

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS**  
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

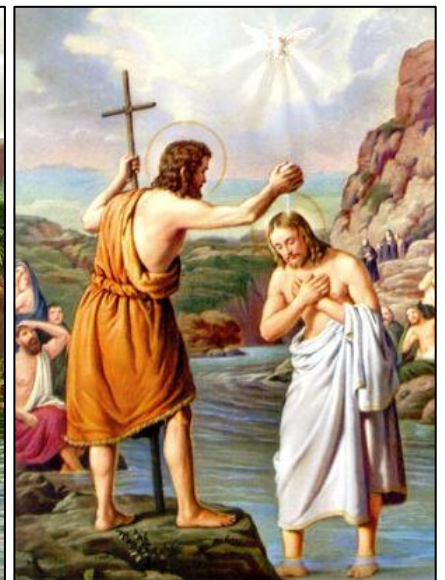


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### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

**God's saving grace is found in Jesus Christ.** It can be easy to forget the tremendous blessings we enjoy because of God's love for us - perhaps even taking them for granted. It is good to spend time with Scripture, and at Mass, thanking God for his never-ending love. We are reminded in word and sacrament that God's saving grace is found in Jesus Christ. ♦ **Isaiah** prophesies the Lord bringing peace and victory to Israel and foretells the ministry of John the Baptist. **Paul's Letter to Titus** reminds of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. **In Luke's Gospel**, John the Baptist denies being the Messiah, and at the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit appears in the shape of a dove. God the Father's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus as his beloved son.

**Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. There was Jesus, God made Man, who certainly did not need a ritual cleansing, submitting to a baptism by his cousin John. Unlike the other baptisms John must have performed that day, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant" (CCC 536). • Can we imagine standing on the banks of the River Jordan and witnessing the baptism of Jesus? What a sight it must have been! The Holy Spirit descends like a dove. The waters are sanctified by Jesus and by his Spirit. Jesus is "sealed" or anointed by the very presence of the Spirit. As if that weren't enough, the heavens (once closed by Adam's sin) are now opened up and a voice calls out *You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.* And what was Jesus doing? Interestingly, **Jesus was praying** - a habit that would mark all the decisive moments of his earthly ministry and our salvation (CCC 2600). Surely, this was yet another sign of his humble and trusting commitment to the will of the Father. • As spectacular as that scene must have been, we can relate to it - for a similar scene plays out every time one of God's children is baptized. As each infant, child or adult is brought to the waters of baptism, the Trinity is there. We do what Jesus commanded us to do - to baptize in his name and in the name of the Father and the Spirit. We encounter Christ, the indelible seal of the Spirit is conferred, and the Father is pleased with his beloved child. From that moment on, we get a glimpse of what heaven must be like. • As Saint Paul reminded Titus, *the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope. Christ redeemed us and claimed us as a people as his own, eager to do what is good.* Similarly, Isaiah prophesied that our guilt would be expiated and that the Shepherd would gather the lambs in his arms. We belong to Christ! • Today, let us not just reflect on the baptism of the Lord. Let us reflect on our own baptism. Let us recall, with great awe and wonder, what happens to us when we are baptized: the cleansing water, the presence of the Trinity, the rejoicing in heaven, and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most important, let us be reminded of the great responsibility that comes along with that baptism. God claimed each one of us as his own, and gave each of us the grace to overcome the evil in the world.**



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

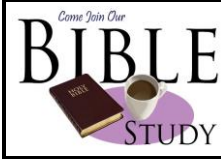
Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Jan. 12, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Dorraine Lonsdale	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert
Jan. 13, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Scott & Linda Collinson	Joanna Mazza	Dom Couve	Julie Layden	Teresa Johnson	Lorie Hughes
Jan. 19, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Carla Marks	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Karen Carmichael	Dorraine Lonsdale
Jan. 20, 2019 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
Jan. 13, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Juanita Szymank	The Fuengeling Family	Neal Persson and Hal Phillips
Jan. 20, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Roy Hoven	Margie Miller	Marvin and Rita Andersen	Tim and Lori Hoven

### TAX RECEIPTS & CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Please, pick up your box of envelopes from the entrance of the church. **Thank You for your support of our parish!**  
**Tax Receipts for all our parishioners will be available at the beginning of February.**



### BIBLE STUDY - "OREMUS" = Catholic Guide To Prayer

**Everyone welcome!**

**Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ January 13, 2019 → Sunday • 10.30 AM - 11.30 AM**

**Monday Bible Study Group ♦ January 14, 2019 → Monday • 07.00 PM - 08.00 PM**

**8 sessions - 1 hour each (30 min. DVD and 30 min. lively discussion) ♦ Workbook and online access to DVDs for 2 months**

**For more info contact: Sundays - Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text) • Mondays - Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)**

### REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

**Monday – Jan. 14, 2018 • 6.00 PM • (1.0 to 1.5 hr)**

Everyone is welcome to help with removal of church Christmas decorations in RMH.



### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

**NEXT LESSON - MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

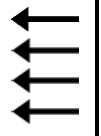
**7.00 PM - 8.00 PM**

### HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Tuesday – January 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!



### PRAYERFUL LUNCH

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 ♦ 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

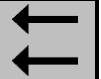
**Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 7.00 PM**

**All Knights are invited!**



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

**Friday – Jan. 18, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM – 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



### 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**

### RCIA CLASS ♦ IN EVERGREEN

**Sunday – January 20, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM**

**Saturday – February 02, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 09.00 PM**



### 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.



### 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 Jan. 16, 2019. \* Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office at [office@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca), 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

**February 25, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.30 PM**



## MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN J.D. CARMICHAEL



# HUNTER. FISHER. SEMINARIAN.

Hello Father Leon and all the parishioners of St. Matthew, Jesuit Martyrs, and St. Joseph the Workman, I wanted to send a note saying a big thank you for your generous gift of a new Alb! I went to Universal Church Supplies and got sized up in one that fits me well and I quite like the cut and the fabric. I think it will last me for years to come and whenever I wear it, it will remind me of the good people in Rocky that have been such a huge support.

Right now, I'm on my internship at the Twin Parishes of St. Anthony and St. Agnes in Edmonton. It's going very well and I quite enjoy being a part of this parish community. Some of the things I'm doing includes going to the schools that are attached to our parish. I probably do three to four school visits each week anywhere from Kindergarten classes to grade nines. I've also helped get our youth group going again after the youth minister moved away. I've even called Peter van Kampen already getting ideas and resources! I've also gotten involved with the Knights of Columbus. I became a Knight this fall and have already had the opportunity to go through the initiation ceremonies to become a third degree Knight. I've also been initiated into making pancakes! I think I made 500+ pancakes one Sunday morning!! I'm also doing a lot of what you might expect in a parish. I'm on the RCIA team, helping with baptism prep, serving at the liturgies and funerals, helping with the foodbank, visiting care homes, etc.

I just had my mid-year evaluation and it went quite well. My final internship evaluation is at the beginning of May where if all goes well I will be invited to write to the Archbishop petitioning for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. So who knows, we might have an ordination coming up sometime. I'll be sure to keep you posted.

Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you in mine. And thank you again for the Alb and for all your love and support,

**JD Carmichael**

Internship Seminarian • Twin Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony

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**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
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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](http://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 12, 2019 – Baptism of the Lord**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church + Vincent Sonntag

**January 13, 2019 – Baptism of the Lord**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

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**Monday**

**January 14, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday**

**January 15, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

06.30 PM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Intention:

For the intention of Keula Kamperdo

**07.00 PM – 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION → RMH → → CHANGE OF DATE**

**Wednesday**

**January 16, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Intention:

For the intentions of Rose Alice Patry and Gerry Caouette

11.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House – Westview Lodge

Intention:

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**Thursday**

**January 17, 2019 – St. Anthony; abbot**

10.00 AM

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention:

+ Chuck Szymanek

06.30 PM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Intention:

For the intentions of Yvonne and Paul Overgaard

**Friday**

**January 18, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Intention:

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

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



**Saturday**

07.00 PM

Intention:

**January 19, 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

++ Henry Stueve and Duane Stueve

**Sunday**

**January 20, 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

09.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Intention:

+ Shirley Bouchard

11.00 AM

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention:

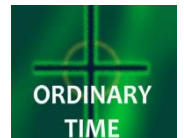
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01.00 PM

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

Intention:

For all members of our parish communities



**JAN. 06, 2019**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**



**REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

RMH - \$1,948.85 \* Evergreen - \$530.00 \* Caroline - \$110.00

**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:**

RMH \$18.50 \* Evergreen \$9.50 \* Caroline \$3.00

**MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$20.00**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - 540.00 \* Evergreen - \$140.00**

**TOGETHER WE SERVE**

Last year's donations to "Together We Serve" have raised

**\$ 16,568.90 (77%)**

toward our goal of \$21.500 in St. Matthew Parish and Missions.

**Thank You!**



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