



Rocky Mountain House



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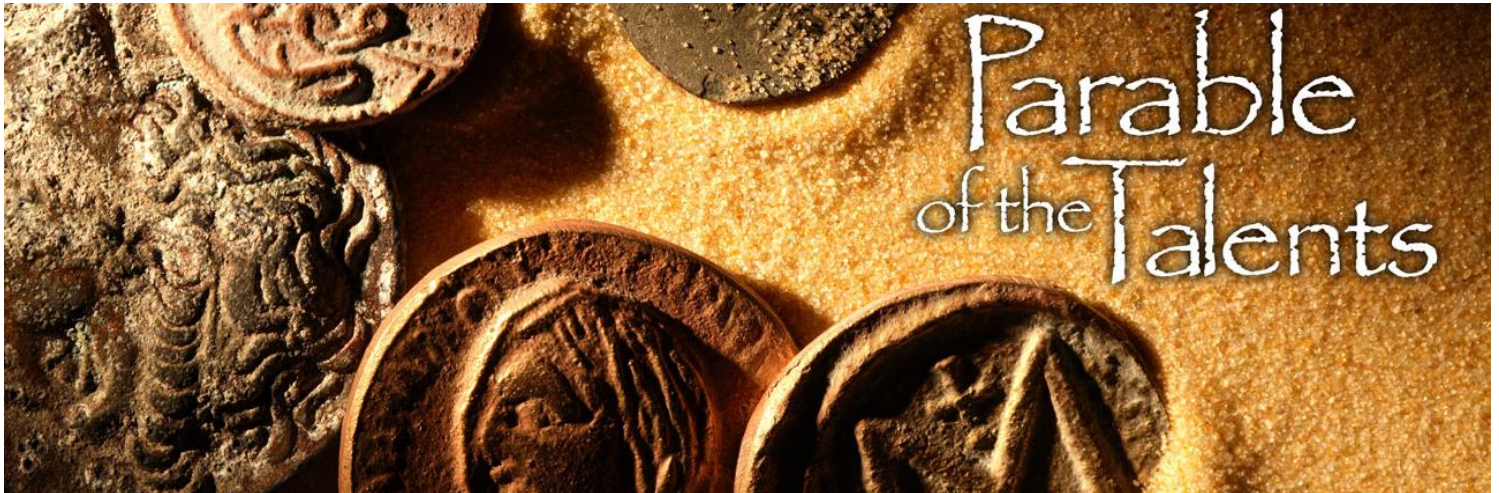


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ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND MISSIONS IN EVERGREEN AND CAROLINE

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November 19, 2023 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MEDITATIONS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Well done, my good and faithful servant. . . You were faithful in small matters. (Matthew 25:23) Don't we all long to hear these words from Jesus when we meet him face-to-face? Though we stumble and fall, we put our faith in our Lord's mercy. We hope that one day, we will greet our Master with joy and confidence rather than with fear and trembling. But how can we see this hope fulfilled? Today's Gospel gives us a clue. In this parable, Jesus is doing more than giving financial advice. He's teaching us how to be ready for his return in glory. Earlier in this discourse, Jesus told two similar parables. First, he spoke of two servants who are put in charge of their master's household (Matthew 24:45-51). One is responsible and provides faithfully for his fellow servants. He is rewarded and put in charge of all his master's property. The other is lazy, selfish, and cruel to the others; he earns a severe punishment. Jesus' second parable involves two groups of women awaiting a bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13). Some are wise and bring oil; some are foolish and do not. When the bridegroom returns, only the wise women have oil to light their lamps. They are ready to greet him and enter the feast. The foolish rush off to buy oil, but in the end, they are too late to join the celebration. Now in today's parable, Jesus tries once more to show his disciples how to be ready for his return. He wants them—and all of us—to enter the feast of heaven and "share [our] master's joy" (Matthew 25:21). And that requires faithfulness. Jesus wants us to be like those servants who earned a return. He's urging us to stay alert, obey his commands, and be faithful "in small matters" (25:21). Every act of love and obedience will help us to live as children of light. Then our hearts will be ready to greet Jesus and hear him say, "Well done!"

"Lord, help me to be faithful, even in the small things."

CWL NEWS



The 50/50 draw date is approaching quickly - November 26, 2023 after the 9AM Mass! Parishioner support is greatly appreciated. So far, the winnings are: \$367.50. This year we donated over \$3,000 to local, national, and international charities. Our Advent project will start December 3, 2023 in support of the women's shelter. Look for the display in the lobby. **Membership fees are \$40 and due in January.**
SAVE THE DATE: December 13 will be our Christmas Potluck at 5:30 PM at St. Matthew church.


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

| Date and Time | Sacristan | Greeter(s) – Gifts | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | Projector |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM | Jo-Anne Como | Loretta Leer | Rhonda Caluttung | Laurier Nobert | Jonah Caluttung |
| Nov. 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM | Linda Collinson | Lauren & Vesna MacKenzie | Susanna Duhamel | Bonnie Leaf | Mary MacKenzie |
| Nov. 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM | Audrey Kokesch | Melissa Erickson | Dom Couve | Bonnie Perreault | Jonah Caluttung |
| Nov. 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM | Becky Marland | Scott & Teresa Johnson | Joyce Donald | Gary Donald | Linda Schmidt |


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

| Date and Time | Proclaimer 1 | Proclaimer 2 | Gifts Bearers |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Nov. 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM | Margie Miller | Matt Andersen | Justin & Jenn Graham & family |
| Nov. 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM | Melanie Heske | Simon Szymanek | Morgan & Andrea Engi & family |

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

|  Remember Your Offerings | NOVEMBER 12, 2023 | | | |
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| | REGULAR SUNDAY: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: FRIENDS OF JESUS: | RMH - \$1,493.50 RMH - \$170.00 RMH - \$100.00 RMH - \$210.00 RMH - \$9.60 | Evergreen - \$360.00 Evergreen - \$00.00 Evergreen - \$00.00 Evergreen - \$150.00 | Caroline - \$85.00 Caroline - \$20.00 Caroline - \$00.00 Caroline - \$00.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS TO OUR PARISHES!

|  Donations | NOVEMBER 15, 2023 | | | |
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| | REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: TOGETHER WE SERVE: | RMH - \$4,520.00 RMH - \$585.00 RMH - \$420.00 | Evergreen - \$1,075.00 Evergreen - \$00.00 | Caroline - \$1,425.00 Caroline - \$25.00 |



NOVEMBER 23 7PM ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Youth group will meet Thursday, November 23 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

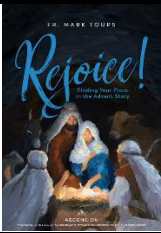
Thursday – November 30, 2023

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.



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. Every effort must be made by parents to have their child attend every class. Thank you.



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. The study will run Sundays at 10:30AM from November 19 – December 17, 2023.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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Thank you for all the families/volunteers who signed up for the Childrens liturgy Christmas Eve. This Sunday Nov 19th after the 9AM mass we will continue to prepare a solemn presentation. Parents please come prepared and be flexible to help me choose roles. Everyone is invited to accompany the singing/choreography parts. I am so excited to do this together with you. If there is anyone who can play a snare drum and would offer to do so we could use one, we welcome all volunteers. God bless you.

- Deacon Clarence

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)



BOOKLETS - "OUR DAILY BREAD"

These booklets are free.

"Our Daily Bread" booklets for Dec., Jan. & Feb. are available at the back of each church.



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

\$7 each or 3/\$20

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

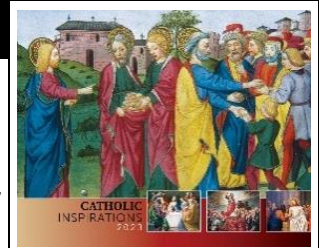
Religious Christmas cards are available for purchase at the back table in the church. Prices are: \$7 per package or 3/\$20. Please, consider sending your Christmas cards depicting the birth of Jesus in beautiful artwork. Send the joyful message of hope to all your family and friends. It is always nice to know someone is thinking of you!



\$3 each or 2/\$5

CATHOLIC INSPIRATIONS CALENDARS

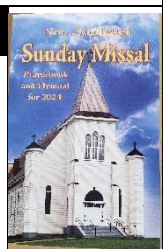
2024 Catholic Art Calendars are for sale on the back table for \$3 each or 2/\$5. There are so many different calendars out there. We invite you to purchase Catholic Calendar, where we have all the Liturgical Celebrations during the year. The liturgical year gives meaning to just what we are supposed to do with our lives as we emulate Jesus Christ. It is His life and the Paschal Mystery that helps us to understand the reason for His incarnation.



\$5.00 each

ST. JOSEPH MISSALS FOR 2024

Participate more fully in the Mass with St. Joseph Sunday Missal! This compact missal includes all the readings of the Mass for every Sunday of the year as well as prayers for personal devotion. It's an excellent resource for those seeking to participate fully in the Sunday Liturgy. The 2024 Saint Joseph Sunday Missal contains prayers, readings, and responses in a simple and continuous flow making it easy to use and understand for everyone. Missals are on display at the back of each church. The cost - \$5.00 each.



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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Saturday 7:00 PM | Nov. 18, 2023 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time For all souls in purgatory |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | Nov. 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 |
| Monday No Mass | Nov. 20, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday 6:30 PM | Nov. 21, 2023 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary God's blessings & healing for Michelle Yaceyko |
| Wednesday 9:00 AM | Nov. 22, 2023 – St. Cecilia; virgin, martyr ✠ Victor Perrault |
| Thursday 9:00 AM | Nov. 23, 2023 – Weekday in Ordinary Time ✠✠ Gurnick & Donnelly families |
| <u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM | <u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> For all intentions placed on prayer boards in all our churches |
| Friday 9:00 AM | Nov. 24, 2023 – St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, & Companions; martyrs ✠✠ Edwards families |
| | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION |
| Saturday 7:00 PM | Nov. 25, 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe For all souls in purgatory |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | Nov. 26, 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ✠ Helmut Novotny |
| <u>Evergreen</u> 11:00 AM | <u>Jesuit Martyrs</u> For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities |
| <u>Caroline</u> 1:00 PM | <u>St. Joseph the Worker</u> ✠ Noel Delorme |

RED DEER DEANERY TOTALS

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| Lacombe – 84% |
| Innisfail – 78% |
| Sylvan Lake – 74% |
| St. Mary's – 67% |
| Rimbey – 66% |
| Olds – 56% |
| Rocky – 52% |
| Sacred Heart - 40% |

HELP ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SERVE THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY

Your ONE Gift to Together We Serve helps the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **provide leadership and support to 19 local conferences**, serving over 7,000 people in need in our communities.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19

Let's try to be the first in our deanery to reach our goal in 2023!!