



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 8, 2023 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MEDITATIONS

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

The kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit. (Matthew 21:43)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest (Matthew 21:34-39). What is Jesus trying to say? It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he's doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner (Matthew 21:37-42). He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders; he is speaking to us as well. Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who *bear fruit*. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matthew 3:8). Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down" (7:19). And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people. Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:9). He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed—except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority (21:23-24). And in doing so, they bore no fruit.

But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold (Matthew 13:8). So let's nurture our seed with faith-filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy. Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!

"Jesus, help me to bear fruit for you today."


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Oct. 07, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Rhonda Caluttung	Kent & Karen Carmichael	Marliss Cartier	Laurier Nobert	Jonah Caluttung
Oct. 08, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Scott & Teresa Johnson	Jim Marland	Becky Marland	Linda Schmidt
Oct. 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Carla Marks	Bonnie Perreault	Dorraine Lonsdale	Audrey Kokesch
Oct. 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Linda Collinson	Wendy deBruyn	Morgan Duhamel	Barry Kirtzinger	Noah Kirtzinger

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Oct. 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Simon Szymanek	Melanie Heske	Matt & Lori Andersen & family
Oct. 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Juanita Szymanek	Ted Houle & Shirley Nicholas

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

 Remember Your Offerings	September 24 & October 1, 2023	
	REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: FRIENDS OF JESUS: BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST:	RMH - \$2,258.05 * Evergreen - \$790.00 * Caroline - \$270.00 RMH - \$470.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$20.00 RMH - \$220.00 * Evergreen - \$100.00 * Caroline - \$00.00 RMH - \$165.00 * Evergreen - \$20.00 * Caroline - \$20.00 RMH - \$80.75 RMH - \$515.80

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2023	7:30PM	St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House	
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 2023	7:00PM	St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House	
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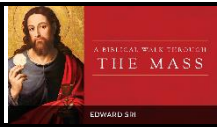
THE STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

780-459-5511

Ways of the Heart: Boundaries as a Spiritual Practice Women's Retreat – Take a weekend to explore the landscape of healthy boundary-making in your life. Join presenters Sandy Prather and Glenda Sartore for a powerful weekend of ritual, reflection, and celebration. Only 13 spots remaining. October 13-15, 2002. Cost: Commuter \$345 / Live-In \$395. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/heart

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!





A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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



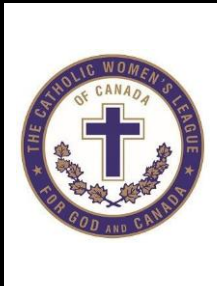
FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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



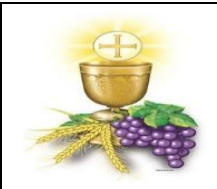
Notice to Knights of Columbus members of RMH Council #6986

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.



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.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OCTOBER 15 1:30PM

The first class will be on reconciliation on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30PM. The cost for the workbook set is \$40. Payment can be by cash, cheque or e-transfer to: stmatthew.rmh@caedm.ca There are a total of six classes to prepare for First Holy Communion. Every effort must be made by parents to have their child attend every class. Thank you.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR ENGLERDER 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: stmatthew.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

CANDLELIGHT PRO-LIFE ROSARY RALLY

There will be a rally at 7:00 PM on October 13, 2023 at St. Stephen's Church in Olds, Alberta. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall. Monetary donations as well as donations of beads of all sizes, broken rosaries, or ones no longer used would be gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Maria 587-796-0903 or bmes@bluemantle.ca



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

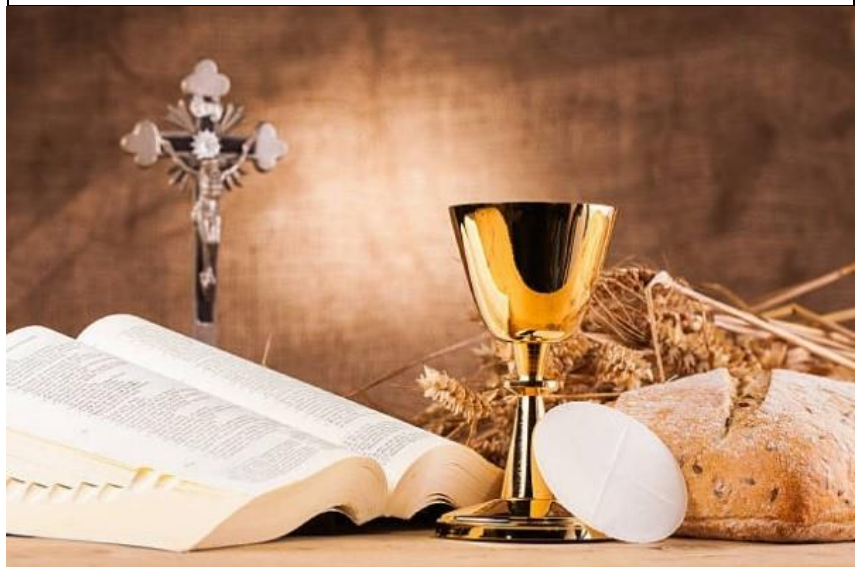
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

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	October 07, 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	Birthday blessings for Hope Perreault
Sunday	October 08, 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Deceased members of Marland, Russell & Riedemann families
Evergreen	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
Caroline	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
1:00 PM	◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆✠ No intention requested
Monday	October 09, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	
Tuesday	October 10, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:30 PM	In thanksgiving
Wednesday	October 11, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	✠ Lavern Leer
11:00 AM	<u>Mass in Westview Lodge (Rocky Mountain House)</u>
Thursday	October 12, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Peace, strength & healing for Aiden Hills
Evergreen	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆✠ No intention requested
Friday	October 13, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Blessings & grace for Trish Bailey
	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION
11:00 AM	<u>Mass in Ravines at Park Avenue (Rocky Mountain House)</u>
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
Evergreen	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆✠ No intention requested
Caroline	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
1:00 PM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.