

July 21, 2019 – 16th 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



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Genesis 18:1-10a * Colossians 1:24-28 * Luke 10:38-42*

Striking balance in our spiritual journey is a great challenge. The attributes of both Martha and Mary are to be admired and imitated. By sitting at the feet of Jesus, we learn to accept the challenge to be of service to others. Christ remains the one to imitate in our daily interactions with others. ♦ **In the first reading**, Abraham gladly welcomes three strangers into his home. **Saint Paul** reminds us that it is always Jesus Christ we proclaim. **In the Gospel**, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home in different ways.



The Eucharist we gather to celebrate is an incredible gift given to us by a God who loves us beyond words. Both Martha and Mary’s talents are needed within us so that we can bring others to Christ – so we can bring others to the Lord’s Table. If we grow complacent in our responsibility in not only hearing the word of God, but in acting upon it, the Church will suffer. Let none of us be responsible for turning away anyone who comes to our doors seeking Christ. Let us hear with urgency God’s word spoken here today and let us act upon it. We can be both Martha and Mary at the same time.

FR. KLER’S VACATION

July 22, 2019 - August 22, 2019

Fr. Leonard Gartner and Fr. Daniel Gurnick will celebrate Sunday Masses during Fr. Kler’s absence!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
July 20, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Tracy Vanderaa	Laurier Nobert	Bonnie Perreault	Ernie Murias	Laurier Nobert	Dorraine Lonsdale
July 21, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					
July 27, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Laverne Froese	Dorraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier	Ernie Murias	Laurier Nobert
July 28, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Marliss Cartier & family	Steve Oscar	Julie Layden	Joyce Donald	Gary Donald	Bonnie Leaf

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
July 21, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Dennis and Brenda Nugent
July 28, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Hal Phillips	Margie Miller	The Conway Family	Tim and Lori Hoven



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday – July 26, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



CALLED TO PROTECT - WORKSHOP

July 29, 2019 ♦ 01.00 PM - 03.30 PM

Workshop will be offered at St. Matthew Church, Rocky Mountain House from 1.00 PM to 3.30 PM on Monday, July 29, 2019. This is mandatory for all parish adult members serving in leadership, and those who serve in the various ministries in our parish. (If you participated in an earlier workshop, you do not need to attend).

Register at Parish Office at 403-845-3457 or with facilitators Ernie and Lorraine Murias at 403-845-4860.

Thank you for taking time to ensure that our parish ministries offer a safe environment to all.



SAVIO - RETREAT FOR TEENS

July 29 - August 02, 2019

Savio is a week-long retreat for Teens being hosted near Rocky Mountain House, AB, Jul. 29 - Aug. 02, 2019. Open to everyone aged 14-17, Savio will be held at a rustic summer camp and the program will include teachings, sacraments, campfires and lots of really fun games. Cost is only \$200. For more information call Peter at 403-848-0955 or email vankampen.peter@gmail.com

MEXICO MISSION

August 03 - 09, 2019

Peter van Kampen, and several young people from Central Alberta, are going on a mission trip to Mexico City! We are collecting donations of money, clothes and hygiene supplies to give to the poor who live in the dumps. We will also be visiting Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For more information call Peter at 403-848-0955 or email vankampen.peter@gmail.com

Check fundraising website: <https://www.gofundme.com/h93yxq-mission-to-mexico>

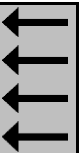
Mexico Mission
August 3-9, 2019



HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Tuesday – August 06, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♦ No Mass at 06.30 PM



PARISH GARAGE SALE

Saturday - September 14, 2019 ♦ 09.00 AM - 03.00 PM

ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Please drop off items to donate to the garage sale at St. Matthew Parish during office hours.

No large furniture items, please. Thank You on behalf of the Knights of Columbus!

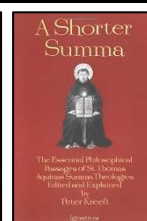
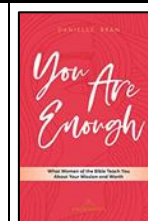
PARISH LIBRARY - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

PARISH LIBRARY is self-serve and located in the foyer.

Who can check out a book, DVD, CD? Anyone.

How do you check out a book? Simply, complete the sign out card.

How long may you keep a book? Please bring back within 3 weeks.

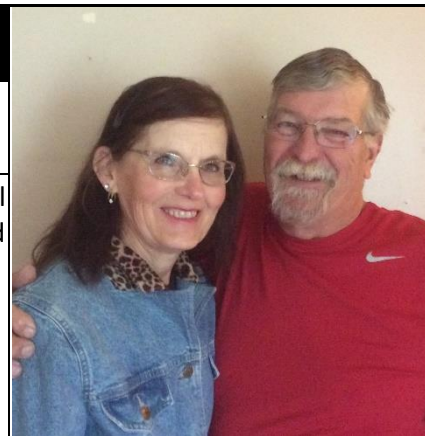


FAREWELL PARTY FOR MYRENA AND CLIFF MILLER

Wednesday – July 24, 2019 ♦ Starting at 06.00 PM
Rocky Mountain House - Royal Canadian Legion

This Wednesday July 24, 2019 a farewell gathering for Myrena and Cliff Miller will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion. Due to Legion requirements we will need to know numbers attending by Monday afternoon.

- Cost is 15.00 for a steak or chicken meal. Please identify which.
- We will be cooking at 6.00 PM, but come earlier and visit.
- Tickets available at church office and after Masses this weekend.
- Contact Audrey Ouellette if you have any questions: 403.844.2895



Disabled French man dies after doctors withdraw food and water

Vincent Lambert, a 42 year-old quadriplegic man, died in a French hospital, nine days after doctors withdrew his food and water. “Vincent died at 8:24 this morning,” Lambert’s nephew, Francois Lambert, told AFP News Agency. Lambert died July 11 at University Hospital in the northern French city of Reims, where [doctors had withdrawn his water and feeding tubes](#) more than one week before. Lambert had been under what his doctors called “profound and continuous sedation” since then.

The Vatican issued a statement, noting sadness over the news of Lambert’s death. “We pray that the Lord will welcome him into his house and we express closeness to his loved ones and to those who, up to the last, have committed themselves to assist him with love and dedication,” said Alessandro Gisotti, interim director of the Holy See press office. Gisotti also recalled the April 2018 words of Pope Francis, when in reference to Lambert’s case, he said: **“God is the only master of life from the beginning to the natural end and it is our duty to always guard it and not yield to the culture of waste.”** Vincent Lambert was a quadriplegic and severely disabled for more than 10 years, after he sustained severe head injuries in a 2008 traffic accident. After the accident, Lambert became the centre of a protracted court battle over whether to have his food and hydration removed. Lambert’s wife and six of his eight siblings supported the removal of life support, while his parents, reported to be devout Catholics, fought against it. His wife said Lambert had told her he would not want to be kept alive if in a “vegetative state,” but this was never put in writing.

“It’s murder in disguise, it’s euthanasia,” Lambert’s father told French media Monday. Euthanasia is illegal in France. However, a 2005 law allows physicians to refrain from using “disproportionate” treatments “with no other effect than maintaining life artificially.” In 2015, the European Court of Human Rights approved the removal of Lambert’s life support, arguing in a 12-5 decision that the choice to stop his intravenous feeding did not violate European rights laws. On June 28, The Court of Cassation ruled that a lower court did not have the legal competence to order his feeding tubes be reinserted. On July 2, doctors informed Lambert’s family via email that they would withdraw food and water. On July 9, Pope Francis tweeted a prayer in apparent reference to Lambert’s case: “We pray for the sick who are abandoned and left to die. A society is human if it protects life, every life, from its beginning to its natural end, with which is worthy to live or who is not. Doctors should serve life, not take it away.”



Lectio: Mark - “FAITH NOT FEAR” ♦ RMH

Starting September 08, 2019

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ September 08 – December 15, 2019

After Mass for 75 min. (30 minutes video lecture and 45 minutes discussion)

14 sessions ♦ \$35 - workbook ♦ Register at Parish office. ♦ Registration deadline – Aug. 12, 2019.

For more information: Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

Do you follow Jesus ‘on the way’? Is the Gospel of Mark only a “condensed” version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before.

Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter’s account of Christ’s life and teaching. Delve deep into the theme of the “way” and true discipleship and see how Jesus reveals his identity in authoritative action and word. Consider more deeply Jesus’s teaching on the Temple and walk with Jesus to Gethsemane and the Way of the Cross as Mark describes it. Open yourself to profound reflection on the shortest of the four gospels. Combining the insights of renowned Catholic theologian Dr. Tim Gray, with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Catholic Bible study series uses the Church’s rich tradition of lectio divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.

This study has an extensive homework study portion with a 232 pages student workbook. It offers daily homework and Lectio Divina prayers. We understand that some people prefer just to come for the discussion and not participate in the homework portion and they would be welcome to join too. Here is a sample of the workbook: http://wiki.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/images/f/f6/LectioMark_studyGuide_sample.pdf. Here is a link to view a sample of the lecture: <https://lectiostudy.org>

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 voice/fax/text line for prayer requests	403.407.1932
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	Joyce Donald	403.895.4156
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	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH 10.30 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
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	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

07.00 PM
Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM
Intention:

11.00 AM
Intention:

01.00 PM
Intention:

July 20, 2019 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Bernard Kokesch

July 21, 2019 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Mavis Schwemler

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

NO WEEKDAY MASSES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK!

Regular Weekday Masses will return after Sunday - August 25, 2019

Monday	Jul. 22, 2019	- St. Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord
Tuesday	Jul. 23, 2019	- Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	Jul. 24, 2019	- Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	Jul. 25, 2019	- St. James; Apostle
Friday	Jul. 26, 2019	- St. Anne and St. Joachim; parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday

No Mass at 9.00 AM →→ **09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION** →→ St. Matthew Church

Saturday

07.00 PM
Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM
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11.00 AM
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Intention:

July 27, 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
+ Maurice Côté

July 28, 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
In Thanksgiving

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

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JULY 14, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$2,130.90 * Evergreen - \$475.00 * Caroline - \$187.05
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:	RMH - \$18.00 * Evergreen - \$3.25 * Caroline - \$2.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$60.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$120.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
MISSION TO MEXICO:	RMH - \$2,545.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$500.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONLINE DONATIONS!

JUL. 15, 2019

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$3,300.00 * Evergreen - \$675.00 * Caroline - \$1,090.00
COMPASSIONATE FUND:	Evergreen - \$200.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$140.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$50.00



WARNING TO OUR PARISHIONERS.

An email/text scam is going around the Archdiocese. The scam text or email pretends to be from your parish priest, who is asking for money or gift cards because of some urgent need; for example, to help someone in hospital.

Please be assured that no priest of

Edmonton Archdiocese would ever legitimately ask for money in this way.

We encourage you to report such incidents to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](http://CanadianAnti-FraudCentre.ca) at 1-888-495-8501. Last week one parishioner of St. Matthew Parish was scammed out of money after getting a text purporting to be from Fr. Leon Kler. 5-6 more parishioners were contacted with the same scam. Please be careful out there.