

**September 13, 2020 - 24 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS**

**Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church**



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**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**

**ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR. LEON  
NO CONFESSION BEFORE ALL THE MASSES**

Fr. Leon is busy with preparing things for Mass and setting the Livestream for Masses on the internet. Fr. Leon will be happy to offer his time for confessions after each Mass or at another time, but please always make the appointment.



**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE**

**MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays Bible Study is going to go ahead, but we will do it online.

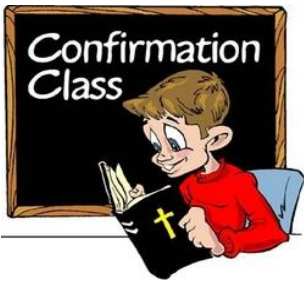
We will meet (virtually) at 7.00 PM on Mondays for 8 weeks.

**STARTING DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

For more information: Contact Mara Gagne 403-845-0940 (phone/text)



**CONFIRMATION – REGISTER YOUR CHILD**



- Register now at the parish office for Confirmation in 2021. Classes will be organized when we will have more information from the bishop's office. At this time we are asking the parents to register their children.
- Normally candidates are from grades 7 and 8, but child aged 11 is considered old enough to receive this sacrament.
- If you have questions, please call Peter van Kampen at 403-848-0955.

**FIRST COMMUNION – REGISTER YOUR CHILD**

All the parents of children who plan to receive First Holy Communion in our parish in 2021 are invited to register their child in the parish office. Deadline is Monday, September 28, 2020. If we cannot have meeting with all the parents Fr. Leon will meet individually with the parents to discuss the preparation for this sacrament.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD by filling REGISTRATION FORM. Download REGISTRATION FORM from our parish website or call the office for the registration form to be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to you - return the form to office in person, by mail, fax or e-mail. Usually children receive First Holy Communion in Grade 2.



**ANNUAL RETREAT – FR. LEON**

**Fr. Kler will be away from Monday to Thursday:  
September 14 - 17, 2020 (inclusive).**

This year because of COVID-19 all priests in the Archdiocese of Edmonton are organizing their own individual retreat.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Sirach 27:30-28:7 \* Romans 14:7-9 \* Matthew 18:21-35*

**Forgiveness is a choice that leads to life.** Life always offers us choices - will we hold onto anger or choose to forgive? Will we live with a spirit of compassion or withhold mercy? Will we hold onto hurts and grievances or extend a hand in peace? Living out the commands of God is no easy task, but if we show mercy and forgiveness to others, we are assured of the same from our heavenly Father.

**Sirach** tells the people, *Anger and wrath are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.* Thus, they are to forgive their neighbor as they wish to be forgiven by the Lord. **Paul** tells the Romans, *We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord.* **In the Gospel**, Jesus answers Peter's question of how often he must forgive by telling him the parable of the unforgiving servant.

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### SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Christian life is a communal life, not a solitary one. Thus, it entails times of being reconciled to God and with one another. Saint Paul explains why it is necessary for us to be reconciled with each other if we ever have hope of being reconciled with God. *We are the Lord's, we belong to Christ, and we are to conform ourselves to him: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.* We are a community of believers. We are all sinners, and need to give and receive from each other what we need from the Lord – mercy. We are meant to treat others the way God has treated us in Christ, sharing with them the life-giving and forgiving love of Jesus.

“What does that look like, exactly?” we might ask. This is at the heart of Peter's question in today's Gospel. “What does forgiveness look like, Lord, forgiving my brother seven times?” That seems like a reasonable number, does it not? Especially if it is for the same thing? Except Jesus said *seventy-seven times* was the answer. And lest we get stuck on the exact numbers rather than the larger point, Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. Completely upside down in his debt, with no hope to repay it, and he must throw himself completely on his master's mercy. • His debt is miraculously forgiven! Yet, rather than reforming his life, changing his heart, and sharing with others the mercy just shown him, the servant imprisons someone who owes him a much smaller amount. In response, the master hands him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. • Jesus suggests that he owes us nothing, but he has given us everything. He has forgiven the worst things we have ever done. He would forgive the worst things we could ever imagine. And yet, with all that mercy to draw from, free for the taking, he still finds us holding grudges over much smaller wrongs done to us by the hands of another.

All of us belong in Jesus' “debtors' prison,” but he came to set the captives free. It is true that we don't deserve the mercy God has shown us in Christ. We can't earn it and we can't repay it. But we can live it. We can forgive, and we can seek forgiveness. And as “seventy-seven” represents the limitless nature of God's mercy toward us – so we can make it represent ours to one another.





## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Attendance Recorder	Usher	Proclaimer	Projector Operator
Sep. 12, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Karen Carmichael	Mona Cruickshank	Morgan Duhamel	Vivian Duhamel
Sep. 13, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Jo-Anne Como	Lisa Sembaliuk	Bonnie Leaf	Amelie MacKenzie
Sept. 19, 2020 at 07.00 PM	Faye Boyle	Kent Carmichael	Nathalie Manuel	Hope Perreault
Sept. 20, 2020 at 09.00 AM	Becky Marland	Jim Marland	Jeannette Hobden	Mara Gagne

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat. 7.00 PM RMH \* Sun. 09.00 AM RMH \* Sun. 11.00 AM Evergreen \* Sun. 01.00 PM Caroline

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mon. No Mass \* Tue. 6.30 PM RMH \* Wed. 9.00 AM RMH \* Thu. 9.00 AM RMH & 11.00 AM Evergreen \* Fri. 9.00 AM RMH

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED** to attend weekday Masses.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to attend Sunday Masses. **To Register Contact Parish Office:**

Phone/Text: 403-845-3457 (Monday - Friday \* 12.00 PM - 04.00 PM) • Email: [office@smprmh.ca](mailto:office@smprmh.ca)

**CONFESSIONS:** Any time by appointment with Fr. Leon. • No confession immediately before Masses.



### COLORING PRO-LIFE CONTEST

Hey Kids: Red Deer Pro-Life is sponsoring a coloring contest. Use your artistic talents to make a beautiful message, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made". **Blank coloring pages are available at your church.** Return them by November 1<sup>st</sup> to: Red Deer Pro-Life • Box 202 • Red Deer, Alberta • T4N 5E8

### LIFE CHAIN 2020

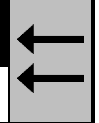
Will you stand for an hour for the life of a baby? If so, please consider standing with Life Chain 2020, praying silently, and holding a provided sign: "Jesus Heals and Forgives" • "Abortion Hurts Women" • "Pray to End Abortion" • "Adoption-the loving option"

**When:** • October 3, 2-3 pm Lacombe, East of No Frills Food store  
• October 4, 2-3 pm Red Deer, 32 St. & 57 Ave. \* Meet at the West Park parking lot.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

**Friday – Sep. 18, 2020 ♦ 09.30 AM – 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM**



#### BOOKLETS - "OUR DAILY BREAD"

These booklets are free.

# OUR DAILY BREAD

"Our Daily Bread" booklets for September, October and November are available at the parish office.



### "LIVING FAITH" & "LIVING FAITH KIDS"

The next issue of 'Living Faith' and 'Living Faith Kids' is available at the parish office. The cost is \$2.50 per booklet.

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# PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette  
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

5208-53 Ave (Box 130) ♦ Rocky Mountain House, AB \* T4T 1A1

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Direct voice/fax/text line to office 403.845.3457  
Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor 587.355.3947  
Direct email address to office [office@smpmhc.ca](mailto:office@smpmhc.ca)  
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## PARISH MINISTRIES

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Bible Study Sundays Lisa Sembaliuk 403.846.7137  
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First Communion Class Catherine van Kampen 403.845.2923  
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Youth Group Peter van Kampen 403.848.0955

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House  
Sunday 09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House  
Sunday 11.00 AM Evergreen  
Sunday 01.00 PM Caroline

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday No Mass  
Tuesday 06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH  
Wednesday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH  
Thursday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH  
11.00 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen  
Friday 09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

## MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday 08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH  
First Wednesday 11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville  
First Friday 11.00 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH  
Second Wednesday 08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH  
Second Wednesday 11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH  
Second Friday 11.00 AM - Ravines at Park Ave., RMH

**REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.**

## BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

## CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM  
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

## MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House  
9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION  
Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH  
6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION

PARISH WEBSITE → [WWW.SMPRMH.CA](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## LIVESTREAMING ALL MASSES IN ROCKY

ONLINE MASS

We continue to livestream all Weekday and Sunday Masses celebrated in St. Matthew Church in Rocky.

**NOTE:** If you attend the livestreamed Mass your image may be included in the online video.

**Saturday September 12, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**  
Intention: Thanksgiving to the Trinity for all spiritual blessings

**Sunday September 13, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Intention: + Bill Long  
11.00 AM Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

Intention: Get well Mass  
01.00 PM Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

**Monday September 14, 2020 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
No Mass

**Tuesday September 15, 2020 - Our Lady of Sorrows**  
No Mass Fr. Leon's Retreat

**Wednesday Sep. 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
No Mass Fr. Leon's Retreat

**Thursday September 17, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass Fr. Leon's Retreat

**Friday September 18, 2020 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**  
Intention: For the intentions of Clarence Otteson

**09.30 AM - 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH**

**Saturday September 19, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**  
Intention: + Alta Backs

**Sunday September 20, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ **Live on You Tube**

Intention: For a special intention  
11.00 AM Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: Birthday blessings for George Pittman  
01.00 PM Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

## REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLY!

## SEP. 06, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

**SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:** RMH - \$1,877.00 \* Evergreen - \$404.00 \* Caroline - \$35.00  
**MAINTENANCE FUND:** RMH - \$20.00 \* Evergreen - \$10.00 \* Caroline - \$0.00  
**TOGETHER WE SERVE:** RMH - \$320.00 \* Evergreen - \$130.00 \* Caroline - \$5.00  
**ONLINE + E-TRANSFERS:** RMH - \$00.00 \* Evergreen - \$00.00 \* Caroline - \$00.00

**TOGETHER WE SERVE. To date, we have collected \$10,737.50 towards our goal of \$21,500. Thank you so much for your support!**

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community

**Alayah Rose Boomer**

Daughter of Jessica and Nicholas Boomer of St. Matthew Parish in Rocky Mountain House. Her baptism was celebrated in St. Matthew Church during private celebration at 04.00 PM on Sat., Sep. 12, 2020.

