

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



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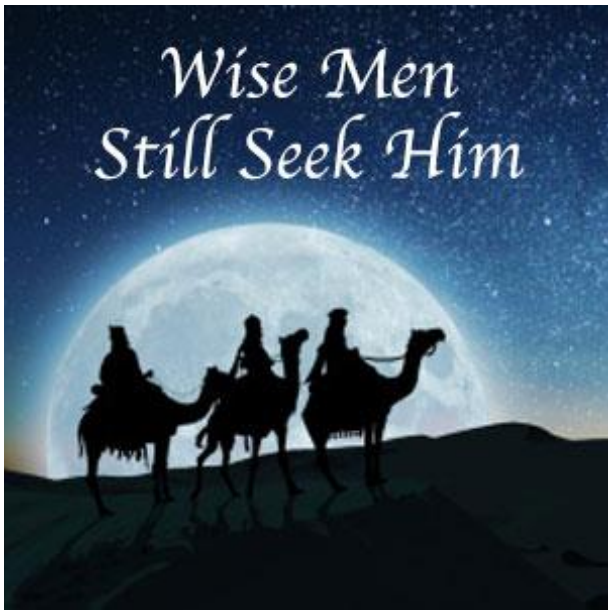
Caroline - St. Joseph



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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

The Epiphany points the way toward life. Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person’s journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life. ♦ **In the first reading**, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul’s **Letter to the Ephesians**, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. **Today’s Gospel** is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



The Magi help to make known God’s presence in the world in a particular way.

We are often so enamored by this familiar story of expectation, wonder, joy and faithful homage that we may forget something essential to the importance of the story: the Magi were not Jewish. They were Gentiles! They were not children of Abraham, people of the Covenant, or Israelites. They were “foreigners,” most likely Persian, whose religious affiliation and actual occupation have not yet been settled by biblical scholarship. Yet, they knew about Jesus. They knew about the coming of the Messiah. And they had the fearlessness to approach the Roman-appointed King of Judea – that is, Herod, then the current “king of the Jews,” and ask him: *Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.* Asking such a question – essentially implying Herod’s successor and perhaps even deposer – could have been inferred as a threat, if not outright treason. But that did not deter the Magi in their quest. ♦ Their journey in faith, and their strength in following God’s prompts and witnessing to his faithfulness, is a model for our own discipleship. With one exception: God is already made manifest to us – we do not have to seek him out; he seeks us out. And when we respond to his call, there are things we can count on – as if they were a star in the sky – to help us make our way to him: his word; his sacraments; his grace; and the gifts he has given us that we might in turn offer back to him. We are not alone in this endeavor. ♦ As the Magi were a community of support for each other, so we too, gathered here, are a community of support and belief. We have come here because we have heard about the coming of the Messiah and we wish to offer our gifts to him. Gifts that will be returned to us in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, making his presence just as substantially real to us as he was to the Magi. What a powerful, mysterious gift that transcends time! ♦ May this and every encounter with Christ empower us and direct us to go forth and witness to the faithfulness of God’s promises, and his enduring presence within and among us.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
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
Jan. 12, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Dorraine Lonsdale	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Laveme Froese	Laurier Nobert
Jan. 13, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Scott & Linda Collinson	Joanna Mazza	Dom Couve	Julie Layden	Teresa Johnson	Lorie Hughes

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Jan. 06, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Gerald Miller	Tim Hoven	The Conway Family	Roy and Eileen Hoven
Jan. 13, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Juanita Szymanek	The Fuengeling Family	Neal Persson and Hal Phillips

RCIA CLASS ♦ IN EVERGREEN

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



BIBLE STUDY - "OREMUS" = Catholic Guide To Prayer

Starting Jan. 06 - 07, 2019

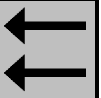
Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ Jan. 06 - Feb. 24, 2019 → Sundays 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM
Monday Bible Study Group ♦ Jan. 07 - Feb. 25, 2019 → Mondays 07.00 PM to 08.00 PM

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) **Presenter: Fr. Mark Toups**
 • plus this study is open for kids to participate as well... they will have their own table
For more info contact: Sundays - Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text) • Mondays - Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – Jan. 11, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM – 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



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.**



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, donated flowers, people who cleaned and decorated our churches, sacristans, organists and all people involved in 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!**

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU... from Fr. Kler

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!



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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON - MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

7.00 PM - 8.00 PM

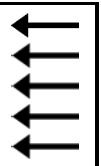


HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

CHANGE OF DATE

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!



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 – RMH



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.



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!



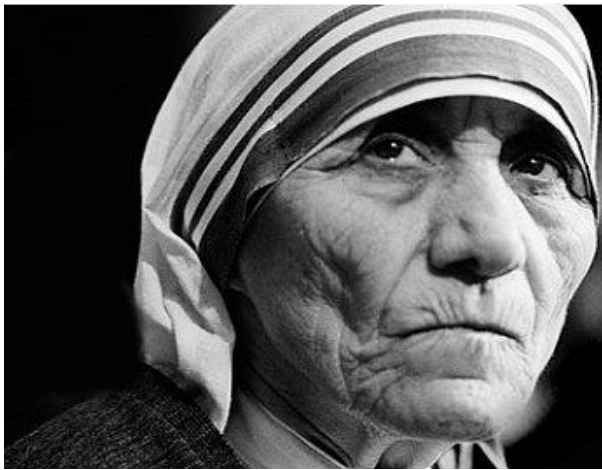
CALLED TO PROTECT - WORKSHOP Feb. 25, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.30 PM

We need Volunteers in different ministries. Those who wish to be involved in any church ministry - please mark this date on your calendar. **Called to Protect Workshop** - Monday, February 25, 2019 – from 7.00 PM to 9.30 PM. Archbishop Smith has implemented strict guidelines governing all ministries in the diocese. Guidelines apply to all ministries under this program. From greeters to those involved as sacristans, money counters, children's Sunday School, youth ministry, the elderly and vulnerable persons, music, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and so on (to name only a few) creating safe environments and abuse prevention. **(NOTE: Those who have taken this Workshop are not required to attend again).** If you are involved in ANY ministry, you are mandated to take this workshop. Please register at St. Matthew office at 403-845-3457. Thank you for considering.

MESSAGE FROM DEACON BERNIE OUELLETTE

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all for your prayers during my treatment journey. Also thanks to all for the Christmas gifts and cards. Both prayers and gifts were very much appreciated. I am fortunate to have you all as my extended family!
..... And I am happy to be home again with you.

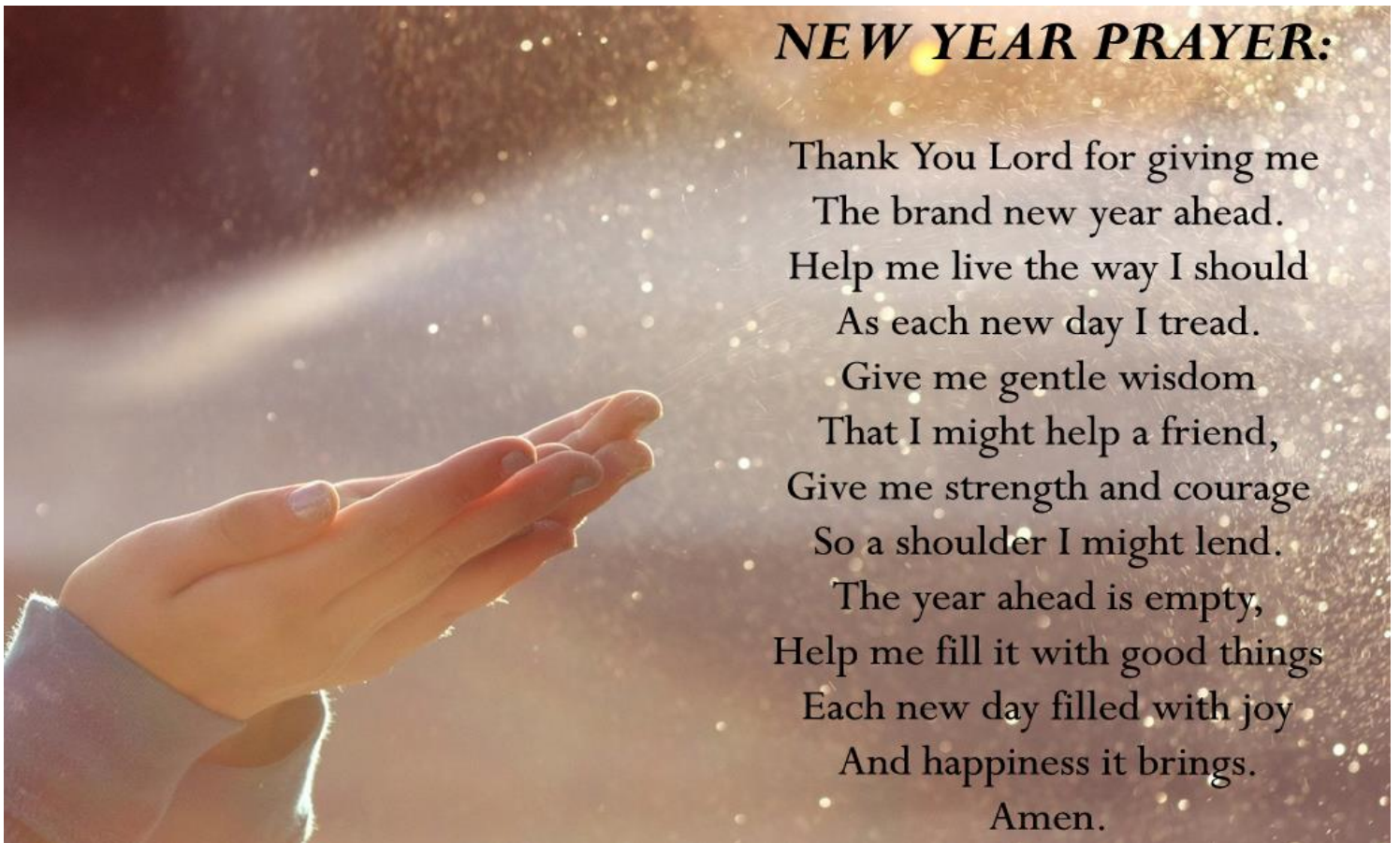


*"The most terrible poverty
is loneliness
and the feeling
of being unloved."*

-- Mother Teresa

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



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

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

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:

January 05, 2019 - Epiphany of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Celine Reynaud

January 06, 2019 - Epiphany of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

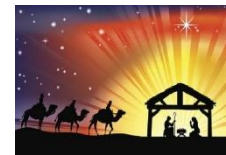
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Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities



Monday

January 07, 2019 - St. Andre Bessette; religious

No Mass

Tuesday

January 08, 2019 - Weekday in Season of Christmas

No Mass

Wednesday

January 09, 2019 - Weekday in Season of Christmas

No Mass

NO MASS

Thursday

January 10, 2019 - Weekday in Season of Christmas

10.00 AM

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention:

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06.30 PM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

For the intention of John Punpek

Friday

January 11, 2019 - Weekday in Season of Christmas

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

Intention:

+ Annie Grant

09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → →

St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

January 12, 2019 - Baptism of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Vincent Sonntag

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

January 13, 2019 - Baptism of the Lord

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

11.00 AM

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention:

For all members of our parish communities

01.00 PM

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

Intention:

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DEC. 23, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$2,081.45 * Evergreen - \$710.00 * Caroline - \$100.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: Evergreen - \$8.00 * Caroline - \$3.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$45.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$106.00

DEC. 25, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

RMH - \$4,221.25 * Evergreen - \$726.25 * Caroline - \$441.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: Evergreen - \$8.30

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$100.00 * Evergreen - \$300.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$330.00

DEC. 30, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$2,638.25 * Evergreen - \$310.00 * Caroline - \$115.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: Evergreen - \$3.10 * Caroline - \$5.95

JAN. 01, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$1,871.00 * Evergreen - \$264.00 * Caroline - \$175.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$43.95 * Caroline - \$6.00

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!