

December 08, 2019 – 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)

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

*Isaiah 11:1-10 * Romans 15:4-9 * Matthew 3:1-12*

A Savior is coming who will bring justice and peace to the faithful. God is calling out to us - through his prophets and Apostles, through his holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us - that he has come to save us. His kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions? ♦ **Isaiah** tells of the justice and peace that shall reign in the kingdom of God. **Saint Paul** prays that God will give the community the ability to be in harmony and united with Christ. In the Gospel, **John the Baptist** exhorts his listeners to turn away from their sins and be baptized, for the one who is coming after him is even mightier.

THIS WEEKEND IN ALL OUR CHURCHES – FOOD COLLECTION

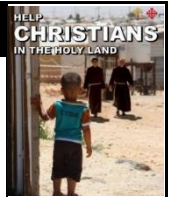
Advent is time of preparation as we prepare our homes to receive the Christ child. In preparation for Christmas we should take some time to count our own blessings and find ways to give back. **On Saturday - December 07, 2019 and on Sunday - December 08, 2019 we will have special FOOD COLLECTION DAY for Food Bank. Anything you can spare will be appreciated. Thank you for your support!**



PLEASE, HOLD TO YOUR FOOD DONATION UNTIL COLLECTION TIME DURING THE MASS. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL BE ASKED TO BRING YOUR FOOD ITEMS AND LEAVE THEM BEFORE THE ALTAR.

DEC. 07/08 CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND VISITING OUR PARISHES

Christians of the Holy Land visit us **this 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 items are made in the Holy Land and 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!



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This is John the Baptist's nine-word, takeaway message. In many ways, the best homily ever! And seemingly without much trouble or extensive explanation – at least, we are not privy to it in Scripture if it did exist – large numbers of people hear and heed his direction. People from all over a significant geographical area come to him, repent and are baptized as *they acknowledged their sins*. ♦ **Why?** Granted, the people of that time had a sense of urgency about the kingdom of heaven, believing it to indicate the beginning of the end of the world. So they came. Hence also the Pharisees and Sadducees: who showed up more with the intention of *fleeing from the coming wrath* than actually producing fruit of their repentance. More important, John was the one whom Isaiah foretold, and his preaching resonated with the people of Judea. They listened. They listened because, ultimately, the message was not about him, but the One to come. ♦ John's message is no less urgent for us today, because just like the people of Judea, we know not the hour or day of Christ's return. Thank God that he does not ever revoke this invitation!



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

December 11, 2019 - Wednesday

07.00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Dec. 07, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Orville & Adela Kittelson	Leanna Flooren	Laurier Nobert	Doraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier	Ernie Murias
Dec. 08, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Jeannette Hobden	Barry Kirtzinger	Bonnie Perreault	Teresa Johnson	Becky Marland	Bonnie Leaf
Dec. 14, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Lavern & Loretta Leer	Laverne Froese	Nathalie Manuel	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Laurier Nobert
Dec. 15, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Knights of Columbus and CWL will look after ministries on this day					


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Dec. 08, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Lori Hoven	The Conway Family	Cecil and Carol Hoven
Dec. 15, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Matt Andersen	Neal Persson	Marvin and Rita Andersen	Dennis and Brenda Nugent


	<h3 style="margin: 0;">ST. MATTHEW PARISH - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">1994 DECEMBER 10 2019</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">Congratulations to <u>Dom and Mandy Couve</u> on the occasion of their 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY</p>	
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50/50 DRAWING	DRAW OUTCOME!	Organized by CWL	
<p>The final draw for the 50/50 was done at the conclusion of the ministries fair on Dec. 01/2019. The recipient is Doreen Quintal and the amount was \$492. An early Christmas gift for the Quintals, congratulations! A special thank you to the parish and community for your continued support, on behalf of the CWL.</p>			

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study in RMH Sunday, Dec. 08, 2019 * After 09.00 AM Mass • Divine Mercy Study in Evergreen Sunday, Dec. 08, 2019 * 10.00 AM • Bible Study in RMH Monday, Dec. 09, 2019 * 07.00 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next – Dec. 15, 2019 * After 09.00 AM Mass • Next – Dec. 15, 2019 * 10.00 AM • Next – Dec. 16, 2019 * 07.00 PM |
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ALTAR SERVERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - RMH	Dec. 10, 2019 ♦ 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM	
<p>Tuesday – December 10, 2019 ♦ 4.00 PM – 6.00 PM ♦ At the church in Rocky Mountain House. Deacon Bernie would like to celebrate with every altar server from Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline! Please RSVP Debbie by text 403-844-0431 or email dbaich@telus.net before Monday, December 9, 2019.</p>		


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL	
Wednesday – December 11, 2019 ♦ 10.30 AM – 03.00 PM	

	ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	Thursday - December 12, 2019 • 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM
<p>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.</p>		

ST. MATTHEW PARISH	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Friday - December 13, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM		

	POTLUCK LUNCH - EVERGREEN	Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 - After 11.00 AM Mass
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ADVENT CELEBRATION! ♦ VISITORS ARE WELCOME!	
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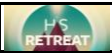
EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Sunday - Dec. 22, 2019	
<p>♦ 4.30 PM - Meet at the church. Eat Supper. ♦ 6.00 PM - Get on the BUS to go caroling ♦ 9.00 PM - Return to the church Bring Christmas baking to make plates to give out as we go caroling * Bring flashlights, Christmas hats and bells</p>		

	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.



BANISH WINTER BLUES - RMH

GAMES - COFFEE - TEA - FELLOWSHIP

Every Saturday in January and February parishioners are invited to stay after Mass for some old-fashioned fun for all ages. Reconnect playing board games, card games, dominoes, or whatever game you want to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. No sore losers allowed. If games are not your thing, you are invited to stay anyway and visit with our pastor and parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - \$3 or \$6

In the parish office and at the back of each church

FOR SALE

SUNDAY MISSALS 2020 - \$5

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS 2020 - \$4



MANGER PROJECT

“LIGHT UP THE SKY FOR CHRISTMAS”

Throughout Advent we will be once again doing the Manger of Gifts in support of Women’s Shelter and the Pregnancy Care Center. Please peel away the pink star to reveal the gift you have been chosen to bring. Leave the yellow portion of the star in the smaller basket. These stars will be placed in the night sky behind the gifts in preparation for Jesus’s Birth.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

THANK YOU!

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. Red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. **Anyone can give special monetary donation toward the purchase of the flowers for the decoration of the sanctuary for Christmas.** Just mark your donations “Flowers for Christmas”. Anyone wishing to donate actual flowers for the church can drop them off in the office by noon on Friday, December 20, 2019.



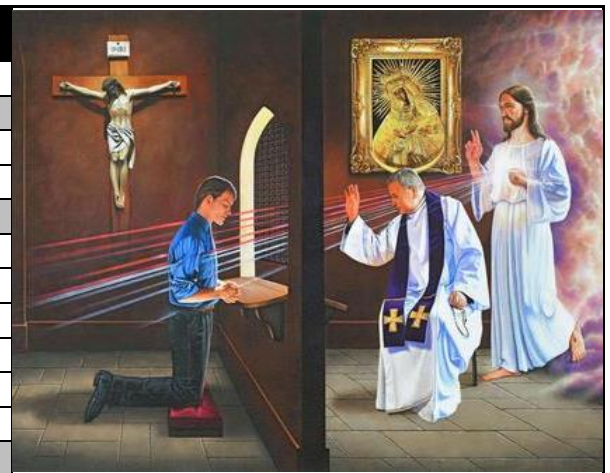
GIVE A GIFT FROM CHALICE GIFT CATALOGUE

PLEASE, PICK UP GIFT CATALOGUE

A perfect way to celebrate Jesus’ birth is to share your inner joy and peace by giving a gift that will make a significant impact for children, families and communities around the world. **Christmas Gift Catalogue** gives our supporters the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of family and friends who will receive a beautiful card stating what gift or gifts you bought in their name. Each gift will help a child or family at a Chalice site location. *In thanksgiving I wish you God’s joy, light and peace this Christmas time for you and your family.*
Fr. Patrick Cosgrove – President of Chalice

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 PARISHES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2019 – Tuesday	05.00 PM
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NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

EVERGREEN	Dec. 31, 2019 – Tuesday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 31, 2019 – Tuesday	07.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Jan. 01, 2020 – Wednesday	11.00 AM
CAROLINE	Jan. 01, 2020 – Wednesday	01.00 PM

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2020 AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRIES

New collection envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. Most of the collection envelope numbers will stay the same in 2020. If your 2019 number is 146 or higher, your number will change for 2020. **Year End Contributions**
➔ If you wish to donate *extra funds* and have them included in the receipts for the **Year 2019**, ALL donations must be received at the Parish Office by **Dec. 29, 2019**. • **Thank You for your faithfulness and continual support of our churches!**



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

Direct voice/fax/text line to office 403.845.3457
Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor 587.355.3947
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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
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Music Ministry Quintal Doreen 403.846.8733
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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:

December 07, 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For all the souls in purgatory

December 08, 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Chloe Kaniusis

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For a family in crisis

Monday

December 09, 2019 – Immaculate Conception of BVM

No Mass

Tuesday

09.00 AM

Intention:

Wednesday

08.00 AM

Intention:

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

Thursday

09.00 AM

Intention:

10.30 AM

Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

December 10, 2019 – Weekday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

CHANGE OF TIME

Blessings/grace for Dom/Mandy Couve on 25 Wedding Anniversary

December 11, 2019 – Weekday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Dominic School Chapel

For staff and students of St. Dominic School

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Alexina Laventure

Rocky Mountain House – Westview Lodge

For a family in crisis

December 12, 2019 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For a special intention

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For a family in crisis

December 13, 2019 – St. Lucy; virgin, martyr

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:

Sunday

09.00 AM

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11.00 AM

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01.00 PM

Intention:

December 14, 2019 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Grant MacDonell

December 15, 2019 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

+ Bill Long

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

++ Roy & Joan Duttall

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

DEC. 01, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: RMH - \$2,273.65 * Evergreen - \$650.00 * Caroline - \$121.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$6.75 * Evergreen - \$6.05 * Caroline - \$00.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$135.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$795.00 * Evergreen - \$215.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

Julia Maureen West

Daughter of Jennifer Fetaz and Nolan West of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. Her baptism was celebrated in St. Matthew Church during private ceremony at 01.00 PM on **Saturday, December 07, 2019.**

