



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



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

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**August 27, 2023 – TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**



### MEDITATIONS

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

*But who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)* Jesus didn't pull any punches with his disciples, did he? Yes, he wanted them to tell him what the crowds were saying about him. But he wasn't just interested in the "word on the street." The most important question that Jesus asked his disciples – the question that made all the difference – was a more personal one: "Who do *you* say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15, emphasis added). It's the question that makes all the difference for you, too. Because being able to explain what other people say about Jesus doesn't really change your life. As you think about who Jesus is, you might hear the echoes of your mother or grandfather telling you that Jesus is the Son of God. You might hear friends or coworkers say that he's a healer or a great moral leader. You might hear a teacher or catechist tell you that he is the Messiah. You might hear your parish priest say that he is the Lord of heaven and earth. But what about *you*? After all that input from other people, after your own life experiences, who do you say that Jesus is? Find some time today to take this question into your time of prayer. Ask your heavenly Father for the grace – the same grace he gave to Simon Peter in today's Gospel – to reveal Jesus to you more deeply and to convince you more powerfully that he is *your* Messiah and Savior. Then tell Jesus who you say that he is. If you felt his presence during a troubled time, praise him for being your best friend and guide. If you experienced the relief and joy of forgiveness, thank him for being your Redeemer and merciful Savior. If you catch a glimpse of his glory at the Father's right hand, worship him for being the Lord of history, the Son of God. Who we say that Jesus is changes everything. So who is he to *you*?

***"Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"***

# POTLUCK & PRAISE TODAY AUG. 27 AT 5:00PM

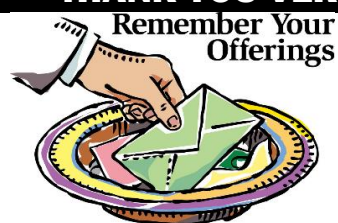
## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Aug. 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Vivian Duhamel	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
Sep. 02, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Vivian Duhamel		Doraine Lonsdale	Dom Couve	Caleb Kirtzinger
Sep. 03, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Wendy deBruyn	Barry Kirtzinger	Doreen Quintal	Amelie MacKenzie

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Aug. 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Juanita Szymanek	Morgan & Andrea Engi & family
Sept. 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Matt & Lori Andersen & family

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



August 20, 2023

<b>REGULAR COLLECTION:</b>	RMH - \$1,223.50 * Evergreen - \$360.00 * Caroline - \$110.00
<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b>	RMH - \$85.00 * Evergreen - \$40.00 * Caroline - \$20.00
<b>ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:</b>	RMH - \$200.00 * Evergreen - \$1,200.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b>	RMH - \$50.00 * Evergreen - \$20.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
<b>FRIENDS OF JESUS:</b>	RMH - \$15.50



## 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



## 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 into the system so you will be able to use the library. 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 if you come during office hours.



## THE STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

780-459-5511

**Bereavement Support Group - Starting September 6 -** Join Wanda Lehman in a safe environment for those who are bereaved; to share stories, gain support through one another, and learn strategies to assist with issues with your personal grief journey. Seven Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Sept. 6 to Oct. 18. Limited registration: \$120. Register at 780-459-5511 or at [starofthenorth.ca/bereavement](http://starofthenorth.ca/bereavement)

## FAREWELL SISTER MARGIE

Sr. Margaret MacDonnell has served St. Matthew Parish since 1985 and is moving to the East coast (God's country) at the end of this month. She has been such a blessing to our Parish and community and will be sorely missed. On behalf of the CWL, all are invited to say farewell after Mass on Saturday and Sunday as we share coffee, tea, goodies, and memories with Sr. Margie. We look forward to visiting with you and giving Sister a beautiful sendoff. Thank you, Sister Margie! ♥





## ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 – 5PM – EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE

Early bird tickets for the Archbishop's dinner are \$125 per person. The price will increase to \$150 after September 8, 2023. Register today at: [www.caedm.ca/dinner](http://www.caedm.ca/dinner)

## PRIEST'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**September 4 - 8, 2023**

From Monday (September 4, 2023) to Friday (September 8, 2023) all the priests of the Archdiocese of Edmonton will attend a spiritual retreat in Kananaskis. There will be adoration Tuesday from 7-8PM and Friday from 9:30AM - 12PM. **No Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (September 4 – 8)**



## 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.

# CALLED TO PROTECT

**REGISTER NOW**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

## VIRTUAL CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Friday, September 8, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The two- and half-hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register. <https://forms.gle/3vBBUivnUJDc7eFz5>

## PASTOR'S NEW DECK



After two weeks' work, the pastor's deck is functional. The stairs are temporary, the roof still has to be built, and the bottom will be partially enclosed with a lockable door. Many thanks to Boniface Innovations.

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE**

**HALF OR FULL-PAGE COLOUR**

Parishioners are invited to advertise their business in the parish bulletin. Half- and full-page colour advertisements are available for \$20 and \$30 per week. Please contact Vivian in the office to advertise today.

**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 the 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**

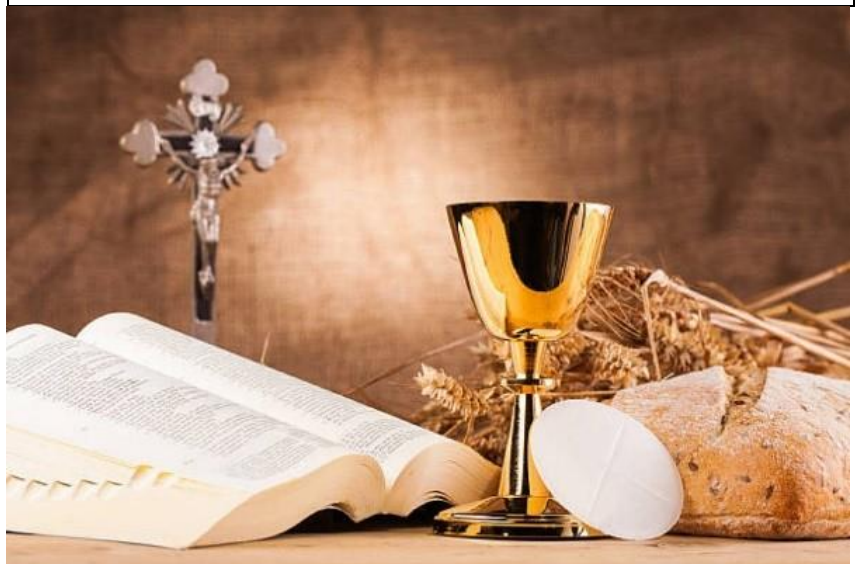
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

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>	<b>August 26, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00 PM	In thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 27, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	† Doreen Couture
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
1:00 PM	◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆† No intention requested
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 28, 2023 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor</b>
<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 29, 2023 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b>
6:30 PM	† Francisco Narciso Sr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 30, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	† Edgar Pansacala
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 31, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	In thanksgiving
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ No intention requested
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 01, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	† Karen Boston
<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>Mass in Eckville Manor (Eckville)</u>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 02, 2023 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00 PM	† Doreen Couture
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 03, 2023 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	For all souls in purgatory
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
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**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

*For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*