



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 21, 2024 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Follow Me

MEDITATIONS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 25:4-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

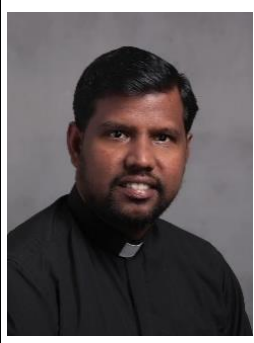
He called them. (Mark 1:20) What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he “called them” (Mark 1:20)? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, “Come after me” (1:17)? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They “left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (1:20). How did Jesus call you? It doesn’t matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him. The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do. Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples. But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor. Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It’s not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there’s no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have!

“Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you.”

CWL NEWS

Membership fees are \$40 and due in January.

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 St. Matthew church, RMH, Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen and St. Joseph the Workman, Caroline.


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Jan. 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Gil & Brandt Perreault	Sharon Kopchia-Okon	Lura Collinson	Jonah Caluttung
Jan. 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Teresa Johnson	Susanna Duhamel	Bonnie Leaf	Kata MacKenzie
Jan. 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Roxane Bourdeau	Barry Kirtzinger	Marliss Cartier	Noah Klrtzinger
Jan. 28, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Linda Collinson	Taner & Rachel Boniface	Joyce Donald	Gary Donald	Roddy Collinson


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Jan. 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Justin Graham	Monica Hoven	Matt & Lori Andersen & family
Jan. 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Tim Hoven	Andrea Engi	Ted Houle & Shirley Nicholas

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

 Remember Your Offerings	JANUARY 14, 2024		
	REGULAR SUNDAY: MAINTENANCE FUND: ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS: TOGETHER WE SERVE: INSURANCE PAYOUT:	RMH - \$594.50 RMH - \$25.00 RMH - \$160.00 RMH - \$30.00 RMH - \$5,754.40	Evergreen - \$135.00 Evergreen - \$00.00 Evergreen - \$00.00 Evergreen - \$00.00

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

 Donations	JANUARY 15, 2024		
	REGULAR COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND: TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$4,520.00 RMH - \$585.00 RMH - \$420.00	Evergreen - \$825.00 Evergreen - \$00.00

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 7:00 PM

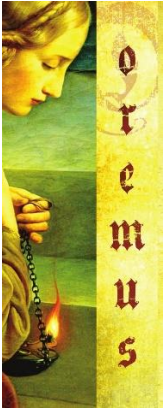
Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew

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



PRESENTATION – BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

Are you interested in understanding a woman's cycle and fertility a little more? Come for a lighthearted and fascinating presentation (with time for questions) on January 31, 2024 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the foyer of St. Matthew church. Focus on the Billings ovulation method of charting. Targeted for women ages 10+. There will be snacks! Questions?? Contact Catherine van Kampen at 403-845-2923 (text or call)

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>

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:****THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH****SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Starting on Sunday - January 28, 2024 • 10:30AM (Ten Sessions) Led by Jim Marland.

Register at the parish office ASAP if you need a workbook.

Workbook cost is \$45. E-book is available at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/what-we-believe-the-beauty-of-the-catholic-faith#study-materials> Official trailer: <https://youtu.be/z9iWfmh2-0w>

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – JANUARY 28, 2024

Help wanted for Beautiful Breakfast **Saturday January 27 at 10AM** for food prep & **Sunday, January 28 at 8AM** to cook pancakes and serve. All are welcome to help with **cleanup** following breakfast. Contact Morgan 403-895-3763

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?**

FEARLESS is a documentary that takes us on a compelling journey of discovery into the world of supernatural divine power. We witness how ordinary people in a church, on the streets, and on college campuses ENCOUNTER God's LOVE and PRESENCE. We see miracles of God through the hands of ordinary people. We see lives touched and changed in an instant because God speaks to them, touches them and heals them. You are about to see a FEARLESS miracle!

"Fearless is an incredible adventure into the heart of what it means to be full of the love of God and live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Walking in the power of the Holy Spirit and revealing the Kingdom of God through signs and wonders is not for a select few-it is the normal Christian life. This is our calling! My heart was burning as I watched Fearless and I can't wait to see the impact it will have on the Church and the world!" - Sr Miriam Heidland

Read more about what big Catholic names say about the documentary on our website calendar.

Watch at home via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEu_KG07p9I

Or come watch the documentary FEARLESS with our parish in the foyer on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM and learn more about the healing miracles happening in our diocese right now at the ENCOUNTER ministries healing services in Spruce Grove!

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

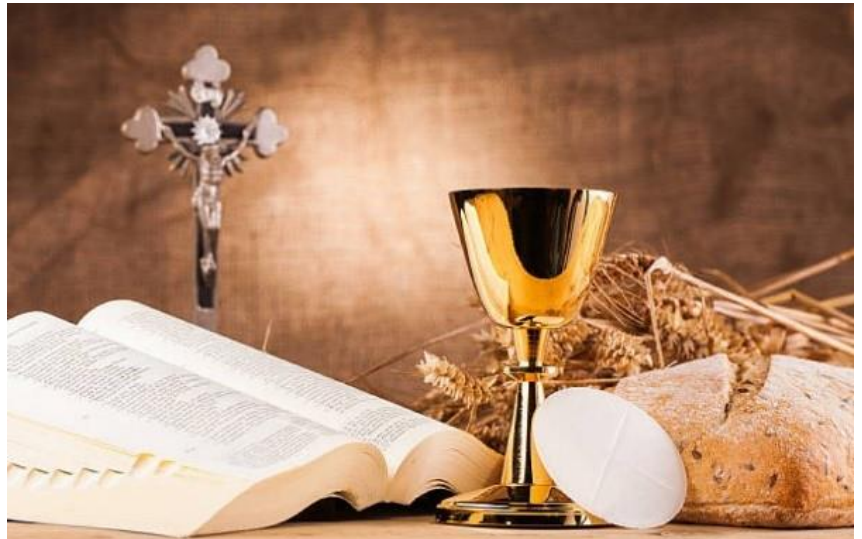
RMH - Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mass 9:00 AM
 RMH - Every First Tuesday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Mass 6:30 PM

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



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SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE

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
Monday	January 22, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Tuesday	January 23, 2024 – Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Wednesday	January 24, 2024 – St. Francis de Sales; bishop, doctor
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Thursday	January 25, 2024 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS
Friday	January 26, 2024 – St. Timothy & St. Titus; bishops
No Mass	PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM → ADORATION

Saturday	January 27, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 PM	Birthday blessings & grace for Brandt & Austin Perreault
Sunday	January 28, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Blessings for Tracy Sugden
<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	† Helen Willigar



We are such value to God that he came to live among us...and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to himself. We can only respond by loving God for his love. – St. Catherine of Siena
Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude. – St. John Chrysostom
If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts. – St. Vincent de Paul