

February 24, 2019 – 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

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



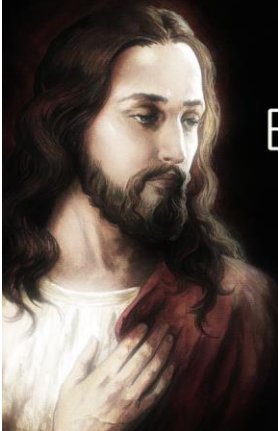
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

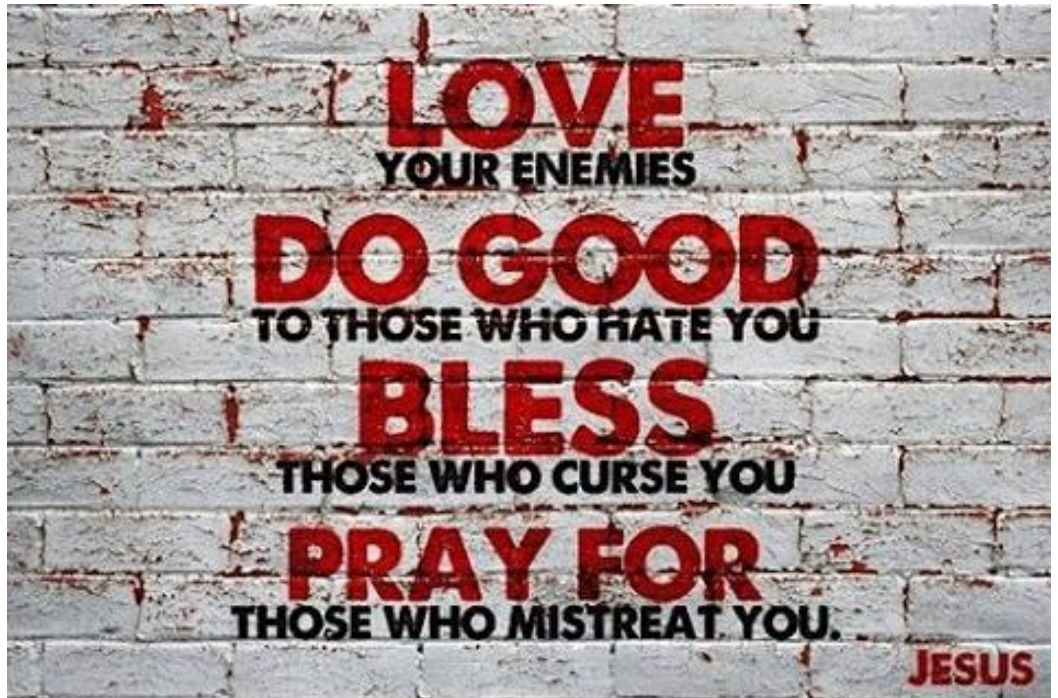
*1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 * 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 * Luke 6:27-38*

Jesus challenges us to act with love. Being a Christian - truly following Jesus - isn't easy. Today's Gospel is a reminder of that fact. Jesus describes what it means to act with love. He challenges us to do what seems humanly impossible: to love our enemies and forgive those who hurt us. These are not easy tasks! Only with the help of Jesus can we truly do what he commands. ♦ **In the first reading**, David does not allow anyone to harm Saul when they have the opportunity to do so, and makes it clear to Saul's troops what he did. **In Corinthians**, Paul describes Jesus as the second Adam, the spiritual man. **Jesus, in the Gospel**, explains to his disciples all that the commandment "to love" entails.

*Judge not and you will not be judged;
condemn not and you will not be condemned;
forgive, and you will be forgiven;
give, and it will be given to you;
good measure, pressed down, shaken together,
running over, will be put into your lap.
For the measure you give,
will be the measure you get back.*





**Luke
6:37-38**



As Christians, we worship a God who loves us so much that he became human for our sake and went the extra mile of love, dying an excruciating and humiliating death on a cross. Paul reassures us in the second reading that, as we are human and in the likeness of Adam – complete with sin – so we will also take on the likeness of Jesus, the heavenly one. ♦ That's a reassuring thought when we read the Gospel, in which Jesus describes what he expects from those who follow him. We are called to see with God's eyes – to see our enemies as brothers or sisters and to love them. We are to return good to those who mistreat us.

In the first reading, we get a glimpse of God's ability to transform people. David, even though he knows that Saul plans to kill him, spares Saul when he has the chance to do harm instead. His reverence for God's anointing of Saul is what stays his hand. David chooses the higher ground that, centuries later, would be taught by his descendant and Lord, Jesus Christ. ♦ Often, we fall short of the standards Jesus set for us, but other times we might come close, as David did in the first reading. Could we take time out of a busy day to listen to a friend who needs to talk, or give up a free day to volunteer at a place of need? Do we call on reserves of patience to listen quietly when an angry friend or colleague complains to us? ♦ Because we are human, we might not live out these expectations consistently, but if we stay close to Jesus in prayer, we can trust that he is transforming us, step by step, into his image. As Lent approaches, take advantage of this special season to spend more time with Jesus and more time serving others, allowing him to transform you.

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| WORKSHOP FOR PARISH SACRISTANS | St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House |  |
| Saturday – Feb. 23, 2019 → 08.00 PM (after Mass) ♦ Come, if you did not attend the workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019. | | |

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|  | WORKSHOP FOR PROCLAIMERS | Tue., Feb. 26, 2019 – 7.00 PM or Sat., Mar. 16, 2019 – 8.00 PM |
| Explore what is the Liturgy of the Word. ♦ The role of readers - Proclaimers of the Word. Reading Scripture aloud is more than merely reading the words well; rather, we are called to proclaim fully all the life within those words. This workshop introduces practical information for our parishioners involved in the ministry of the Proclaimers. Please, attend one session. | | |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

| Date and Time | Greeters/Gifts Bearers | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | EMHC - Hosts | EMHC – C1 | EMHC - C2 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Feb. 23, 2019 at 07.00 PM | Jackie Owchar | Leanna Flooren | Orville Kittelson | Leo Pelletier | Laverne Froese | Karen Carmichael |
| Feb. 24, 2019 at 09.00 AM | Julie Layden | Bill Fletcher | Bonnie Leaf | Joyce Donald | Gary Donald | Pat Hughes |
| Mar. 02, 2019 at 07.00 PM | Lavern & Loretta Leer | Karen Carmichael | Doraine Lonsdale | Ernie Murias | Roxane Melvin | Laurier Nobert |
| Mar. 03, 2019 at 09.00 AM | Scott & Linda Collinson | Benedict Kirtzinger | Jim Marland | Ricardo Rodriguez | Dave Parfitt | Joanne Como |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

| Date and Time | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | Gifts Bearers | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice |
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| Feb. 24, 2019 at 11.00 AM | Neal Persson | Margie Miller | The Tim Hoven Family | Ed and Carol Szymanek |
| Mar. 03, 2019 at 11.00 AM | Joey Hoven | Jim Backs | The Andersen Family | Juanita Szymanek and Cecil Hoven |



BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST → ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE – ST. MATTHEW

Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on February 24, 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!

THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A huge thank you to the many hands that make Beautiful Breakfast possible! We have a great crew of friendly and generous parishioners, but we are in need of a few volunteers to help clean up after breakfast. If you are interested feel free to just show up or call me. Thank you!

Morgan (403.895.3763)



BIBLE STUDY - "OREMUS" = CATHOLIC GUIDE TO PRAYER

Everyone welcome!

February 24, 2019 – Sunday • 10.30 AM - 11.30 AM ♦ February 25, 2019 – Monday • 07.00 PM - 08.00 PM

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

Next session - Sunday, February 24, 2019

1.30 PM - 4.30 PM



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.



PRAYERFUL LUNCH

Thursday, February 28, 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.



YOUTH GROUP

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH - RMH

Feb. 28, 2019 • 7.00 PM – 9.00 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. Winter season runs every Thursday from Feb. 14, 2019 through April 04, 2019. For more information contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – March 01, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM – 01.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Mar. 01, 2019 - 7.00 PM

Location - Memorial Presbyterian Church (5108 50 Street, Rocky Mountain House) • Doors open at 6.30 PM

World Day of Prayer 2019 - Slovenia • **Come Everything is Ready!** Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith and experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia coordinated by the Women's inter-Church Council of Canada. More info: www.wicc.org



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

Next lesson - Monday, March 04, 2019

7.00 PM - 8.00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR

**St. Matthew Church Basement
Rocky Mountain House**

Tuesday, March 05, 2019 - 06.00 PM

Parish members, family & friends are encouraged to attend.
Admission is free however donations are welcome.

5.30 PM – 6.00 PM Mass

7.00 PM – 8.00 PM Holy Hour Adoration

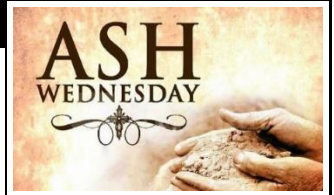
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Ash Wednesday (Mar. 06, 2019) ♦ Beginning of Lenten Season

MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

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| 10.45 AM | Mass + Ashes for St. Matthew School | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew School) |
| 02.25 PM | Mass + Ashes for St. Dominic School | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew Church) |
| 05.00 PM | Mass + Ashes | Evergreen (Jesuit Martyrs Church) |
| 07.00 PM | Mass + Ashes | Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew Church) |



“OVER 18” - FILM

March 09, 2019 – 8.15 PM • ST. MATTHEW

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT PORN

Saturday, March 9, after Mass starting approximately at 8.15 PM the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League will be showing the documentary film, "Over 18", about pornographic websites accessible to children. This is part of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council actions on 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites. Pornography is now a multibillion-dollar industry and one of the primary ways kids learn about sex, gender, power, and pleasure. Yet most mainstream discussions about porn have tended to focus narrowly on moral issues. In "Over 18", filmmakers Jared and Michelle Brock moved beyond this narrow frame and force us to confront the pornography industry's larger power as a pedagogical and cultural force. Ranging from the print era to today, the film shows how the internet has transformed pornography, traces its impact on young people, parents, and porn actors, and examines why kids, in particular, are susceptible to porn addiction. Taken from: Media Education Foundation. **This is NOT a film for young children**, there is course language when participants give details on what happens on these websites, CAUTION IS ADVISED! **Postcards to mail to the Government will be available.** CWL is asking the Government of Canada to enact laws requiring mandatory age verification mechanisms for adult pornographic websites. **This viewing is NOT only for parish members.** Please invite your friends, especially those with children and encourage other faith communities to attend. This should be a concern for all.



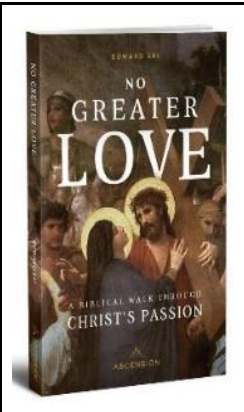
DAY OF CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY – MARCH 12, 2019

CONFESSION TIMES →

Rocky Mountain House
Evergreen

(12.00 PM – 01.00 PM ♦ 05.00 PM – 06.15 PM ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM)
(03.00 PM – 04.00 PM)
No confessions in Caroline!



“NO GREATER LOVE” - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ March 17 – April 14, 2019 → Sundays 10.30 AM – 12.00 PM

5 sessions * (30 minutes DVD filmed in the Holy Land and 1 hour discussion)

\$40 workbooks with online access, couples and families can share the resources.

You are not obligated to purchase the workbook to participate in the church (online at home you are.)

We will order just a couple extra workbooks in anticipation of late registrants but please register in office ASAP!

For more information: Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text) or lafeser@outlook.com

Five-part study filmed in the Holy Land that reveals Christ's amazing love for us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. We will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, we can come to a deeper understand and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love-drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

We will have activities and games. Join us in asking St. Joseph to pray for us - for the Unborn, for sufficient Rain, for Fathers, for Workers.



JESUIT MARTYRS – EVERGREEN

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 5.30 PM

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT!

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Do you know the names of people outside your age group? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a parishioner and couldn't put a face to the name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names and faces together? • Our parish will produce an updated parish pictorial directory to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith family. All photography and viewing of your images will be done in one convenient appointment at our church. Photographers from IPC Canada will be available the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Evergreen • 2.30PM - 8.30PM
- Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Caroline • 2.30PM - 8.30PM
- Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Rocky Mountain House • 3.00PM - 8.30PM
- Friday, March 22, 2019 at Rocky Mountain House • 3.00PM - 8.30PM
- Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Rocky Mountain House • 9.45AM - 3.30PM



SIGN UP NOW!
Be a part of our new directory

Please call the office to book your appointment for your free photo sitting. • Appointment times are filling up!

The entire process (both photography and viewing of poses) should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes. • IPC will be using a One-Step Digital Photography/Viewing system. This means you will see your portraits and will have the opportunity to choose the pose you want for the directory. Families will also have the option to purchase portraits. Whether you purchase family pictures or not, you will receive a directory for free.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

ELECTION - APRIL 26, 2019

Karen Carmichael, President, announced at the last meeting the call for nominations for members of Executive and the election date of April 26, 2019. Vivian Duhamel and Doreen Quintal will accept nominations and communicate with nominees to confirm they accept the nomination. The Election (voting) will be held on April 26 at the Spring Banquet. The new executive will be announced and introduced at the end of the evening of April 26.

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 | 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

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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 | 11.00 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 February 23, 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
Sunday February 24, 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: + Joe Hermary
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

Monday February 25, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday February 26, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
06.30 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Wednesday February 27, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
11.00 AM Eckville – Eckville Manor
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Thursday February 28, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
~~10.00 AM~~ Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church → **Mass is cancelled!**
~~06.30 PM~~ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew → **Mass is cancelled!**

Friday March 01, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
~~09.00 AM~~ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew → **Mass is cancelled!**
09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ St. Matthew Church, RMH
~~11.00 AM~~ Rocky Mtn House – Clearwater Centre → **Mass is cancelled!**

Saturday March 02, 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: ++ Darren Owchar & Derrick Owchar

Sunday March 03, 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
Intention: Strength for Darlene Woitas & family
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested
01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

FEB. 17, 2019 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$1,547.00 * Evergreen - \$450.00 * Caroline - \$156.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$20.05 * Caroline - \$2.00

MAINTENANCE FUND:

RMH - \$560.00 * Evergreen - \$115.00 * Caroline - \$10.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: Evergreen – \$100.00

NEW ISSUES OF "OUR DAILY BREAD"

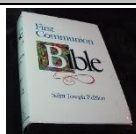
Available for FREE at the back table in each church!



Come and See Weekend at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton

Twice a year, St. Joseph Seminary offers a weekend live-in experience for men who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We call them "Come and See Weekends." If you've been thinking and talking about the priesthood, now is the time for action: come and see for yourself, ask your questions, express your concerns, meet seminarians and pray for God's will. The next "Come and See" is set for March 8-10. Interested men are invited to contact Father Marc Cramer at vocations@caedm.ca

MAR. 10, 2019 CELEBRATION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE



We invite all children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in 2019 in St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House to the Celebration of the Presentation of the Bible on Sunday, March 10, 2019 during Mass at 9.00 AM.