

Dec. 30, 2018 - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (C)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
 Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
 Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

Let us strive to imitate the Holy Family's mutual love and concern for one another. By being born into a human family, the eternal Son of God has blessed every family, and so made marriage and family a pathway to holiness and eternal life. In the face of God's ever-flowing generosity, highlighted for us today in the blessing of family life, we become aware of our human shortcomings and our need for God's mercy and love. ♦ Today we hear about the **birth of Samuel** and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord. **John, in his letter**, highlights our dignity and destiny - we are God's children now and are commanded to love one another. **The Gospel from Luke** relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after his family had departed, and worry and searching for him that his parents experienced.

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

In the **first reading**, the Lord gives Moses the words of blessing for Aaron to use over the people of Israel. In the **second reading**, Saint Paul reminds the Galatians that God sent his Son, born of a woman, to save us and adopt us as his children. In the **Gospel**, the shepherds go to Bethlehem and find Mary, Joseph and the infant. They convey what they had been told about the Child. A few days later, the child is circumcised and given his name, Jesus.

New Year's Day is the day of obligation. That means that we have an obligation on this day to attend Mass (during the day or on the evening before).

To walk in the path of the Holy Family is to imitate their holiness, humility, gentleness and deep concern for one another.

The Gospels give us very few details of the daily life of Jesus growing up in Nazareth. Here and there we get snippets of what his early life must have been like, and of course we can fill in some of the missing details from what we know of first-century life in Palestine. As a carpenter, Joseph was probably a man of modest means from the lower middle class. While a member of the Davidic clan, he and his family, and indeed his community, lived modestly. ♦ Today's Gospel passage, often known as the *Finding of Child Jesus in the Temple*, is very familiar. Here the Holy Family has traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, and on their way home they realize that Jesus is no longer with them. Passover was, and continues to be, the key defining feast of Judaism – a commemoration of Israel's liberation from slavery and the source of its identity as God's Chosen People. Today, it stands as the backdrop to Luke's revelation of Jesus' fullest and deepest identity. Here, the Gospel tells us, Jesus reveals himself as the Father's Son who has come among us to answer the great questions of human experience. ♦ Filled with concern for his safety and indeed with a little bit of righteous annoyance, the parents return to Jerusalem where they find him - not with children of his own age but with the elders. We can all imagine their emotions and fears before they found him, and their relief and joy when they found him safe. ♦ This Gospel, however, is not so much a commentary on family life, but more a testimony to its importance in God's plan for our world. Having experienced the wonder of Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph do not keep his holy presence to themselves nor closet him away from the world. Instead, as faithful people of the Covenant, they ensure that he is brought up as part of a worshipping and faith-filled community. There, he would grow in grace and favor even in the face of life's struggles and challenges. ♦ Today's feast sets before us the truth that, with God's help and despite all the challenges of life, we can grow in goodness and holiness. Imagine what a difference we could make in our own families if we sought to understand more fully, as Saint John reminds us in our second reading, that we already share a holy dignity as God's children and a holy destiny that has yet to be revealed. As we celebrate the Holy Family, let us invite Christ Jesus to bring his loving presence into our homes this day – binding us together, healing our rifts and allowing us to give ourselves over to loving God and others. Then we would truly be God's holy family.



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Dec. 29, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Jackie Owchar	Doraine Lonsdale	Dom Couve	Karen Carmichael	Leo Pelletier	Laveme Froese
Dec. 30, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Justin & Marliss Cartier	Bonnie Leaf	Rhonda Caluttung	Doreen Couture	Sarah Cubby	Dave Parfitt
Dec. 31, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Dan & Vivian Duhamel	Doreen Quintal		Ernie Murias	Gary Donald	Joyce Donald
Jan. 01, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Bonnie Leaf	Leo Pelletier	Laurier Nobert	Dave Parfitt	Faye Boyle
Jan. 05, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Leanna Flooren	Orville Kittelson	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Laurier Nobert
Jan. 06, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Bill Fletcher	Barry Kirtzinger	Rhonda Caluttung	Joanne Como	Doreen Couture	Bonnie Leaf

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Dec. 30, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Mike Szymanek	Hal and Laurie Phillips	Connie Cadrain and Juanita Szymanek
Dec. 31, 2018 at 05.00 PM	Aidan Hoven	Justin Szymanek	The Mike Szymanek Family	Bill and Shirley Ann Pollock
Jan. 06, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Gerald Miller	Tim Hoven	The Conway Family	Roy and Eileen Hoven

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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





POTLUCK DINNER - EVERGREEN

Dec. 31, 2018 – After 05.00 PM Mass

Everyone is invited to potluck and games after 5.00 PM Mass on New Year's Eve.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

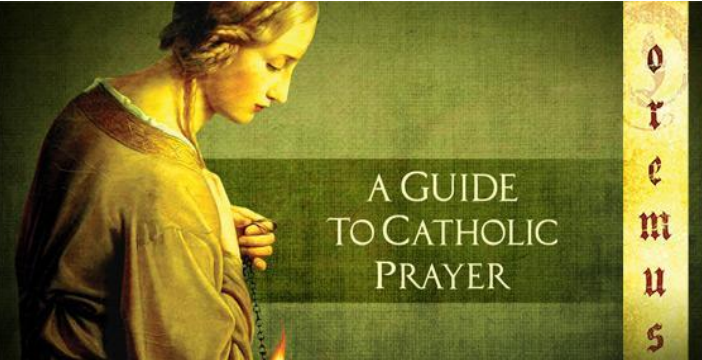


Friday – Jan. 04, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM – 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

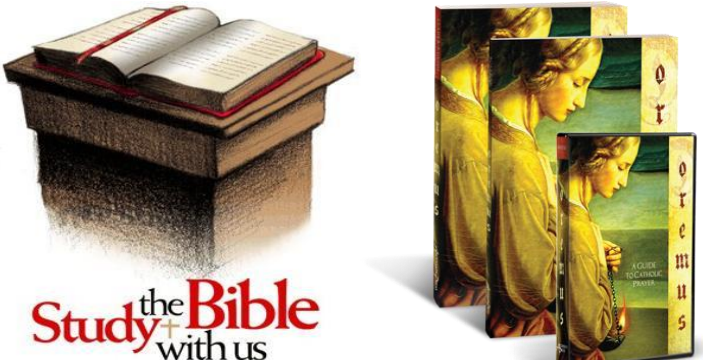
RCIA CLASS ♦ IN EVERGREEN

Saturday – January 05, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM
Sunday – January 20, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM





A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER



Study the Bible with us



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

8 sessions - 1 hour each (30 min. DVD and 30 min. lively discussion) ♦ **Workbook - 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)


Starting Jan. 06 - 07, 2019

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. Preview: <https://shop.ascensionpress.com/collections/oremus-a-guide-to-catholic-prayer>

LITTLE FLOWERS CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB

Next meeting – Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019


Little Flowers Catholic Girls' Club is a fun-filled faith formation group for girls ages 4 and up. We meet the second Saturday of the month from 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM, September through June. Each month girls work on developing a specific virtue and learn about a female saint. To register or volunteer, contact Rhonda Caluttung at 403-846-0404. **Next meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2019 is cancelled.**



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON - MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

7.00 PM - 8.00 PM

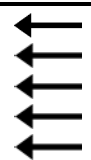


HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT


Tuesday – Jan. 15, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ Mass at 06.30 PM

Prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company silently! Come for Adoration!


CHANGE OF DATE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 7.00 PM All Knights are invited! 

CWL MEETING Sunday, January 20, 2019 – After 9.00 AM Mass Ladies over 16 years are always welcome! 

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH NEXT SESSION – SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 ♦ 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM 


RETREAT FOR GRADE 4 Tuesday – Jan. 22, 2019 ♦ 9.30 AM – 2.30 PM 
St. Matthew Church – Rocky Mountain House

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Please, register before January 16, 2019. * Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office, if you plan to attend. 

Breakfast NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST → ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE – ST. MATTHEW
Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on January 27, 2019 ♦ Hope to see you all!
Thank you very much to Morgan Duhamel who is in charge of organizing Beautiful Breakfast and to all volunteers!

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!


NEW SCHEDULES OF MINISTRIES IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH 
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://smprmh.ca/ministries.htm>

 **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler**
I want to take this opportunity and thank everyone for your prayers, Christmas cards, gifts, donations of cash and food. May God bless you for your generosity and your support! I really appreciate your goodness and kindness to me at Christmas and always. **MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!**

 **THANK YOU VERY MUCH...**
Thank you to all who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Christ's birth in all our churches (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline): **people who removed snow, people who cleaned and decorated our churches, sacristans, organists and all people involved in choirs and music ministries, liturgy schedulers, readers, gifts bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, adult servers and altar servers**. May God bless you!
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES!

JANUARY 01. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on the last day of the Octave of Christmas and the first day of the New Year. In that way, this feast marks the end of one thing and the beginning of something new. In the same way, Mary being chosen by God to become the Mother of Jesus marked the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of the life of grace. ● Mary enjoys many titles: The Virgin Mary, the Blessed Mother, The Queen of Heaven, Mother of Perpetual Help, Refuge of Sinners, Our Lady of Grace, Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, and so many others. Perhaps this title casting Mary as the Mother of God is the most special, as well as the most controversial. ● For us who believe, this is no more and no less than a divinely revealed truth. Jesus is the great I AM. Jesus is God. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, who is God. This makes Mary the Mother of God. She is not a Goddess, but a Queen in every sense of the word. Saint Paul made it clear in his Letter to the Galatians, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Jesus was not sent to us in a lightning bolt or hatched from an egg, he was born like we were - of a mother. The mother's role continues long after birth, nurturing that child through the many stages of life that lead to maturity and adulthood. ● As the shepherds followed the light of the star to the holy manger at Bethlehem, Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. As one year ends and a new one begins, let us bless the Lord for the many blessings he has given to us in years gone by, and ask him for divine assistance in the new year to come.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

**Deacon (Ret.) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel**

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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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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Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
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Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
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Confirmation Class	Steve Oscar	403.895.0373
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
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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:

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

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
For a special intention

Sunday

09.00 AM
Intention:
11.00 AM
Intention:
01.00 PM
Intention:

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

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
For all members of our parish communities



Monday

05.00 PM
Intention:
07.00 PM
Intention:

DEC. 31, 2018 – NEW YEAR'S EVE • MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church → → → → → **Change of Date**
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
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Tuesday

09.00 AM
Intention:
01.00 PM
Intention:
Wednesday

JAN. 01, 2019 – NEW YEAR'S DAY • MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

09.00 AM
Intention:
11.00 AM
Intention:

Jan. 02, 2019 – St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen; bishops, doctors

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
For the intention of Rea Coderre
Eckville – Eckville Manor



Thursday

10.00 AM
Intention:
06.30 PM
Intention:
Friday

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
January 03, 2019 – Weekday in Season of Christmas

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
For the intention of Helga Sadlowski
January 04, 2019 – Weekday in Season of Christmas
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

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

10.30 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – Clearwater Centre
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Saturday

07.00 PM
Intention:

January 05, 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
+ Celine Reynaud

Sunday

09.00 AM
Intention:
11.00 AM
Intention:
01.00 PM
Intention:

January 06, 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
For all members of our parish communities



Happy
NEW YEAR

Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18