHEW

We have new schedules of ministries from January to June 2019 in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House: liturgical ministries, sacristan ministry, projector ministry.

Schedules of all ministries are published on our parish website: <http://smpmh.ca/ministries.htm>



THE VISIT

She walked in the summer, through the heat on the hill. She hurried as one who went with a will.
She danced in the sunlight when the day was done. Her heart knew no evening. She carried the Sun.
Fresh as a flower at the first ray of dawn, she came to her cousin, whose morning had gone.
There leaped a little child in the ancient womb, and there leaped a little hope in every ancient tomb.
Hail, little sister you herald the spring. Hail, brave mother, you carried our King.
Hail to the Moment beneath your breast. May all generations call you blessed.
When you walk in the summer through the heat on the hill, when you're one with the wind, and one with God's will,
Be glad with the burden you are blessed to bear. For it's Christ who you carry everywhere, everywhere... everywhere.



come celebrate
Christmas
with us
All are welcome!

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:

December 22, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
++ Leslie, Lillian and Janice Kopchia

December 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

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Monday

DECEMBER 24, 2018 – CHRISTMAS EVE

05.00 PM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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08.00 PM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Helen Bell

Tuesday

DECEMBER 25, 2018 – CHRISTMAS DAY

09.00 AM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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11.00 AM

Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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01.00 PM

Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

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Wednesday

December 26, 2018 – St. Stephen; first martyr

09.00 AM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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Thursday

10.00 AM

Intention:

December 27, 2018 – St. John; Apostle, Evangelist

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

Blessings for Fr. Faustino Kusoka on 20th Anniversary of Ordination

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

December 28, 2018 – The Holy Innocents; martyrs

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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

Saturday

December 29, 2018 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

07.00 PM

Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For a special intention

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

December 30, 2018 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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11.00 AM

Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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01.00 PM

Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities



DEC. 15, 2018

THANK YOU FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$3,160.00 * Evergreen - \$675.00 * Caroline - \$1,090.00

COMPASSIONATE FUND: Evergreen - \$200.00

DEC. 16, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$1,771.75 * Evergreen - \$555.00 * Caroline - \$1,383.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

MH - \$17.35 * Evergreen - \$1.95 * Caroline - \$4.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$960.00 * Evergreen - \$185.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: Caroline - \$500.00

