

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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph

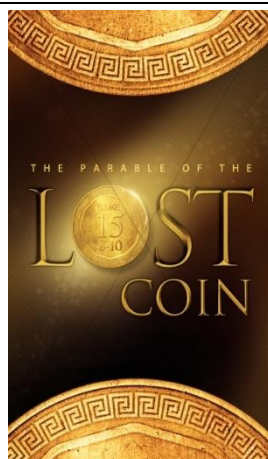
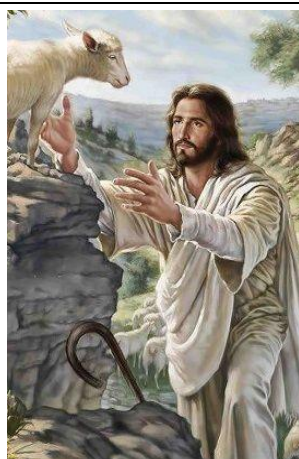
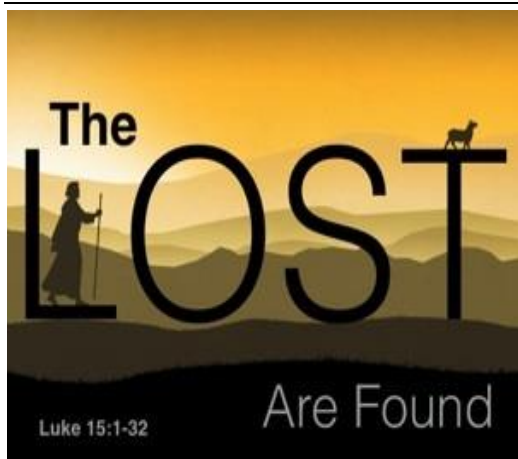


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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 * 1 Timothy 1:12-17 * Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10*

We are all sons and daughters of our merciful Creator God. God the Father shows remarkable mercy to us when we stray from following him. When we sin, we are called to repentance and to accept God's gracious mercy. By the same token, when others stray, we are to welcome them back with joy when they repent. We are all sons and daughters of the same merciful Father. ♦ **In the first reading**, Moses turns away God's wrath when the people of Israel create and worship a molten calf. **Saint Paul, writing to Timothy**, describes himself as the foremost of sinners - an example to others of God's merciful love. **Jesus, in the Gospel**, tells several parables to illustrate examples of God's mercy to sinners.



Today's Gospel, and particularly the parable of the prodigal son, reminds us of the merciful love that God the Father has for all of us, his children. Jesus depicts so poignantly the love found in the character of the father who runs out to greet his wayward son before he is even home – and who celebrates his son's safe return with the feast of a fatted calf. ♦ We might wonder how a father can be so quickly and completely forgiving of a son who prematurely took a share of the father's wealth (to which he was not even entitled, because he was not the older son and heir), abandoned the family, and wasted the hard-earned money on immoral and reckless acts. But Jesus reminds us, as he did the Pharisees and scribes at the beginning of the Gospel, that God the Father himself is merciful, for Jesus was sent to encourage sinners to turn away from their sins and toward God. ♦ These readings challenge us on many levels. If we are like the younger, prodigal son, it might be hard to imagine that God could forgive us for the wrongs we might have done, for the times that we turned away from God. But in the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that God not only forgave him for his persecution of the Church, he called Paul to great glory as an Apostle. Paul describes himself as the foremost of sinners, who was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. Through his mercy for this most zealous persecutor of the early Christians, Jesus gave Paul the grace to become one of his greatest advocates and one of the shining stars of the Church. If any of us feel that we have committed some wrong that can't be forgiven - or have strayed so long that we can't be welcomed back - we can take courage and comfort from these readings. ♦ But, just as the readings encourage us to accept the mercy of God, they also challenge us to extend God's mercy to others. For we also know that the measure we give to others is what we shall receive. We are forgiven, as we forgive. And we have this good news to share with anyone who needs to hear it: come home! So let us then accept God's mercy, extend it to others and rejoice, as the Father commands us, when those who are lost return home.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Sep. 14, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Nathalie Manuel	Leo Pelletier	Karen Carmichael	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert
Sep. 15, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					
Sep. 21, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Orville Kittelson	Lura Collinson	Laurier Nobert	Dorraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier
Sep. 22, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Rhonda Caluttung	Bill Fletcher	Gary Donald	Teresa Johnson	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Sep. 15, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Margie Miller	The Matt Andersen Family	Bill and Shirley-Anne Pollock
Sep. 22, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Tim Hoven and Neal Persson



PARISH GARAGE SALE

ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Saturday - September 14, 2019 ♦ 09.00 AM - 03.30 PM

Saturday, September 14, 2019 after 07.00 PM Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to help themselves to anything which is left over for free. A donation box will be available. **Sunday, September 15, 2019 after 09.00 AM Mass.** Parishioners are encouraged to help themselves to anything which is left over for free. A donation box will be available.

Sunday - Sep. 15 ♦ Starting at 12.00 PM (Noon) → Clean up and pack up remaining items

CHURCH OFFICE
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OFFICE CLOSED

SECRETARY ON HOLIDAYS

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



Lectio: Mark - "FAITH NOT FEAR" • RMH

SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY - AFTER 9.00 AM MASS

Sunday - Sep. 15, 2019 • After Mass for 75 min. (30 min. video lecture and 45 min. discussion)

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

NEXT STUDY:
Sep. 22, 2019

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.



THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MY LORD AND MY GOD
John 20:28

Friday - September 20, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM

CWL

NEXT CWL MEETING – Sunday, September 22, 2019.

First CWL meeting after the summer is moved from fourth Sunday to fifth Sunday of the month after 9.00 AM Mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – September 24, 2019.

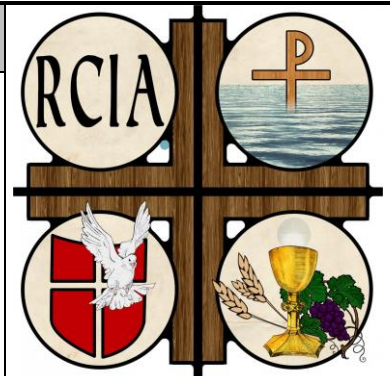
First Knights of Columbus meeting after the summer is on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7.00 PM.



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.

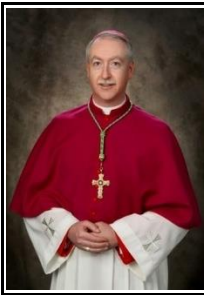


NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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 RICHARD SMITH

Sunday – Sep. 29, 2019

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES:

- Saturday - Sep. 28:**
- 05.00 PM - Mass in Caroline (with Fr. Kler)
 - 07.00 PM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House (with Fr. Kler)
- Sunday - Sep. 29:**
- 09.00 AM - Mass in Evergreen with Archbishop Richard Smith
 - 11.00 AM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House with Archbishop Richard Smith

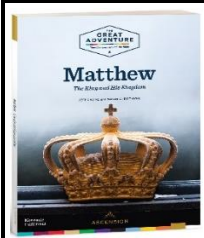
After Mass in Rocky Mountain House there will be a Question & Answer period with Archbishop Smith; and later Beautiful Breakfast and after Breakfast Parish Pastoral Council Meeting with Archbishop Smith.



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!



MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM - RMH

MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Monday - September 30, 2019 at 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)



YOUTH GROUP

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH - RMH

October 03, 2019

St. Matthew's Youth Ministry Program will run most Thursdays from Oct. 03 to Dec. 12, 2019. Every Thursday we meet to play large scale games, have a teaching about our faith, pray, and we perform a skit about a saint. Youth Group is for kids in grades 6-8 and is put on by kids in grades 9-12. The program runs from 07.00 PM to 09.00 PM. Everyone is welcome. • For info contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955

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 04, 2019 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!



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

FIRST CLASS – OCTOBER 06, 2019

All catechetical sessions will begin at 1.30 PM and end at 4.30 PM

DATES OF CATECHETICAL SESSIONS (ALL ON SUNDAYS):

Oct. 06, 2019 - Nov. 10, 2019 - Dec. 01, 2019 - Jan. 12, 2020 - Feb. 09, 2020 - Mar. 08, 2020 - Apr. 19, 2020 - May 10, 2020

SEARCH RETREAT ♦ ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

October 18 - 20, 2019

SEARCH is coming back to Rocky, Oct. 18-20, 2019! SEARCH is a retreat for kids in grades 10-12, hosted each year at St. Dominic High School. It is a powerful weekend, attracting kids from all over the Archdiocese, to pray and learn about their faith. Help is needed! If any individuals or groups in the parish would be willing to provide one of the meals for the weekend, please contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or call 403-848-0955.



ALL HALLOW'S EVE PARTY = ALL SAINTS

Thursday - Oct. 31, 2019 ♦ 05.30 PM - 07.30 PM

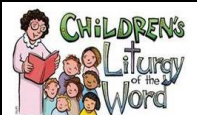
All Hallow's Eve Party (aka All Saints Party). Dress up as your favourite Saint and participate in Saint-themed games, songs and activities. We are also having a Saint-Themed Potluck. Please bring a main course and also either a salad/veg or desert to share. Register at the parish office by October 28, 2019. All are welcome!

TIME AND ETERNITY. A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. • "God", he said, "how long is a million years?" God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute." • The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?" God answered, "To Me, it's a penny." • The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?" God said, "In a minute."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers needed!

Consider this ministry, please! We will start Children's Liturgy in the next few weeks. If you are interested in leading or helping with Children's Liturgy, please contact Mona Cruickshank at 403.846.1027.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Saturday - Sep. 21, 2019 ♦ Sunday - Sep. 22, 2019

Vivian will be available after Mass on September 21 and September 22 in Rocky to pick up a directory. If you had your picture taken, you get a FREE directory. If your picture is not in the directory you can purchase a directory for \$15.

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

Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
Bible Study Mondays	Mara Gagne	403.845.0940
Bible Study Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
CWL	Joyce Donald	403.895.4156
First Communion Class	Catherine van Kampen	403.845.2923
Knights of Columbus	Gary Donald	403.845.5269
Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Parish Finance Council	Randall Sugden	403.844.8478
Parish Pastoral Council	Lauren MacKenzie	403.845.2836
Prayer Chain	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen	403.848.0955

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:

September 14, 2019 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

For a special intention

September 15, 2019 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

+ Victor Perrault

Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

Monday

Sep. 16, 2019 - St. Cornelius, pope; St. Cyprian, bishop; martyrs

No Mass

Tuesday

06.30 PM

Intention:

Wednesday

09.00 AM

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Thursday

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

St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday

07.00 PM

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Intention:

September 21, 2019 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church

++ Emmanuel Narciso, Franciso Narciso, Pilar Narciso

September 22, 2019 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

+ Dr. Otto Huhn

SEP. 08, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: RMH - \$2,268.50 * Evergreen - \$915.00 * Caroline - \$130.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$29.55 * Evergreen - \$8.50 * Caroline - \$00.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$5.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

VOTING AS CATHOLICS: 2019 Federal Election Guide

Like all citizens, Canadian Catholics have the responsibility to participate in the federal election, which has been called for October 21. The 2019 Federal Election Guide, prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), offers a reflection on key ethical and moral issues that voters, especially Catholics, may want to consider, such as:

- respect for life
- concern for the weakest among us
- religious freedom and freedom of conscience.
- solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
- support for families
- funding for education, healthcare, housing
- action on human trafficking
- care for the environment

The Guide has been formatted for online sharing and includes hyperlinks directing the reader to further resources on various issues important to Catholics. You will find Guide on our parish website.

