



Rocky Mountain House



Evergreen



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

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February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)



MEDITATIONS

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15-19

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

They kept the matter to themselves. (Mark 9:10) Today we hear Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration and get a snapshot of his divinity. Six days after predicting his death and resurrection, Jesus shows his glory to Peter, James, and John (Mark 8:31; 9:2-8). In a flash, the disciples' eyes are opened. They can see who Jesus truly is. He is more than a good rabbi, a miraculous healer, or a gifted preacher. He is greater than even Moses or Elijah! Jesus is God. Jesus' disciples didn't fully grasp their mountaintop vision or how they would need to cling to it as Jesus headed toward the cross. They didn't know how their faith would be tested or how important it was that Jesus was more than just a man. And they didn't know what Jesus meant when he said he would die and rise again. But Jesus knew. That's why he told them to keep the revelation to themselves until he "had had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:9). In his transfiguration, Jesus was giving his disciples a gift to sustain them for the day of his crucifixion. On that day there would not be three tents but three crosses. Jesus would not stand between Moses and Elijah; he would hang between "two revolutionaries" (Mark 15:27). On that day they would abandon their teacher and Lord to his cruel end. But Jesus' transfiguration not only helped the disciples during his crucifixion. Even more, it foreshadowed an even greater revelation of his divinity: the resurrection! Jesus' glory was just as present on the cross as it was on the mountaintop. The disciples just couldn't see it. They needed a heavenly perspective—and so do we. That's why Jesus invites us to go up the mountain every day for a glimpse of his glory: to see Jesus, the Son of God, who will be with us always, to the end of time. So whether you're at Mass or confined to your bed, look to Jesus today. Ask him to open your eyes. Let him strengthen your faith and fill you with hope!

"Jesus, help me to see your glory."

CWL NEWS



Mark your calendars! We will have a Spring Banquet on April 26.
Please bring a treat to share after the parish mission.


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Sacristan	Greeter(s) – Gifts	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Projector
Feb. 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Faye Boyle	Loretta Leer	Laurier Nobert	Sharon Kopchia-Oko	Audrey Kokesch
Feb. 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Scott & Linda Collinson	Bonnie Leaf	Becky Marland	Roddy Collinson
Mar. 02, 2024 at 7:00 PM	Audrey Kokesch	Roxane Bourdeau	Gil Perreault	Barry Kirtzinger	Gabriel Kirtzinger
Mar. 03, 2024 at 9:00 AM	Becky Marland	Bernie & Margie Reiner	Gerda Groothuizen	Becky Marland	Doreen Quintal

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers
Feb. 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Melanie Heske	Simon Szymanek	Bill & Shirley Anne Pollock
Mar. 03, 2024 at 11:00 AM			

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

Remember Your Offerings	FEBRUARY 18, 2024		
		REGULAR SUNDAY:	RMH - \$628.00
	MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$50.00	Evergreen - \$00.00
	ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:	RMH - \$320.00	Evergreen - \$00.00
	TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$20.00	Evergreen - \$00.00
	FRIENDS OF JESUS:	RMH - \$9.15	
			Caroline - \$100.00
			Caroline - \$00.00
			Caroline - \$100.00
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ST. MATTHEW YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00PM – 9:00PM

St. Matthew's Youth Ministry runs most Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Church. All youth grades 7-8 are welcome to attend! For more info contact Peter van Kampen at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or 403-848-0955.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE - RMH

THURSDAY – MARCH 7, 2024

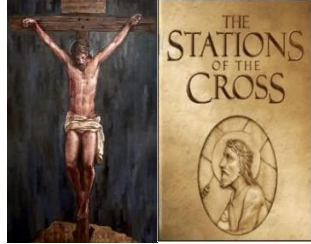
7:00 PM

“Confessing our sins may be difficult for us, but it brings us peace. We are sinners, and we need God’s forgiveness.” – Pope Francis
Come for reconciliation with:
Fr. Raj Fr. Mirek (Red Deer) Fr. Nilo (Olds) Fr. Liju (Lacombe)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING SEASON OF LENT

All parishioners are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross as a community reflecting upon the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation.

EVERY THURSDAY	11:30 AM	EVERGREEN	JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH	
EVERY FRIDAY	7:00 PM	EVERGREEN	JESUIT MARTYRS CHURCH	
EVERY FRIDAY	7:00 PM	RMH	ST. MATTHEW CHURCH	
EVERY SUNDAY	12:30 PM	CAROLINE	ST. JOSEPH CHURCH	

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

Emmett Matthew Papineau

Son of Matthew and Kristin Papineau of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. His baptism will be celebrated in St. Matthew Church during a private celebration at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024.



All parishioners are invited.



2024 LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

THEME: THE GREAT TRIDUUM AND THE JOY OF THE CROSS

RETREAT MASTER – ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS SYLVAIN LAVOIE

DATE	MASS TIME	RETREAT TIME
Sunday, March 3	9AM Rocky, 11AM Evergreen, 1PM Caroline	7PM St. Matthew Church
Monday, March 4	No Mass	7PM St. Matthew Church
Tuesday, March 5	6:30PM, St. Matthew Church, Rocky	7PM St. Matthew Church

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY 2024

Our parish will produce an updated parish pictorial directory to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith family. All photography and viewing of your images will be done in one convenient appointment at your church. Photographers from IPC Canada will be available April 8 to 13. Your portrait session will take approximately 30-45 minutes. Each family will receive one free directory. Additional portraits can be purchased at the time of your appointment.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

February 25 is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign. Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!



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

Next session February 25 at 10:30AM

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: OREMUS: A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Next session February 26 at 7:00 PM

Confession in St. Matthew School Chapel

February 28, 2024

1:30PM

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	February 24, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
7:00 PM	Health & safe delivery for Susanna Duhamel
Sunday	February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	✠ Doreen Couture
<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	✠ Melissa Topham
Monday	February 26, 2024 – Weekday in Lent
No Mass	
Tuesday	February 27, 2024 – Weekday in Lent
6:30 PM	For all intentions placed on prayer boards in our churches
Wednesday	February 28, 2024 – Weekday in Lent
9:00 AM	The guidance of the Holy Spirit for Candace McKenzie and Russel Dahms
Thursday	February 29, 2024 – Weekday in Lent
9:00 AM	✠ Connie LeCerf
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	✠●●●●●●●●✠ No intention request
Friday	March 01, 2024 – Weekday in Lent
9:00 AM	✠✠ Pat & Joan MacDonald
11:00 AM	<u>Mass in Eckville Manor (Eckville)</u>
Saturday	March 02, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
7:00 PM	✠ Bernard Kokesch
Sunday	March 03, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	✠ Milly McKenzie
<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Jesuit Martyrs</u>
11:00 AM	God's blessings for all members of our parish communities
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>St. Joseph the Workman</u>
1:00 PM	✠●●●●●●●●✠ No intention request

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about. – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

The songs of birds and the sound of music should remind us of the eternal and ever new canticle of heaven.

– St. Anthony Mary Claret