



Rocky Mountain House



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## ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND MISSIONS IN EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE

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**August 20, 2023 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**



### MEDITATIONS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

... for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7) Did you notice a theme in today's readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God's "house," will become a house of prayer "for all peoples," wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church – God's house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy. Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don't belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the "all peoples" whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

✦ Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.

✦ Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober – and who introduced her to the Lord.

✦ Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus' forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus' heart breaks for those who don't yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who do know him. That's us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don't have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us. So who will God send to you today?

***"Lord, open my heart to share your love with the people you put in my path today."***


## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Aug. 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Loretta Leer	Faye Boyle	Bonnie Perreault	Audrey Kokesch
Aug. 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Scott & Linda Collinson	Jim Marland	Barry Kirtzinger	Noah Kirtzinger
Aug. 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM		Carla Marks	Karen Carmichael	Laverne Froese	Mona Cruickshank
Aug. 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Linda Collinson	Melissa Erickson	Bonnie Leaf	Gerda Groothuizen	Lura Collinson


## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Aug. 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Simon Szymanek	Melanie Heske	Justin & Jenn Graham & family
Aug. 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Juanita Szymanek	Morgan & Andrea Engi & family

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISHES!

Remember Your Offerings	August 13, 2023		
		<b>REGULAR COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$1,093.00
	<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>	RMH - \$60.00	* Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
	<b>ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:</b>	RMH - \$00.00	* Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
	<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>	RMH - \$50.00	* Evergreen - \$5.00 * Caroline - \$25.00
	<b>FRIENDS OF JESUS:</b>	RMH - \$10.30	

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS TO OUR PARISHES!

Donations	AUGUST 15, 2023		
		<b>REGULAR COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$4,445.00
	<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>	RMH - \$585.00	Evergreen - \$00.00 Caroline - \$25.00
	<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>	RMH - \$420.00	

## MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

CWL sponsored for West Country Family Services.  
Drivers required no more than once a month.  
Contact: Lorraine Murias, Co-ordinator 403-845-4860



## POTLUCK & PRAISE!

Sunday, August 27 5:00PM

Join the parish community in a family potluck at 5:00PM on Sunday August 27th and then stay to join in on some Praise & Worship Music led by Catherine Van Kampen at 6:00PM.



## PARISH LIBRARY USERS

Check out our digitized library at: <https://rmh-smp.methone.opalsinfo.net>  
Please send your name and email to: [resource.library.rmh@gmail.com](mailto:resource.library.rmh@gmail.com)  
Your information will be entered and the library will be ready for use Tuesday, August 8. Instructions on how to self-check out items are posted beside the library computer. **NOTE:** If you do not use email, you will still be able to use the library.



**The Letter: A Message for Our Earth:** How are you preparing for the Season of Creation? On August 31 at 6:30PM, you can join a screening of *The Letter*, a new documentary about how spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary crisis. It focuses on a small group of people from around the world who have an encounter with Pope Francis that gives them new hope. Suggested Ticket Price: \$10. Register at 780-459-5511 or at [starofthenorth.ca/letter](http://starofthenorth.ca/letter)

**CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM**

**We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community**

**Kieran Fynn Leal Nadin**

*Son of Jorge Leal Frutis & Briana Leal Nadin* of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. His baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during a private celebration at 4:00 PM on **Sunday, August 20, 2023.**



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**Kristof Azaiah Cosio**

*Son of Christopher & Mary Rose Cosio* of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. His baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during a private celebration at 4:00 PM on **Sunday, August 20, 2023.**



**DECK REPLACEMENT  
GOING WELL**



In 2020, our pastor Father Leon informed both Finance and Parish councils that the rectory deck was in need of repairs. In 2021 at the Parish Council Zoom meeting, the pastor mentioned rectory renovations once again. In 2023, Fr. Raj raised concerns saying the deterioration of the deck is causing safety issues. Parish Council asked for quotes to tear down and rebuild the rectory deck. After requesting permission from the Archdiocese, Father Raj accepted a quote from Boniface Innovations and work began earlier this month.



**YouTube**

**NEW YOU TUBE CHANNEL FOR ST. MATTHEW PARISH**

St. Matthew Parish has a new YouTube channel. All old videos are still available to watch on the old channel [[www.youtube.com/smprmh](http://www.youtube.com/smprmh)] but from now on, videos will be available on the new account. Please go to: [www.youtube.com/@StMatthewParish/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@StMatthewParish/streams) and subscribe. Links to watch Mass on Sundays will also be available on our webpage calendar: [www.rocky.caedm.ca/events/](http://www.rocky.caedm.ca/events/)



**CAR SEAT NEEDED**

A young Ukrainian family will be arriving in Canada on September 2. I am looking for a child car seat for their two year old daughter. It would need to be less than 10 years old and not been in an accident. Please help spread the word. Many thanks! Contact Gerda Groothuizen at 867-445-1053.

**PASTOR - FR. RAJESH JESURAJ SAC**

**DEACON (RETIRED) - BERNIE OUELLETTE**

**DEACON - CLARENCE OTTESON**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - VIVIAN DUHAMEL**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**M 11-4; T 12-4; W & TH 8:30-11 & 12-4; F 11:30-4**

**MINISTRIES • PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Altar Servers	Deacon Bernie Ouellette
Baptism Preparation Class	Steve and Donna Oscar
Bible Study Mondays	Mara Gagne
Bible Study Sundays	Lisa Feser
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias
Charismatic Prayer Group	Lisa Feser
Children's Liturgy	Joanne Mazza
CWL	Bonnie Leaf
First Communion Class	Catherine van Kampen
Knights of Columbus	Robert Schmidt
Library	Renée Nuttall
Maintenance	Scott Collinson
Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias
Music Ministry	Doreen Quintal
Parish Finance Council	Randall Sugden
Parish Pastoral Council	Lauren MacKenzie
Prayer Chain	Alice Murray
Together We Serve	Vivian Duhamel
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday	7:00 PM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	9:00 AM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	11:00 AM	Evergreen
Sunday	1:00 PM	Caroline

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday	6:30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Wednesday	9:00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Thursday	9:00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
	11:00 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
Friday	9:00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

**ALL REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PASTOR & BOOKED THROUGH THE OFFICE**

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN**

Contact the parish office if you want your child to be baptized in one of our churches. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more information check the parish website or call the office.

**CONFESSIONS**

In Rocky Mountain House – Saturday 6:15 PM – 6:45 PM & Sunday 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM • In Evergreen & Caroline: after each Mass by request (no appointment needed).

**In every church - anytime by appointment with the priest.**

**MARRIAGE**

If you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in one of our churches, contact the parish office at least 9 months in advance. Preparation Course is mandatory. For more information check the parish website or call our parish office.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

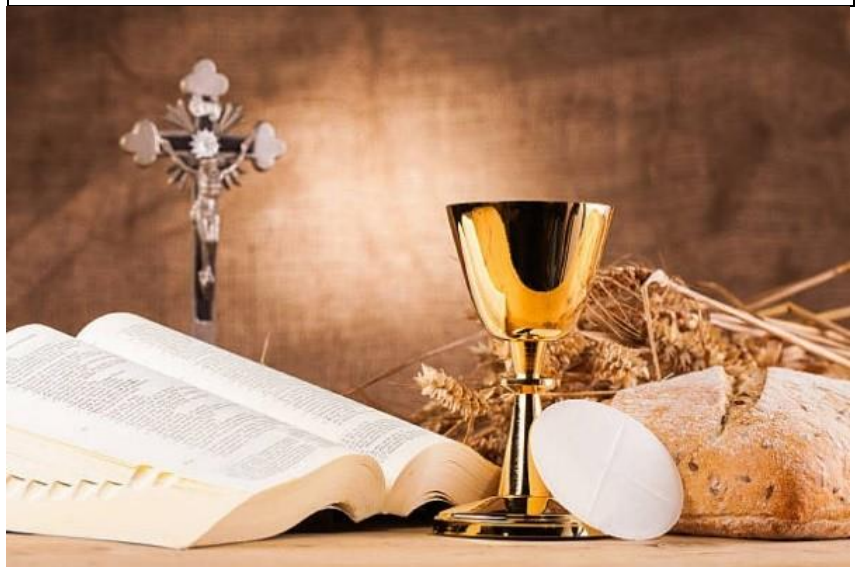
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

RMH - Every First Tuesday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Mass 6:30 PM

**SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**

If you attend Mass in Rocky Mountain House on Sundays, your image may be included in a video on YouTube. Go to [www.youtube.com/@StMatthewParish](http://www.youtube.com/@StMatthewParish) to subscribe and watch Mass live every Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



**ST. MATTHEW PARISH**

**SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE**

<b>Saturday</b> 7:00 PM	<b>August 19, 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Karen Boston
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 20, 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For Brad & Dorraine Lonsdale on their 40 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
<u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> ●●●●●●●●† No intention requested
<u>Caroline</u> 1:00 PM	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u> For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
<b>Monday</b> No Mass	<b>August 21, 2023 – St. Pius X, Pope</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30 PM	<b>August 22, 2023 – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † Karen Boston
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 23, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> For people with addictions & their victims
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 24, 2023 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b> For all intentions placed on prayer boards in our churches
<u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> ●●●●●●●●† No intention requested
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 25, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> ●●●●●●●●† No intention requested
	<b>9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 7:00 PM	<b>August 26, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ●●●●●●●●† No intention requested
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 27, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ●●●●●●●●† No intention requested
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*To love God is something greater than to know him.*

– St. Thomas Aquinas

*Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.*

– St. Camillus de Lellis

*A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue.*

– St. Bonaventure

*Our labour here is brief, but the reward is eternal.*

– St. Clare