

November 24, 2019 – 34th SUNDAY IN OT (C) • CHRIST THE KING

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

2 Samuel 5:1-3 * Colossians 1:12-20 * Luke 23:35-43

Today we celebrate Jesus, preeminent over all creation yet always bestowing his love and forgiveness. Jesus, the image of the invisible God, is preeminent over all creation and head of the Church. On this solemnity, we recognize that Jesus Christ is King, but we also know that our loving Savior shows us compassion and mercy, as he showed to the good thief. ♦ In the first reading, the tribes of Israel anoint David, their shepherd, as king. In the reading from Colossians, Paul writes of the incredible glory of Jesus, firstborn of all creation, head of the Church, and preeminent over all creation. In the Gospel, Jesus shows his compassion and mercy by assuring the good thief of his entrance into his kingdom.

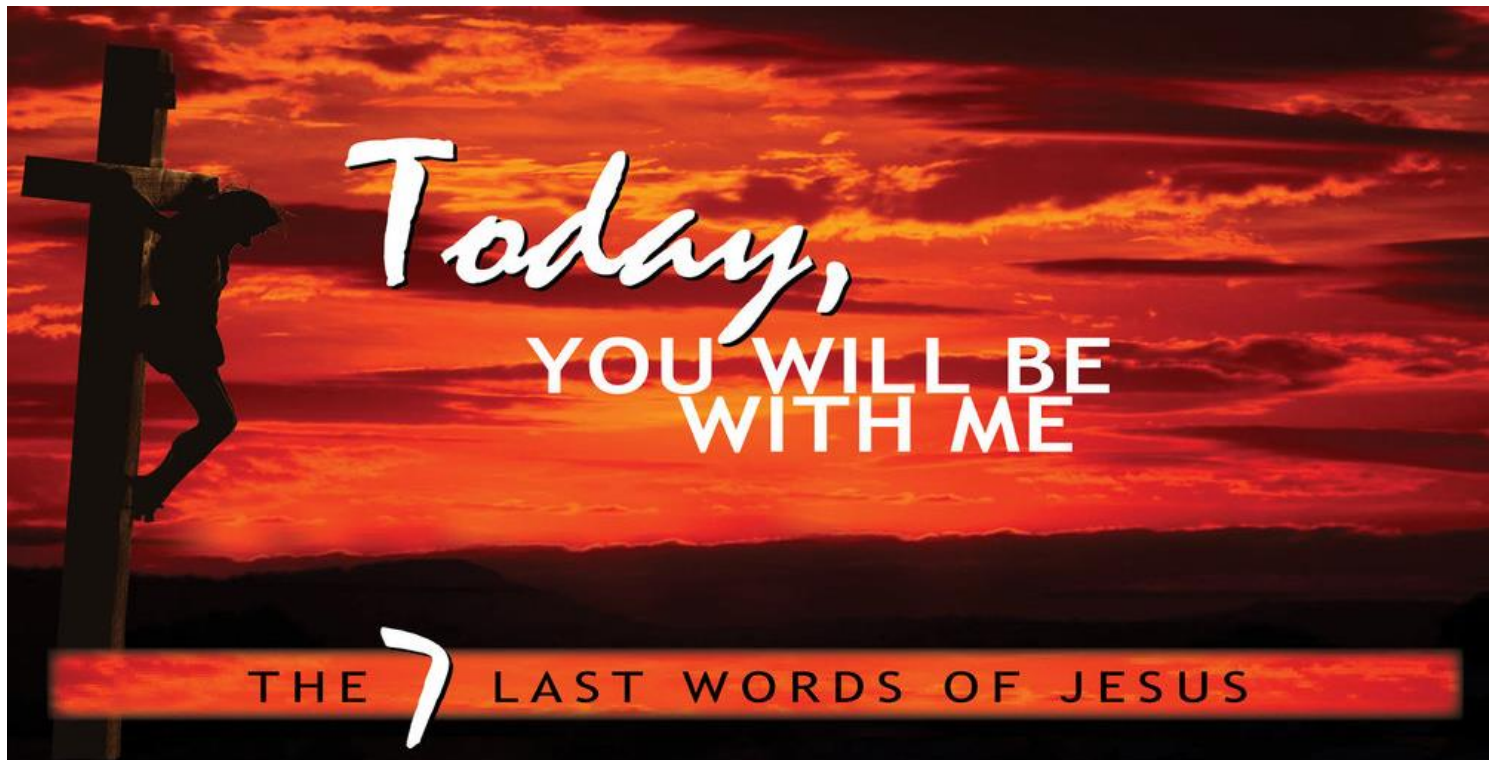


NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday → After 9.00 AM Mass on November 24, 2019 ♦ St. Matthew Church Hall

All are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 9.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019. See you all!

We see splendor in today's second reading as we celebrate the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Indeed, the majesty of kings and queens of old is magnified several degrees as we contemplate Jesus, the image of the invisible God, who was present at creation, through whom all things were created, and who is filled with divinity. When we think of how vast our universe is - and we're learning more and more of its unbelievable size - we can only begin to fathom the majesty of Jesus, King of that Universe. • Yet the other readings move us to reflect on another aspect of kingship - service to the people and mercy to those in need. In the first reading, as the Israelites anoint David as King of Israel, they recognize not only his success in battle but his call by God to shepherd his people. The Israelites welcome David as king because of his care for them - the same care he gave to the sheep in his father's flock before God called him to kingship. Jesus shows an even greater depth of care for his people. Enthroned on the cross - Jesus dies for love of God's people, to bring salvation and everlasting life to them. Even more, a short time before his agonizing death, he turns to the dying thief crucified next to him with merciful words of assurance: *Today you will be with me in Paradise.* Jesus shows us his identity as a serene, humble and loving King and God in his last moments on earth - the kind of King that we as Christians can joyfully give our own lives to. Jesus' majesty as the eternal God and King is matched by his love - a love that drove him to a horrible death for our salvation.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Nov. 23, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Carla Marks	Karen Carmichael	Bonnie Perreault	Leo Pelleiter	Jo-Anne Como	Dorraine Lonsdale
Nov. 24, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Rhonda Caluttung	Jeannette Hobden	Doreen Couture	Audrey Kokesch	Jim Marland
Nov. 30, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Karen Carmichael	Laurier Nobert	Ernie Murias	Laveme Froese	Leo Pelletier
Dec. 01, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Vanessa Kidd & family	Steve Oscar	Marliss Cartier	Barry Kirtzinger	Doreen Couture	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Nov. 24, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Tim Hoven	The Persson Family	Bill Pollock and Jim Backs
Dec. 01, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Hal Phillips	Juanita Szymanek	The Reichert Family	Neal Persson and Connie Cadrain

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| • Bible Study in RMH | Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 * After 09.00 AM Mass | • Next – Dec. 01, 2019 * After 09.00 AM Mass |
| • Divine Mercy Study in Evergreen | Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 * 10.00 AM | • Next – Dec. 01, 2019 * 10.00 AM |
| • Bible Study in RMH | Monday, Nov. 25, 2019 * 07.00 PM | • Next – Dec. 02, 2019 * 07.00 PM |

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Tuesday - November 26, 2019 at 4.00 PM at the church. All altar servers are invited to attend!



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Register before Nov. 20, 2019 • Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office at office@smprmh.ca if you plan to attend.



ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

November 28, 2019 • 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM

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. • For info contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or call/text 403-848-0955.

Friday - November 29

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday – November 29, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM



ANNUAL MINISTRIES FAIR – RMH

NOV. 30 / DEC. 01, 2019

- Discover where God is calling you to share your stewardship of Talent, Time and Treasure
- Share what you love and see where your gifts might fit in our parish
- Learn more about the different ministries and service groups in our parish

Our Annual Ministries Fair will be held the weekend of November 30 and December 01, 2019. Please consider joining one of the many ministries in our parish to share your talents.



50/50 DRAWING

Organized by CWL

In conjunction with CWL fall "October Feast" Fundraiser on October 27, 2019, CWL is holding a long term 50/50 that will continue until November 30/2019. **THE FINAL DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH AT THE CONCLUSION OF MINISTRIES FAIR ON DEC. 01, 2019.** Tickets are only \$1.00/ticket. All funds raised are given to charitable organizations and/or works of service.



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON – SUNDAY, DEC. 01, 2019 • 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

DEC. 01, 2019 • 02.00 PM

You and your family are invited to the Chapel of the Rocky Funeral Home (4804 48 Street) for a Candlelight Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 2.00 PM. A light lunch will follow.



CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP - RMH

DEC. 02, 2019 ♦ 7.00 PM - 9.30 PM



St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House. Called to Protect™ is an abuse prevention training Workshop. Mandatory for all parish adult members of leadership and those who serve in medium or high-risk ministries. Although there will be future workshops presented, this is your opportunity to be on record for anyone who is considering a future ministry. Register at the Parish Office 403-845-3457 or facilitators Ernie & Lorraine Murias at 403-845-4860.

ADVENT SCHOOL MASSES IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Tuesday → Dec. 03, 2019

11.00 AM – St. Dominic High School • 01.00 PM – St. Matthew School



HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

Tuesday – Dec. 03, 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!





CWL LADIES - FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday - Dec. 04, 2019 at 5.30 PM ♦ Dragon Palace

We will be doing our annual gathering at the "New Dragon Palace" (4715 - 45 St.), to share Christmas evening meal together on Wednesday, Dec. 04, 2019 at 05.30 PM, in place of our December meeting.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NIGHT OUT

Friday - Dec. 06, 2019 at 6.30 PM ♦ Legion Hall

On Friday, Dec. 06, 2019 we will be having a Knight Out at the Rocky Legion. We are encouraging all Knights (New members and Old members), spouses, guests and potential new members to come out and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship. The cost for a grilled steak or chicken dinner is **\$10/person** payable at the event. (Bar service and beverages are at your own cost.) We have the grill booked at 6.30 PM. Feel free to come early if you wish. Spread the word to fellow Knights that are no longer active members as it would be great to have them out! **We will need to know who is coming and whether you are having steak or chicken so that we can let the Legion know by Nov. 28, 2019.** Hope to see you there! Contact Gary by email: gjdonald1@hotmail.com or by phone: 403.845.5269.

CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND VISITING OUR PARISHES

Christians of the Holy Land will visit us on weekend of December 07/08! A display of religious goods will be available for sale after all weekend Masses (Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline). All the items are made in the Holy Land and more importantly, they are hand carved by the local Catholic population there! This is a wonderful way to buy a small piece of olive wood article and support our brothers and sisters! So please, stop buy and see a small part of Bethlehem here at our parishes!



ALL OUR CHURCHES

FOOD COLLECTION DAY

Dec. 07/08, 2019

On Saturday, December 07, 2019 and on Sunday, December 08, 2019 we will have special FOOD COLLECTION DAY for local Food Bank. We encourage you and your children to bring an item or items for the Food Bank Basket. Anything you can spare will be appreciated. Items will be collected at collection time during each Mass. Thank you for your support!



BIBLE STUDY - Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

Starting - Jan. 05, 2020

Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ Jan. 05 - Mar. 01, 2020 → Sundays 10.30 AM to 12.00 PM

Register at parish office by Dec. 15, 2019

10 sessions - 1.5 hours each (30 min. DVD and 60 min. lively discussion) ♦ Workbook - \$35 (+ online access to DVDs)

Workbooks are optional and couples are welcome to share. When you purchase a workbook you get free online access to the lectures for the duration of the study; so if you want to host a study group in your home or run it for your family or independent study this is a great chance to try Bible study. For more info contact: Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

PRESENTER:
Thomas Smith

It is nearly impossible to understand the work and message of Jesus without the prophetic books. In The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy study, presenter Thomas Smith examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. In this program, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

NEW ISSUES OF "OUR DAILY BREAD"

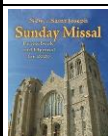
Available for FREE at the back table in each church!



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

In the parish office and at the back of the church

Religious Christmas cards are available for purchase from parish office and they are at the back table in each church. Prices are: \$6 per package of 10 identical cards and \$3 per package of 12 cards with Scripture verse.



SUNDAY MISSALS 2020 FOR SALE

\$5.00 EACH

Participate more fully in Mass with St. Joseph Sunday Missal! This compact missal includes all the readings of the Mass for every Sunday of the year as well as prayers for personal devotion. It's an excellent resource for those seeking to participate fully in the Sunday Liturgy. Sunday Missal contains prayers, readings, and responses in a simple and continuous flow. Missals are on display at the entrance of each church.

CATHOLIC ART 2020 CALENDARS FOR SALE

At the back of the church - \$4.00 each

We invite you to purchase Catholic Calendar, where we have all the Liturgical Celebrations. The liturgical year gives meaning to what we are called to do as we imitate Jesus Christ. His life and Resurrection help to understand the reason for His coming.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

2019-12-04 Wednesday	Trochu	07.00 PM
2019-12-06 Friday	Caroline	04.00 PM
2019-12-09 Monday	Sylvan Lake	07.00 PM
2019-12-10 Tuesday	Red Deer - St. Mary	07.00 PM
2019-12-11 Wednesday	Rocky Mountain House	07.00 PM
2019-12-12 Thursday	Ponoka	07.00 PM
2019-12-13 Friday	Olds	06.30 PM
2019-12-17 Tuesday	Lacombe	07.00 PM
2019-12-18 Wednesday	Rimbey	07.00 PM
2019-12-18 Wednesday	Innisfail	07.00 PM
2019-12-19 Thursday	Red Deer - Sacred Heart	07.00 PM
2019-12-20 Friday	Evergreen	04.00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2019 - Tuesday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2019 - Tuesday	08.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 25, 2019 - Wednesday	09.00 AM
EVERGREEN	Dec. 25, 2019 - Wednesday	11.00 AM
CAROLINE	Dec. 25, 2019 - Wednesday	01.00 PM

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

5208-53 Ave (Box 130) ♦ Rocky Mountain House, AB * T4T 1A1

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday **12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Direct voice/fax/text line for prayer requests 403.407.1932
Direct email address to office office@smpmhc.ca
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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
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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:

November 23, 2019 – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
+++ Maice, Mark, & Matthew Heinbeckner

November 24, 2019 – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+++ Thomas, Elizabeth, & Joseph Schrieber

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

Monday

November 25, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday

06.30 PM
Intention:

November 26, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Russ McKenzie

Wednesday

09.00 AM
Intention:

November 27, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+++ Rod & Glenda Collinson

Thursday

09.00 AM
Intention:

November 28, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Ed McKenzie

10.30 AM
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Friday

09.00 AM
Intention:

November 29, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For all the souls in purgatory

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

Saturday

07.00 PM
Intention:

November 30, 2019 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Blessings & grace for Catherine Heimbeckner

Sunday

09.00 AM
Intention:

December 01, 2019 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Antea Maghinay

11.00 AM
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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01.00 PM
Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

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

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: RMH - \$1,837.40 * Evergreen - \$495.00 * Caroline - \$75.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$18.15 * Evergreen - \$8.95 * Caroline - \$00.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$402.00 * Evergreen - \$65.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$120.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you on behalf of Knights of Columbus for support of Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on Nov. 15, 2019. The participation and generous contributions of the parishioners was greatly appreciated!



NEXT SUNDAY IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE



connect • grow • serve



Ministry Fair