



Rocky Mountain House



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

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January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Listening to the Voice of God

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:9

MEDITATIONS

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

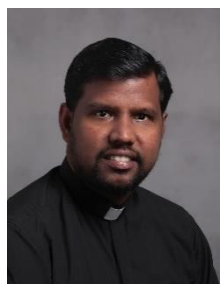
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9) Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli's bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord he had heard. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: "Reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:9). This same God wants to speak to us! It's not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let's take Eli's words to heart. *Speak, Lord.* God wants you to know him. He's always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. "Speak, Lord. I want to know you more." *Your servant.* Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God's plans—even if they differ from your own. "I am your servant, Lord. I'm ready to do your will." *Is listening.* It's not easy to hear God's voice when we're surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord's voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God's help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. "Quiet my heart, Lord. I'm listening for you."

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

CWL NEWS



All members are invited to our monthly gathering on January 17 at 5:30PM. We will learn about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, play board and card games, have snacks, and visit. Bring a friend! Membership fees are \$40 and due in January. Next month we will have a jewelry and accessory exchange. Take time to go through your belongings and bring whatever you are tired of and exchange it for something someone else is tired of.



PASTOR ON VACATION

Our pastor, Father Rajesh will be on holiday from January 15 to February 13, 2024. Please pray for his safe travels. There will be **no daily Mass** during the four weeks he is away. Deacon Bernie will lead Adoration Fridays at 9:30AM and on the first Tuesday, February 6 from 7:00 – 8:00PM. We warmly welcome Father Wilson Thankachan who will celebrate Mass on the weekends in Rocky and missions.


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Jan. 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Mona Cruickshank	Gil & Brandt Perreault	Doraine Lonsdale	Laverne Froese	Audrey Kokesch
Jan. 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Steve & Donna Oscar	Doreen Quintal	Becky Marland	Linda Schmidt
Jan. 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Gil & Brandt Perreault	Sharon Kopchia-Oko	Lura Collinson	Jonah Caluttung
Jan. 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Teresa Johnson	Susanna Duhamel	Bonnie Leaf	Kata MacKenzie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Jan. 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Juanita Szymanek	Morgan & Andrea Engi & family
Jan. 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Matt & Lori Andersen & family

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

Remember Your Offerings 	JANUARY 7, 2024		
	REGULAR SUNDAY:	RMH - \$1,580.35	Evergreen - \$380.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$120.00	Evergreen - \$00.00	Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$200.00	Evergreen - \$00.00	Caroline - \$00.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$140.00	Evergreen - \$10.00	Caroline - \$20.00
FRIENDS OF JESUS:	RMH - \$7.70		



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS JANUARY 14 1:30PM

The next class will be covering Sessions 1 & 2 of the Communion workbook. It will be at 1:30PM at St. Matthew church. Every effort must be made by parents to have their child attend every class. Thank you.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you to all who helped in any way in preparation and celebration of Christ's birth in all our churches - Rocky Mountain House, Evergreen and Caroline; people who removed snow, people who cleaned & decorated our churches, people involved in music ministries, children's Christmas pageant, greeters, sacristans, readers, altar servers, ushers, projector operators. **GOD BLESS!**

Preparing for a Happy Death *and the Life to Come*

A course for compassionate Catholics, caregivers, and people who are dying

Facilitator training will be offered via Zoom Tuesdays, January 23 to March 5 from 7-8:30 PM.

For more information and to register please contact

Alana LaPerle at alana.laperle@caedm.ca or call 780-446-9009.

St. Andrew Live-In Society

Healing Service Bus Trip

Encounter Ministries and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Spruce Grove host an amazing Healing Service on the last Saturday of every month. Many people have been healed of every kind of illness through the graces poured out by God during these services. Join the Red Deer Live-In Centre for a bus trip to Spruce Grove on Saturday, January 27, 2024. The bus will leave Red Deer at 2PM and return around midnight. One bus has been filled, more are needed for the second bus.

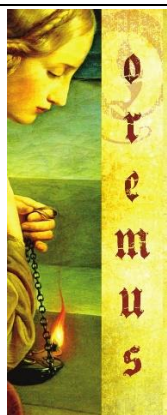
\$40/person **BYO lunch, snacks, drinks**

Register with Carol Szymanek at: SALISredeer@gmail.com

OREMUS: A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays Eight Sessions: January 29 – March 25, 2024



Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks, you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life. Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections for each day. Starting January 29, 2024 at 7PM (no study on Family Day). New & first time bible study participants are welcome. A physical copy of the workbook is available for \$20. A digital workbook is available from Ascension Press for \$5.95USD:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/oremus-a-guide-to-catholic-prayer>

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 7:00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew

Call or text Vivian at the office (403-845-3457) if you would like to attend.



*In loving
memory of...*

FRANCES JOHANNAH BUTT (1928 - 2024)

A vigil service will be held at St. Matthew church on Friday, January 19 at 7:00PM. The funeral service for Frances Johannah Butt will be held in St. Matthew church on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00PM. Father Leon Kler will officiate.



ALL HANDS ON DECK

On February 2nd (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, World Day of Consecrated People), the Archdiocese, in conjunction with the Benedict XVI Institute, is hosting a Vocations Rally at 6:30 pm in the hall at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton. It will be an evening of information and fellowship. The ticket prices are to offset slightly the cost of the event, which is not a fundraising event (\$10/person or \$15/family). There will be catered refreshments provided for all guests. At the ticket link below, there are codes for a 50% discount on tickets, effective until January 19th. You can buy tickets for the event here:

<https://caedm.ca/vocations/>

PASTOR - FR. RAJESH JESURAJ SAC
DEACON (RETIRED) - BERNIE OUELLETTE
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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



ST. MATTHEW PARISH

SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE

Saturday	January 13, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	✠ Anthony Walisser
Sunday	January 14, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Living & deceased members of Marland, Russell & Riedemann families
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Workman</u>
1:00 PM	For all parishioners at home & in extended care
Monday	January 15, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Tuesday	January 16, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Wednesday	January 17, 2024 – St. Anthony; abbot
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Thursday	January 18, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Friday	January 19, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION
Saturday	January 20, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	Birthday blessings for Vicki Onysyk
Sunday	January 21, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Birthday blessings for Georgia Santucci
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	✠ Chuck Nicholas
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Workman</u>
1:00 PM	For God's blessings for all members of our parish communities

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your kindness and thinking about me at Christmas. Deacon Clarence



Stay warm!

