



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 22, 2023 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

*How does one
give to God?*

MEDITATIONS

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:15-21

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)

In first-century Palestine, taxes were a painful reminder that God's people were living under the oppressive rule of a foreign power. So when the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech" (Matthew 22:15), the hot-button topic of taxation seemed like a clever strategy. If Jesus supported paying taxes, he would come across as disloyal to the Jews. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebelling against Rome. Jesus' reply makes an important point for both first-century Jews and for us today: we can, and should, meet both our civic and religious obligations. What "belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21)? In other words, what are our civic duties? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "It is the duty of citizens to contribute . . . to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom" (2239). This includes a moral obligation "to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country" (2240). What about our religious obligations? What exactly "belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21)? Our entire selves! Regardless of nationality or citizenship, we are all made in the image of the living God (Genesis 1:26-27). So while we pay our taxes and cast our vote to fulfill our political obligations, we give to God what belongs to him—and that involves the surrender of our entire lives. Participating wholeheartedly at Mass is a wonderful way to offer to God what belongs to him. Today, as you set aside other activities to listen to the word of God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, reflect on what he has given you. Then invite him to show you how to surrender to him even more—of your time, treasure, dreams, and of all the people you hold dear.

"Lord, I entrust my whole life to you."

**CALLED TO
PROTECT**

REGISTER NOW

MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2023

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday, October 30, 2023, 7 PM to 9:30 PM. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register. Registration link - <https://forms.gle/BsRQ4YUUYMkPuFNW6>


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
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
Oct. 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Rhonda Caluttung	Justin & Marliss Cartier	Laurier Nobert	Dom Couve	Jonah Caluttung
Oct. 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Morgan & Susanna Duhamel	Gary Donald	Joyce Donald	Lura Collinson


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Oct. 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Pat Lafferty & Marion Schafer
Oct. 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Tim Hoven	Andrea Engi	Mark & Juanita Szymanek & family

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

Remember Your Offerings	October 15, 2023		
		REGULAR COLLECTION:	RMH - \$1,970.50
	MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$65.00	* Evergreen - \$300.00 * Caroline - \$0.00
	ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$100.00	* Evergreen - \$0.00 * Caroline - \$0.00
	TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$0.00	* Evergreen - \$0.00 * Caroline - \$0.00
	ENGLEDER FAMILY:	RMH - \$2,430.00	* Evergreen - \$100.00 * Caroline - \$300.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONTHLY and YEARLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS!

	OCTOBER 15, 2023		
	REGULAR COLLECTION:	RMH - \$4,420.00	Evergreen - \$1,075.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$685.00	Evergreen - \$0.00	Caroline - \$25.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$520.00		Caroline - \$100.00

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS


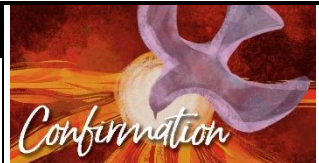
	Sunday	10:30AM	October 22 – November 12
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FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY


	Monday	7:00PM	October 23 – November 27
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RETREATS AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH ✦ OCTOBER 25 & 26

GRADE FOUR – October 25	KINDERGARTEN – October 26	
The Grade Four classes from St. Matthew school will attend a retreat on Wednesday.	Kindergarten classes from St. Matthew school will attend a retreat at the church on Thursday.	

	OCTOBER 26 7PM ST. MATTHEW CHURCH Youth group this Thursday, October 26 at 7PM at St. Matthew church. Mandatory attendance for all confirmation students. Peter van Kampen at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955 for more information.	
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CWL NEWS

	CWL Sisters – There will be 50/50 tickets on sale after Mass both Saturday and Sunday until the draw on November 26, 2023. This fundraiser is in lieu of a fall supper. Parishioner support is greatly appreciated. The CWL & Knights have each purchased a table for the CAPCC dessert night fundraiser on Thursday, November 30 at 6:00PM at the Lou Soppit Centre. Please contact Bonnie Leaf (403-304-2870) if you would like to attend. St. Matthew CWL would also like to invite all parishioners to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday on November 5, 2023 by staying after Mass to share in coffee and sweets on this special occasion.
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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!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Thursday- Nov. 2, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Evergreen Cemetery - Evergreen ♦ PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AFTER MASS

After prayers we will meet at the cemetery entrance! → BLESSING OF ALL THE GRAVES



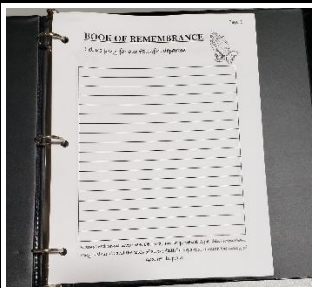
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday - Nov. 5, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Pine Grove Cemetery - Rocky Mountain House ♦ We will meet at the church!

→ SHORT PRAYER SERVICE AT THE CHURCH AT 3:30 PM

→ FOLLOWED BY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF THE LOVED ONES AT THE CEMETERY



PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD • BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November, especially All Souls Day, November 2, is a special time to remember in prayer all the faithful departed. Our prayers help them as theirs help us. We have on display in every church a Book of Remembrance. If you wish to have your loved ones commemorated in our churches during all Masses in November, please **write down the name or names in the book** (family members, parishioners, friends, and neighbors). We will pray for all the faithful departed whose names are written in Book of Remembrance during all the Masses in November.

CENTRAL ALBERTA PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

2023 DESSERT EVENING FUNDRAISER

Thursday – November 30, 2023

You're invited to our Annual Dessert Evening Fundraiser at the Lou Soppit Community Centre on Thursday, November 30, 2023; doors open at 6:00 PM, and the main event begins at 7:00 PM. This year we celebrate Beacons of Hope. The CAPCC extends grace and provides education and ongoing compassionate support before, during, and after pregnancy. This event is **FREE** to attend, however, registration is required by calling 403-871-5111 or visit pregnancycare.ca/rmh-fundraiser-2023.

Red Deer Live-In. November 10 – 11

A Live In retreat is a weekend retreat where the Retreatants and the Back-up (people putting on the retreat) stay together at school from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The theme of the retreat is "Getting to Know Jesus". It is a fun, spiritual renewal with a planned program, testimony sharing and lots of good food. If you are interested in attending, contact Alice Murray at 403 722 4056 or Carol Szymanek by email at SALISreddeer@gmail.com.

Shoebox Campaign

Collection Week November 13-19, 2023

What is Operation Christmas Child?

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Shoeboxes are available at the back of the church.

How to pack a shoebox: Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14; suggested gifts: <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts/> Pray for the child who will receive your gift, for their family to be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ, for their pastor and community.

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
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
RCIA	Fr. JD Carmichael
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

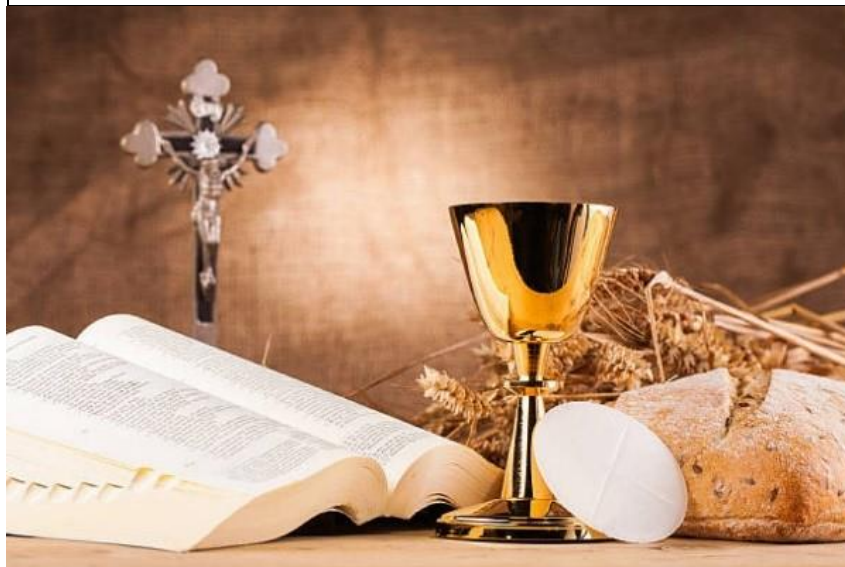
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

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 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

Evergreen Jesuit Martyrs

11:00 AM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

Caroline 1:00 PM St. Joseph the Worker
♦♦♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested

Monday October 23, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday October 24, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:30 PM Strength & healing for Bonnie Ferguson

Wednesday October 25, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM For all intentions placed on prayer boards in all our churches

Thursday October 26, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM †† Victoriana & Miguel Noche

Evergreen Jesuit Martyrs
11:00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested

Friday October 27, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Birthday blessings for Dan Onysyk

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION

Saturday October 28, 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM † Genevieve LeCerf

Sunday October 29, 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Blessings & grace for Trish Bailey

Evergreen Jesuit Martyrs
11:00 AM ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦† No intention requested

Caroline St. Joseph the Worker
1:00 PM For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities



If anyone has borrowed a pyx and is not regularly using it, please return it as we have many needing communion and no pyx for them to use. Thank you.