



Rocky Mountain House



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

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September 3, 2023 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MEDITATIONS

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

God forbid! (Matthew 16:22) Isn't that the way these things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like! So it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 22). When he hears Jesus predict his coming death, Peter becomes upset. In a flash, he loses his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he means, he tries to tell Jesus what he should and should not do. And that passionate response earns Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23). So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). We *can* change. We can learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does" (Matthew 16:23). For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self-giving love, not self-preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22), or to turn the other cheek (5:39), or to choose not to be served "but to serve" (20:28), or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult. Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We *can* be transformed!

"Jesus, teach me how to think and act as you do!"

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Sep. 02, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Vivian Duhamel	Roxane Bourdeau	Dorraine Lonsdale	Bonnie Perreault	Caleb Kirtzinger
Sep. 03, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Wendy deBruyn	Barry Kirtzinger	Gary Donald	Amelie MacKenzie
Sep. 09, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Roxane Bourdeau	Marliss Cartier	Caleb Kirtzinger	Brianne Melvin
Sep. 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Scott & Teresa Johnson	Becky Marland	Gary Donald	Doreen Quintal

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Sept. 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Matt & Lori Andersen & family
Sept. 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Tim Hoven	Andrea Engi	Ted Houle & Shirley Nicholas

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

Remember Your Offerings	August 27, 2023	
		REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: FRIENDS OF JESUS:

THE STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

780-459-5511

Centering Prayer Introduction Evening How do you nurture your inner sense of quiet, faith, and well-being in the midst of this fast-paced world with its many demands? Do you recognize a longing for inner silence and healing? Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, join us for this brief introduction to a contemplative practice called Centering Prayer on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Suggested Donation: \$10. Register at 780-459-5511 or at starofthenorth.ca/prayer

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.

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.

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

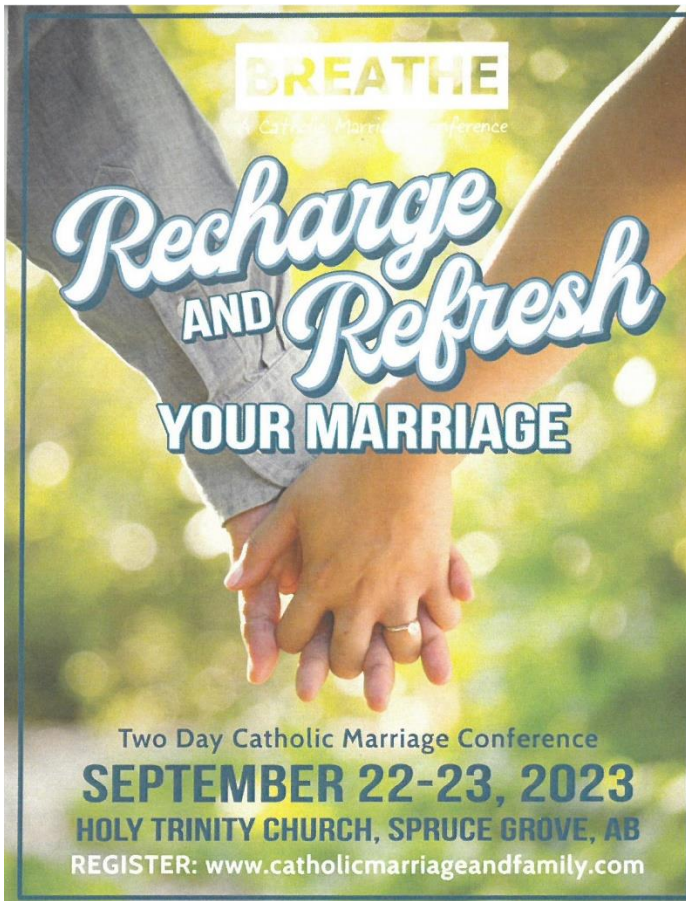


FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Monday Bible Study – Sept. 11 to Nov. 27 (excluding Thanksgiving)

Workbook: \$50

For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940



BREATHE
Catholic Marriage Conference

Recharge AND Refresh YOUR MARRIAGE

Two Day Catholic Marriage Conference
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023
 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SPRUCE GROVE, AB
 REGISTER: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com

CRS Fall Conference 2023
 September 29 - October 1, 2023
 Maria Vadia & Fr. Trevor Nathasingh

Come, for all things are **NOW** ready!




Luke 14:17

St Thomas More
 210 Haddow Close NW,
 Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

Sept 29: 6:30pm
 Sept 30: 9:00am - 5:00pm
 Oct 1: 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Mass with Healing Service
 (open to the public)
 Sept 30: 7:00pm
 A love offering will be taken

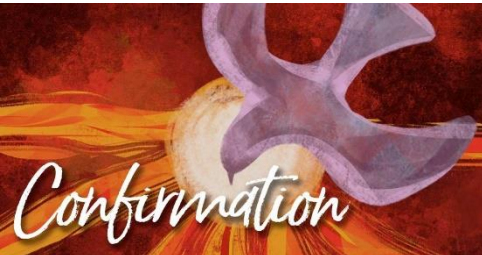
Please see CRS website at www.ccredmonton.info for further details and registration
 Early registration before Sept 15: \$30, after Sept 15: \$40 (pizza lunch included)

Central Alberta
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAPCC is looking for volunteers to help with the planning of the Dessert evening on November 30, 2023. If you are able and willing, please contact Tammy Blaak: 403-846-5024; tammy@pregnancyca.ca The first meeting will be September 5, 2023 at 7PM at the Rocky Pregnancy Care Centre.



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS SEPTEMBER 13


Parents of youth in grades 6-9 who would like their kids to receive the sacrament of confirmation should attend a parent meeting on Sept. 13, 2023, at 7:30pm in the church. At that meeting we will go over the requirements and expectations for confirmation. This is a parent meeting; youth need not attend. For more information, contact Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955 or peter.vankampen@rdcrs.ca. Registration forms are available in the parish office, or on the website.



FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS SEPTEMBER 15

Parents of youth in Grade 2 who would like their child to receive their First Holy Communion should attend a parent meeting on Sept. 15, 2023 at 7:00PM in the church. Registration forms are available on the parish website. www.rocky.caedm.ca Printed forms will be available at the meeting. For more information, please contact the parish office. 403-845-3457

HOLY HOUR ADORATION • ST. MATTHEW
Tuesday – September 5, 2023 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 No Mass at 6:30 PM



Holy Hour
 Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

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	Jim Marland
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

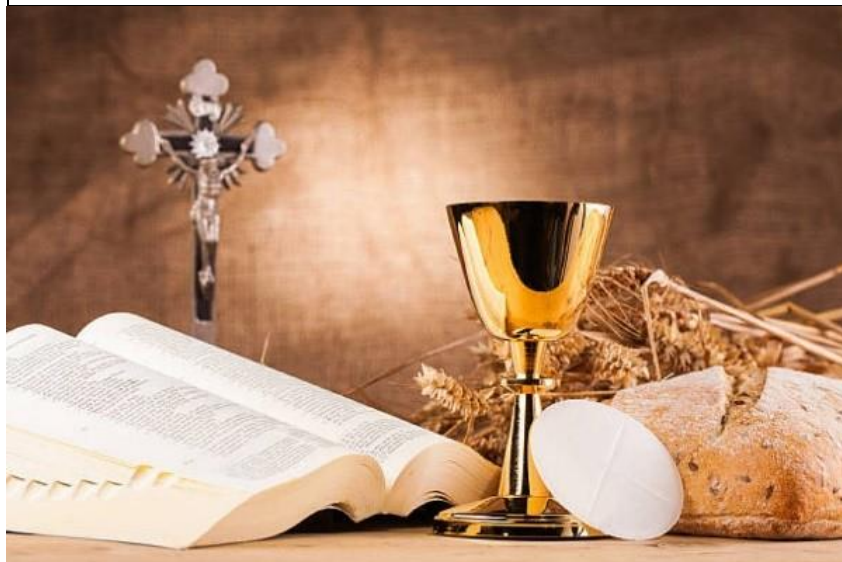
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

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 to subscribe and watch Mass live every Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



ST. MATTHEW PARISH

SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE

Saturday	September 02, 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	† Doreen Couture
Sunday	September 03, 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
1:00 PM	♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested
Monday	September 04, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	
Tuesday	September 05, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	Priest's Spiritual Retreat

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM → HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Wednesday	September 06, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	Priest's Spiritual Retreat
Thursday	September 07, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	Priest's Spiritual Retreat
Friday	September 08, 2023 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass	Priest's Spiritual Retreat

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION

Saturday	September 09, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	† Doreen Couture
Sunday	September 10, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	† Tess Mamuric
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
1:00 PM	God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

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.