



Rocky Mountain House



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

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November 12, 2023 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MEDITATIONS

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 63:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Five of them were foolish and five were wise. (Matthew 25:2) In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them. Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast. What a shame! These young women seriously needed to reexamine their priorities! As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course we want to go! That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). But it's not about going to a store to stock up on supplies. Staying awake means looking at how we spend our time and making sure that we're putting the Lord first and cultivating our love for Jesus, our Bridegroom. Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

"Jesus, thank you for inviting me to your wedding feast! Help me be ready for you!"

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. Please contact Bonnie Leaf (403-304-2870) if you would like to attend the CAPCC dessert night fundraiser on Thursday, November 30 at 6:00PM at the Lou Soppit Centre. November 14 Mass intention is for all deceased members of the CWL. Please come to Mass at 6:30PM and stay for a spiritual program honoring all those CWL ladies who have passed. A short meeting will follow to decide the disbursement of funds.

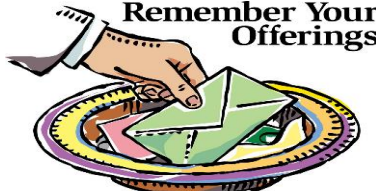
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Nov. 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Wendy deBruyn	Marliss Cartier	Dom Couve	Jo-Anne Como
Nov. 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Scott & Linda Collinson	Gerda Groothuizen	Joanne Mazza	Linda Schmidt
Nov. 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM	Jo-Anne Como	Loretta Leer	Faye Boyle	Laurier Nobert	Audrey Kokesch
Nov. 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM	Linda Collinson	Lauren & Vesna MacKenzie	Susanna Duhamel	Bonnie Leaf	Mary MacKenzie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Nov. 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Lori Hoven	Justin Szymanek	Ed & Carol Szymanek
Nov. 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM	Margie Miller	Matt Andersen	Justin & Jenn Graham & family

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

 Remember Your Offerings	November 5, 2023		
	REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: FRIENDS OF JESUS:	RMH - \$1,735.05 * Evergreen - \$205.00 * Caroline - \$90.00 RMH - \$85.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00 RMH - \$220.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00 RMH - \$275.00 * Evergreen - \$10.00 * Caroline - \$20.00 RMH - \$5.60	

FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Monday Bible Study

7:00PM

November 6 – December 4

 YOUTH GROUP	NOVEMBER 16 7PM ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	
	Youth group will meet Thursday, November 16 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.	

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD • BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is a special time to remember in prayer all the faithful departed. We will pray for all the faithful departed whose names are written in Book of Remembrance on display at the altar during all the Masses in November.

CENTRAL ALBERTA PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

2023 DESSERT EVENING FUNDRAISER


Thursday – November 30, 2023

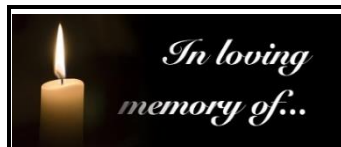
You're invited to our Annual Dessert Evening Fundraiser at the Lou Soppit Community Centre on Thursday, November 30, 2023; doors open at 6:00 PM, and the main event begins at 7:00 PM. This year we celebrate Beacons of Hope. The CAPCC extends grace and provides education and ongoing compassionate support 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.

Shoebox Campaign

Collection Week November 13-19, 2023

Please return your shoeboxes to St. Matthew church this week. Thank you.

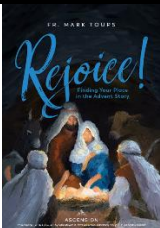
	CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE	\$7 each or 3/\$20
	CATHOLIC INSPIRATIONS CALENDARS	\$3 each or 2/\$5
	ST. JOSEPH MISSALS FOR 2024	\$5.00 each



MARIA VOS (1929 - 2023)

Vigil service will be November 12 at 7PM. The funeral for Maria Vos will be held in St. Matthew church on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 11:00AM.





Rejoice! An Advent Bible Study for Sunday

Immerse yourself in the environment that God's people were living in as they prepared for the Messiah and experience the Advent season in a whole new way. Enter into the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us this holy season. The cost of the journal is \$20. Please contact the office to reserve your copy today. November 19 – December 17, 2023

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

DEACON CLARENCE NEEDS YOUR HELP

There will be a Children's Liturgy Mass LIVE STREAMED on December 24 at 5PM. Deacon Clarence is organizing, and he needs volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please consider how you can help. Deacon Clarence needs 21 or more children for a Nativity play, an assistant director of the pageant, some volunteers to help with organizing, costumes, etc. with the children, a videographer, an adult "donkey" to carry Mary in, and your prayers.

REHEARSALS TO BEGIN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 AFTER MASS

All children, teens and adults helping in the pageant please attend a rehearsal after the 9AM Mass today November 12, 2023 in St. Matthew church.



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – 7:00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew

Contact the office to register: 403-845-3457 (call/text) stmatthew.rmh@caedm.ca (email)



REGISTER NOW

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2023

VIRTUAL CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday, November 20, 2023, 6:30 PM to 9:00 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. Link: <https://forms.gle/4rgMyYPEzL5mRNZ99>



THE STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

780-459-5511

Centering Prayer: An Introductory Workshop on Contemplative Silence This workshop, a full Saturday followed by four Tuesday evenings, provides background on the 4 guidelines of centering prayer, alongside time to practice and to learn from the teachings of Fr. Thomas Keating and others. November 25 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Early Registration: \$110. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/centering

The Star of the North Retreat Centre invites you to join us in gratitude for our 70th Anniversary! This will be a time of gathering, socializing, briefly remembering stories of history, present vision and offerings, and future dreams, while sharing a family style meal with food prepared by our chef and kitchen staff team and enjoying light piano entertainment. Come for a delicious dinner and valued community ties. We look forward to hosting you on December 7, 2023 beginning at 6:00PM. For more details and to register call 780-459-5511 or register online at <https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/70-years-317/>

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS NOVEMBER 19 1:30PM

The second class will be sessions 3 & 4 in the Reconciliation workbook on Sunday, November 19 at 1:30PM at St. Matthew church. The cost for the workbook set is \$40. Payment can be by cash, cheque or e-transfer to: stmatthew.rmh@caedm.ca (include a message). Every effort must be made by parents to have their child attend every class. Thank you.



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

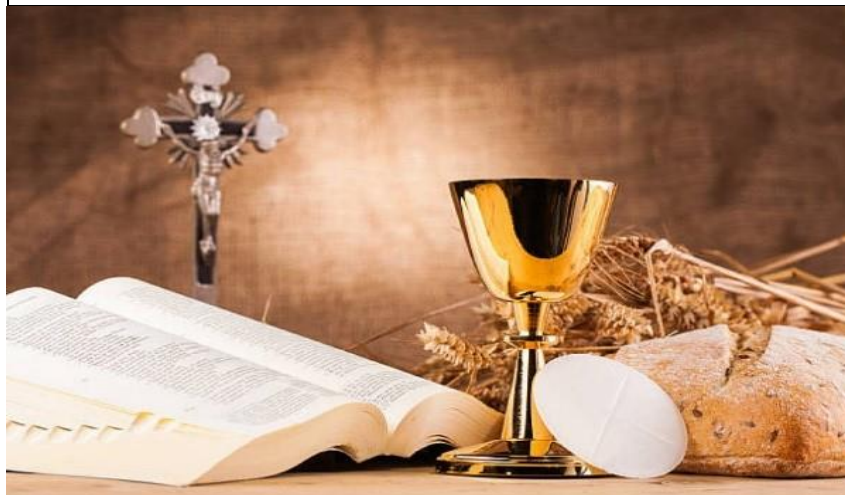
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM

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 7:00 PM	November 11, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time For all souls in purgatory
Sunday 9:00 AM	November 12, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time † Doreen Couture <u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
<u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM	† Zora Anderson <u>St. Joseph the Worker</u>
<u>Caroline</u> 1:00 PM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
Monday No Mass	November 13, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 6:30 PM	November 14, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time † For all deceased members of the CWL
Wednesday 9:00 AM	November 15, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time For a very special intention
Thursday 9:00 AM	November 16, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time † Greg Brown
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> No Mass – Deanery meeting in Red Deer
Friday 9:00 AM	November 17, 2023 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious † Cyrille Fournier
	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION
Saturday 7:00 PM	November 18, 2023 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time For all souls in purgatory
Sunday 9:00 AM	November 19, 2023 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time For all souls in purgatory
<u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> †† Milton Read & David Read
<u>Caroline</u> 1:00 PM	<u>St. Joseph the Worker</u> For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

**The office is closed
November 13, 2023
in observance of
Remembrance Day.**



God, my God, because you are mine, I lack nothing.

– St. Gertrude the Great

Mother dear, lend me your heart. I look for it every day to pour my troubles into.

– St. Gemma Galgani

Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next.

– St. Stephen of Hungary