



Rocky Mountain House



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

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October 15, 2023 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MEDITATIONS

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Many are invited, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14) This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the king's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond? Jesus told this parable to those chief priests and Pharisees in Jerusalem who had been seeking to destroy him (Matthew 21:45). Despite the malice he encountered from them, Jesus loved them deeply. So he told them a jarring story to warn them about the stark consequences they risked if they continued down the path of unbelief and hatred they had started on. He wanted them instead to find their way into his kingdom, just as so many "tax collectors and sinners" had done (9:11). Jesus wants *everyone* to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, "bad and good alike" (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith, and repentance—including you. And when you come, he showers you with mercy. He offers you his Bread of Life. He heals your wounds and gives you peace. Whether you are more like the chief priests or the tax collectors, he removes all of your sins and gives you a seat of honor at his banquet table. Choosing the kingdom is not just once and done. It's an ongoing vocation. Today and every day, you will encounter many invitations from the Lord. They will come through the people you interact with: will you love them as Christ does? They will come as you scan the headlines: will you intercede for all the suffering in the world? They will come as you spot opportunities to share your faith: will you witness to the Lord, whether through your words or actions?

You are among the "many" who are invited (Matthew 22:14). Choose Jesus!

"Lord, thank you for inviting me into your kingdom!"



GATHERING

OCTOBER 19

5:30PM

CWL Sisters – There are a few items your executive would like brought to your attention. The first is that there will be 50/50 tickets on sale after Mass starting October 14. This fundraiser is in lieu of a fall supper. Parishioner support is greatly appreciated. The second is our gathering coming up October 19 at 5:30PM where we will meet Clover Oryschak, the Edmonton Diocesan President. She will facilitate a discussion on what is important to our council, what members see as their role at the local level and as a part of the national sisterhood of Catholic women. CAPCC dessert night November 30. First 8 to reply get a seat!

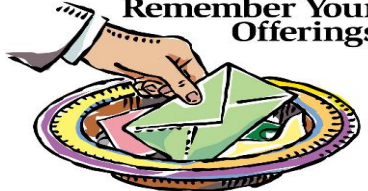
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Oct. 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Carla Marks	Bonnie Perreault	Doraine Lonsdale	Audrey Kokesch
Oct. 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Linda Collinson	Wendy deBruyn	Morgan Duhamel	Barry Kirtzinger	Noah Kirtzinger
Oct. 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Laverne Froese	Marliss Cartier	Caleb Kirtzinger	Jonah Caluttung
Oct. 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Lauren & Vesna MacKenzie	Doreen Quintal	Gerda Groothuizen	Linda Schmidt

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Oct. 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Juanita Szymanek	Ted Houle & Shirley Nicholas
Oct. 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Pat Lafferty & Marion Schafer

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

Remember Your Offerings	October 8, 2023	
		REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: ENGLEDER FAMILY:

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

Khia Priana Ragos Gabutero

Daughter of Lloyd Gabutero and Russel Ragos of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. Her baptism was celebrated in St. Matthew Church in a private celebration on **Saturday, October 14, 2023.**



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We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

Theresa Rebecca Valerie Kenzler

Daughter of Ryan and Leah Kenzler of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. Her baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during Mass on **Sunday October 15, 2023.**



Notice to Knights of Columbus members of RMH Council #6986

This notice is to inform members that a special meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 17th @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Matthew Church** to discuss the future of the council. All members are encouraged to attend.

THE STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

780-459-5511

Reconciliation Through Justice: Indigenous Speaker Series Join us online or in-person as we welcome Noah MacDonald, a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto to speak on the topic of *Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity*. Tuesday evening, October 17 at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation: \$10. Register by phone or at www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Sunday 10:30AM October 15 – November 12 Workbook Set - \$40



FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Monday October 16 7PM For more information contact Mara at 403-845-0940

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR ENGLEDER FAMILY

Robert and Cheryl's child Liam Engleder (who will be six years old in November), was diagnosed with a rare genetic immune deficiency disorder called Chronic Granulomatous Disease aka CGD at the end of March. Liam's disease causes his body to form granulomas on his internal organs due to his inability to fight off bacterial or fungal infections. Liam's condition resulted in Liam having a two-and-a-half-month hospital stay this summer due to four granulomas forming on his liver. His only cure will be a bone marrow transplant which will take place on October 17 at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary. Liam's donor is Robert and Cheryl's youngest son, Linden (who will be four years old in December). Liam will be facing a lengthy hospital stay from one to six months. This has placed burdens on the family financially and emotionally along with wondering who will care for Liam's two brothers – Lorne (8 years) and Linden while Dad works in Rocky. Liam's mom Cheryl will remain in Calgary during Liam's entire hospital stay. Any support for our family is so greatly appreciated. St. Matthew Church will issue tax receipts for all donations in support of the Engleder family. Please make cheques payable to St. Matthew Parish or e-transfer: smatthew.rmh@caedm.ca

CATHOLIC FAMILY MINISTRIES WOMEN OF DIGNITY CONFERENCE

October 20-21

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB

'Carry on Bravely' We would like to invite women, from teen to granny, single, married and mothers to attend the Women of Dignity Conference on October 20-21 weekend at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove. You can expect a weekend filled with prayer, uplifting music, adoration, confessions, Mass, fellowship, and a weekend of inspired speakers with engaging talks to help women affirm their faith in God. It is an opportunity to find meaning and purpose in life's challenges. Invite family and friends to make this a special faith-building journey and experience! Check out the website for conference information.

www.catholicfamilyministries.com

ST. MARGARET ANNUAL PARISH FALL SUPPER

Sunday, November 5, 2023 5-7PM, Peter Lougheed Community Center, 5109 54 Street, Rimbey, Alberta; 13 and Over - \$20; Ages 6-12 - \$10; 5 and Under - FREE



OCTOBER 19 7PM

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Youth group will meet Thursday, October 19 at 7PM at St. Matthew church. All youth in Grades 7 and 8 are welcome. Peter van Kampen at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955 for more information.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



In the Roman Catholic Church, life is lived, faith is learned and celebrated, and growth happens within a community, called a parish. You see, God designed us *for one another*, not to 'go it alone,' and God models perfect loving community for us in the mystery of the Trinity. Call the office today to learn about our faith, to deepen your faith experience, or to give witness to the Faith.

ALL SAINTS PARTY

Tuesday - October 31, 2023 ♦ 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Register at the parish office by October 27, 2023. Dress up as your favourite Saint! Treat bags! Supper and desserts! Saint themed snacks and drinks! Saint themed games! Your whole family is invited!



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- Kilometer Rate: \$0.26 after the first 60 km
- Casual - \$20.09 charter/field trip hourly rate

Signing bonus - \$1,000 to be paid in 2 installments, as follows: \$500 in January and an additional \$500 in June.

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	Tyler Cadrain/Stephanie Porter
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.

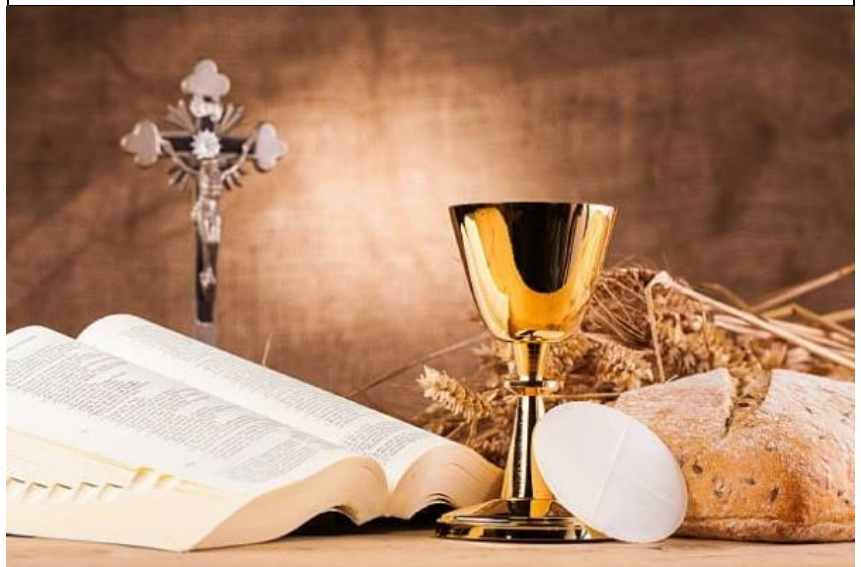
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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	October 14, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	Strength & healing for Bonnie Ferguson
Sunday	October 15, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Intentions of Leclair & Novotny families
<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	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
Monday	October 16, 2023 – St. Marguerite D'Youville; religious
<u>No Mass</u>	
Tuesday	October 17, 2023 – St. Ignatius of Antioch; bishop, martyr
6:30 PM	† In memory of the Truant family
Wednesday	October 18, 2023 – St. Luke; Evangelist
9:00 AM	Strength & healing for Bonnie Ferguson
Thursday	October 19, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	For the intentions of Pearl & John Krzyworuszka
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested
Friday	October 20, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	† Sandra Hogan
	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION
Saturday	October 21, 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	† Ron Smith
Sunday	October 22, 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	† Clara Gumban
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Together We Serve donations to date: \$9,875.00 or 55% of our goal **THANK YOU!**