

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

*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 * Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a * Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. Baptism is our invitation to the eternal banquet of the kingdom. But like all invitations, it comes with an RSVP. Our response is found in the way we live our lives, in our gratitude for all that God has done, in our desire to serve God by serving others, and in our life of prayer and worship. ♦ **Sirach** describes humility as the hallmark of those who find favor with God. **The Letter to the Hebrews** reminds the community that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant. **In the Gospel**, Jesus uses a parable to convey the importance of humility for his disciples.



We are all familiar with that moment when we walk into a wedding reception wondering where we will be seated. Unless we are part of the actual wedding party, most of us would never dream of sitting at the main table, instead we tend to stay close to the door, looking for the table map or hoping that someone will call out “over here, you’re at this table.” Today’s Gospel makes use of this familiar scene, allowing Jesus to teach us about humility and its role in the kingdom. • From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus made it clear that the kingdom of God is pure gift, never earned or achieved by what we do. There is no special status or honor for those who come first, or those born into any particular race or family. Simply to be at the banquet is honor enough. And where we sit at this great feast is not for us to decide, but for the one who has invited us.

Jesus observing how the Pharisees choose the best seats for themselves, Jesus was able to perceive their priorities - to be seen, to be honored, to be important! But these are not the priorities of the kingdom, nor are they the criteria for deciding who will be invited to its banquet. In words that are radical and countercultural, even today, Jesus explains that the kingdom is for those who truly know their need of God and who live in the knowledge of their inability to repay him. • Through baptism, we have been given a role in the building of the kingdom. As we gather today, there is no place of honor, except for the Lord who is our host. Today we come as we are: a people in need of God’s mercy - a people who need to experience his love and joy. We come not because it is a reward for what we have done, but in order to be changed. Christ is the one who invites us to share in God’s mercy and love. It is in his power that we are sent out to live what we have celebrated, and to invite others to share with us in the kingdom.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Aug. 31, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Lavem & Loretta Leer	Steve Oscar	Dorraine Lonsdale	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Laurier Nobert
Sep. 01, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Scott & Linda Collinson	Benedict Kirtzinger	Jim Marland	Pat Hughes	Dave Parfitt	Lorie Hughes
Sep. 07, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Laveme Froese	Dorraine Lonsdale	Orville Kittelson	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael
Sep. 08, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Marliss Cartier	Dom Couve	Barry Kirtzinger	Audrey Kokesch	Doreen Couture

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Sep. 01, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Neal Persson	Hal and Lori Phillips	Eileen and Roy Hoven
Sep. 08, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Justin Szymanek	Lori Hoven	The Persson Family	Gerald and Margie Miller

HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Tuesday - September 03, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM - 08.00 PM ♦ No Mass at 06.30 PM

Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of today's life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Friday - September 06, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



Lectio: Mark - "FAITH NOT FEAR" • RMH SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Starting next Sunday - September 08, 2019

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ September 08 - December 15, 2019 ♦ 14 sessions

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

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



CHURCH OFFICE

[Closed]

OFFICE CLOSED

SECRETARY ON HOLIDAYS

Parish office will be closed from Tuesday, Sep. 10 to Wednesday, Sep. 18, 2019 inclusive

FIRST COMMUNION - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS

Tuesday - September 10, 2019 - 07.00 PM

All parents of children who plan to receive First Holy Communion in our parish in 2020 are invited to this meeting. You can register your child at the meeting or register before the meeting by filling REGISTRATION FORM. Download REGISTRATION FORM from our parish website or call the office for the registration form to be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to you - return the form to the office in person or by mail, fax, e-mail or put it in the envelope in the collection basket during Sunday collection. Usually children receive First Holy Communion in Grade 2.



PARISH GARAGE SALE

Saturday - Sep. 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday - September 17, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM



CWL ANNUAL WOMENS' RETREAT – SYLVAN LAKE

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 → 8.30 AM - 3.30 PM

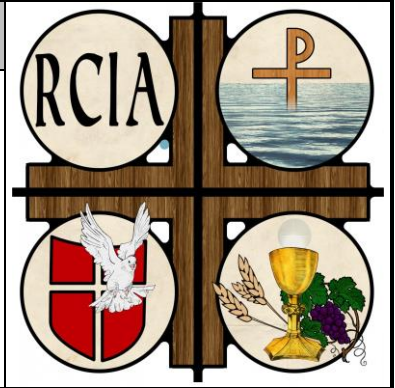
A DAY WITH POPE FRANCIS ♦ Presented by Sr. Lynn Rouleau, csj. ♦ COST: \$50.00 per person.

To register please call Pauline Harriot 403-746-2745. → AT: Sunnyside - Christian Retreat Centre ♦ 202 Birchcliff Road, Birchcliff, AB (Northshore of Sylvan Lake) → HOSTED BY: Sylvan Lake CWL → **Cheques made out to: Our Lady of Assumption CWL.**



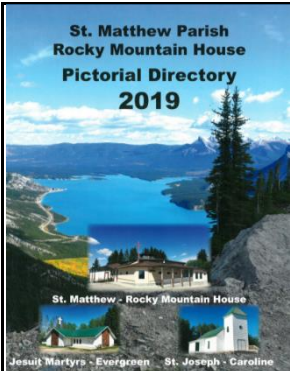
RCIA - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Tuesday, Sep. 24, 2019 - 07.00 PM

Life is a journey that continually searches for meaning. The human heart hungers for relationships that nurture one's maturity and ability to love and to be loved. Often as one seeks to fulfill these very human yearnings, the realization that something is missing from life is made. As one reflects upon this void, it is not unusual to discover that this something is God. This awakening may lead to a turning point in one's life to commit to a relationship with God and seek out a worshipping community to guide one's journey in faith. Many may ask the question: **How can I become Catholic?** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who has an interest, please contact Church Office and give your name, address, and telephone number. **The deadline for registration is September 17, 2019.** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic. We will start our R.C.I.A. program in St. Matthew Parish with organizational meeting on September 24, 2019 at 7.00 PM.



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 07.00 PM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church • Please, register at the parish office before Sep. 18, 2019 if you plan to attend.



VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP SMITH

Sunday – September 29, 2019

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES:

- Sep. 28, Sat. at 05.00 PM - Mass in Caroline**
- Sep. 28, Sat. at 07.00 PM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House**
- Sep. 29, Sun. at 09.00 AM - Mass in Evergreen**
- Sep. 29, Sun. at 11.00 AM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House**

Please, pick up your copy at the office. If you had your picture taken, you get the copy for free, even if you did not order photos.



NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday → After 11.00 AM Mass with Archbishop Smith on Sep. 29, 2019 ♦ St. Matthew Church

All parishioners are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 11.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Sep. 29. See you all!



NO CONFIRMATION IN 2020 IN OUR PARISH

There will be no Sacrament of Confirmation offered in our parish in 2020. The next Confirmation Class will be offered in 2021. Child aged 11 is considered old enough to receive this sacrament.



“OUR DAILY BREAD”

The next issue of “Our Daily Bread” is available for FREE at the back table in each church.



OUR LADY OF THE VICTORY CAMP

WORK BEE

SUPER BEE 100 • Saturday - September 07, 2019

Tools and skills welcome!

Call, text or email Deacon Claude for SIGN UP and information at 403-896-3745 or cbaril@shaw.ca

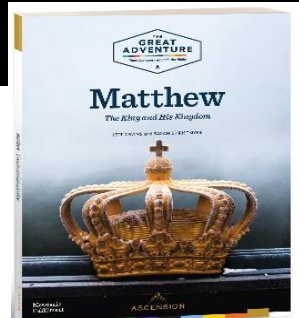
**Matthew:
The King and His Kingdom**

**MONDAYS
BIBLE STUDY**

Starting on Monday - September 30, 2019 ♦ 07.00 PM
24 SESSIONS • Workbook - \$50.00 (YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY TO PARTICIPATE)
Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Register at Parish office ♦ Registration deadline – Sep. 22, 2019

For more information: Contact Mara Gagne 403-845-0940 (phone/text)



Thank you very much to Scott Collinson and his family for painting the main wall in St. Matthew Church. God bless!

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	Catherine van Kampen	403.845.2923
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 Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Bible Study Mondays	Mara Gagne	403.845.0940

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:

August 31, 2019 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
++ Len & Helen Ouellette

September 01, 2019 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Blessings & grace for Les Bailey
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church
Strength for Louise Steer who is 102 years old - that God's loving hand will welcome her into her eternal home
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
For all members of our parish communities

RETREAT FOR PRIESTS IN KANANASKIS

Fr. Kler will be away from Monday to Friday: September 02 - 06, 2019

He will attend retreat in Kananaskis Lodge for all priests from the Archdiocese.



NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY!

Regular Weekday Masses will return after Sunday - September 08, 2019

Monday	Sep. 02, 2019 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	Sep. 03, 2019 - St. Gregory the Great; pope, doctor 07.00 PM - 08.00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION → St. Matthew
Wednesday	Sep. 04, 2019 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	Sep. 05, 2019 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Friday September 06, 2019 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION →→→ St. Matthew →→→ No Mass at 9.00 AM
06.30 PM →→→ Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church →→→ TIME CHANGE
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Saturday September 07, 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

07.00 PM
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Intention: Blessings and grace for Irene Swanson on her 86th Birthday

Sunday September 08, 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 AM
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Intention: For a special intention
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: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

AUG. 25, 2019 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$1,318.00 * Evergreen - \$410.00 * Caroline - \$265.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:	RMH - \$8.45 * Evergreen - \$2.40 * Caroline - \$6.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$220.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$40.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$65.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

FIRST ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Archbishop's Dinner has a new webpage. Check it out at caedm.ca/dinner for information on tickets and how you can support the dinner even if you can't make it in person. The dinner will start with cocktails at 6.00 PM on **Friday, October 4**, at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Come celebrate the good stories of our Catholic community and hear about the Archbishop's vision for future. Tickets are \$100 and may be reserved by email to dinner@caedm.ca or by phone to Anna at 780-469-1010 ext. 2139. We hope to see you there!

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2019 - LABOUR DAY

