

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

December 22, 2019 – 4th 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



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph



Bulletin QR Code

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Isaiah 7:10-14 * Romans 1:1-7 * Matthew 1:18-24*

Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God has made to the House of David. Today's readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises he made to his Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us. ♦ **Isaiah** prophesies a sign for Israel: *The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son who will embody God's redemptive presence with his people.* **Paul**, recalling his own apostolic calling, writes that the Gentiles are also *called to belong to Jesus Christ.* **In the Gospel**, the Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means. Joseph obeys the angel's commands.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES IN OUR PARISHES			NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES		
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2019 – Tuesday	05.00 PM	EVERGREEN	Dec. 31, 2019 – Tuesday	05.00 PM
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 24, 2019 – Tuesday	08.00 PM	ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 31, 2019 – Tuesday	07.00 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES IN OUR PARISHES			NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES		
ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Dec. 25, 2019 – Wednesday	09.00 AM	ROCKY MTN HOUSE	Jan. 01, 2020 – Wednesday	09.00 AM
EVERGREEN	Dec. 25, 2019 – Wednesday	11.00 AM	CAROLINE	Jan. 01, 2020 – Wednesday	01.00 PM
CAROLINE	Dec. 25, 2019 – Wednesday	01.00 PM			

WELCOME HOME

Christmas is a wonderful time to invite inactive Catholics and the unchurched to attend special Christmas services. Like all Catholic churches, we have our share of inactive members who do not attend the services and are inactive in their faith. One in every two Canadians does not participate actively in any church. So, what about inviting an inactive Catholic or friend with no church home to a Christmas service? ♦ The joyous Eucharist we celebrate at Christmas is the summit of our Advent preparation and the source of the joy we carry through the rest of the season into the New Year. How appropriate it is for our Christmas services to be the center of the Christmas celebration for our family, friends, and visitors. Let's invite and welcome home everyone for Christmas!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS				Office HOURS
December 23, 2019 - Monday	12.00 PM - 04.00 PM	December 27, 2019 - Friday	Closed	
December 24, 2019 - Tuesday	09.00 AM - 02.00 PM	December 30, 2019 - Monday	12.00 PM - 04.00 PM	
December 25, 2019 - Wednesday	Closed	December 31, 2019 - Tuesday	12.00 PM - 04.00 PM	
December 26, 2019 - Thursday	Closed	January 01, 2020 - Wednesday	Closed	

SAFE TRIP TO ALL WHO WILL TRAVEL AND HAPPY RETURN!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Dec. 21, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Laverne Froese	Linda Collinson	Ernie Murias	Dorraine Lonsdale	Jo-Anne Como
Dec. 22, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Jeannette Hobden	Bill Fletcher	Lorie Hughes	Julie Layden	Doreen Couture
Dec. 24, 2019 at 05.00 PM	Andy & Valerie Schulte	Eleita Collinson	Leanna Flooren	Karen Carmichael	Barry Kirtzinger	Dave Parfitt
Dec. 24, 2019 at 08.00 PM	Orville & Adela Kittelson	Nathalie Manuel	Dorraine Lonsdale	Laverne Froese	Ernie Murias	Laurier Nobert
Dec. 25, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Carla Marks	Jeannette Hobden	Julie Layden	Jim Marland	Jo-Anne Como	Pat Hughes
Dec. 28, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Jackie Owchar	Dorraine Lonsdale	Steve Oscar	Karen Carmichael	Leo Pelletier	Laverne Froese
Dec. 29, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Justin & Marliiss Cartier	Bonnie Leaf	Rhonda Caluttung	Doreen Couture	Gary Donald	Dave Parfitt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Dec. 22, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Therese Hoven	Liam Hoven	The Tim Hoven Family	Hal Phillips and Juanita Szymanek
Dec. 25, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Roy Hoven	Barron Reichert	Hal and Lori Phillips	Gerald and Margie Miller
Dec. 29, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Bill Pollock	Gerald Miller	Mark Szymanek Family	Eileen and Roy Hoven



In Loving Memory of CATHERINE THERISIA HEIMBECKNER (1932-2019)

FUNERAL MASS: Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church • Saturday – January 11, 2020 - 11.00 AM

CHURCH DECORATING - ST. MATTHEW CHURCH Sunday - Dec. 22 • After 9.00 AM Mass

Everyone is welcome to help with decorating of the church.



EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday - Dec. 22, 2019

◆ 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



Next Sunday Bible Study in RMH – Jan. 05, 2020 * After 09.00 AM Mass • Next Monday Bible Study in RMH– Jan. 06, 2020 * 07.00 PM

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - December 27, 2019 ◆ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ◆ Mass at 09.00 AM



BANISH WINTER BLUES - RMH

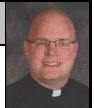
GAMES - COFFEE - TEA - FELLOWSHIP

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.



DEACON JD CARMICHAEL

DEACON CHRIS JUCHACZ



We support in prayer two seminarians, Deacon JD Carmichael and Deacon Chris Juchacz. If you would like to send Christmas wishes or leave a gift CWL have set out 2 boxes at the entrance of St. Matthew Church, 1 for Deacon JD and 1 for Deacon Chris. **Thank you!**



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



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.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

FREE TO ANYONE IN NEED

I am hosting the 2nd Annual Traditional Christmas Dinner on December 25, 2019 from 3.00 PM to 8.00 PM at the Pioneer Center (4939 52 Street) in Rocky Mountain House. If you are alone or know of an individual or family in need, please know that you are welcome to come for dinner. I invite all individuals, seniors or families in need. • I have made arrangements to deliver a plate to people who are unable to attend in person – please, pre-contact me with details and addresses. • If you are that individual or know of individuals, please contact me with the information, so I can have a sense of the numbers to expect for meal planning. **Angella - (403) 895-9792.** If anyone would like to help or donate to the event may contact me as well.



Christmas Day Dinner

FOR SALE

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CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS 2020 - \$4

FOR SALE

FOR SALE

SUNDAY MISSALS 2020 - \$5

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!**



POTLUCK DINNER - EVERGREEN

December 31, 2019 – After 05.00 PM Mass

Everyone is invited to potluck and games after 5.00 PM Mass on New Year's Eve.

NEW SCHEDULES OF MINISTRIES IN ST. MATTHEW

We have new schedules of ministries from January to June 2020 in St. Matthew Church in Rocky Mountain House: **liturgical ministries**, **sacristan ministry**, **projector ministry**.

Schedules of all ministries are published on our parish website: <http://smprmh.ca/ministries.htm>



“LIVING FAITH” & “LIVING FAITH KIDS”

The next issue of 'Living Faith' and 'Living Faith Kids' is available at the back of the church. The cost is \$2.50 per booklet.



Advent is a time in which we prepare for the two comings of Christ: We remember his first, as a child; and anticipate his second at the end of time. All of our Scriptures are dedicated to this preparation. Thus far in Advent, the Scripture readings have been alternately full of consolation and challenge. They have spoken of God's fidelity, his mercy and his justice, and have called us to repentance and newness of life. They have scolded our indifference and reassured us of God's enduring love - a love that will become incarnate in Christ's birth. • Now we begin to hear of the events surrounding that birth: the reason for our celebration of Christmas! Isaiah reminds us of the promise once made to the House of David that a maiden would bear a son who would be named Emmanuel - God is with us. Written about 800 years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah clearly speaks of something unique, even mysterious, something that only God in his power could bring about. • As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph would have known of this long-cherished promise at the heart of their faith. Today, Joseph is at the center of our Gospel. Today he is a *specific* recipient of God's promise, and given consolation and peace in the knowledge of Scripture being fulfilled. He obeys God's commands, takes Mary into his home and becomes the human father of the Son of God.

We are not called to such a mysterious and holy role as parents of the Christ child, yet we, too, are inheritors of this promise as it continues to unfold through the generations. Thus, God speaks to each one of us in specific ways, just as he did to Isaiah, to Mary, to Joseph - and to all who have come to accept God's promise of new life in Jesus Christ. Our participation in the life of Christ will be manifested in our vocation, our state in life, our strengths and our weaknesses. Some will enter religious life and priesthood, some may remain single, many will marry and have a family. Wherever God places us, that is where we live out our divine call. • As we stand on the threshold of our celebration of the birth of Christ, we thank God for his promise of Christ - both as Christ child, and as the One who will return in glory. For in him we have salvation, and for him we await with further Advent hope.

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 21, 2019 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
+ Marcie Landry

December 22, 2019 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
+ Sister Colleen Chisholm

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For a family in crisis

Monday

December 23, 2019 – Weekday in Advent

No Mass

Tuesday

05.00 PM

Intention:

08.00 PM

Intention:

Wednesday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

Thursday

09.00 AM

Intention:

10.30 AM

Intention:

Friday

09.00 AM

Intention:

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

December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

Blessings & grace for students at St. Dominic & St. Matthew schools

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For a family in crisis

December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For a special intention

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For a family in crisis

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

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December 26, 2019 – St. Stephen; the first martyr

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For a family in crisis

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

++ Ely / Victoria Delorme, Russell / Loreen Lacey & daughter Linda

December 27, 2019 – St. John; Apostle, Evangelist

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

For all the souls in purgatory

Saturday

07.00 PM

Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM

Intention:

11.00 AM

Intention:

01.00 PM

Intention:

December 28, 2019 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

++ Rod & Glenda Collinson

December 29, 2019 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

++ Russ McKenzie & Ed McKenzie

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

++ Percy, Bernie & Denise Wing

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

For all members of our parish communities

DEC. 15, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION: RMH - \$1,906.30 * Evergreen - \$475.00 * Caroline - \$60.25

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: RMH - \$25.45 * Evergreen - \$10.70 * Caroline - \$00.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$1,625.00 * Evergreen - \$5.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONLINE DONATIONS!

DEC. 15, 2019

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:

RMH - \$3,295.00 * Evergreen - \$675.00 * Caroline - \$990.00

COMPASSIONATE FUND: Evergreen - \$200.00

TOGETHER WE SERVE: RMH - \$120.00

MAINTENANCE FUND: RMH - \$50.00

