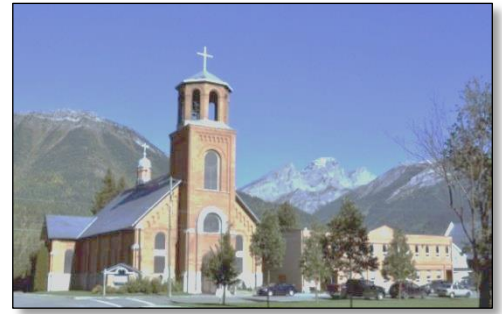


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5th February 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

Next Weekend – Fr. Jim Ratcliffe

Next weekend we will be welcoming back Fr. Jim Ratcliffe who will be leading our celebration of Mass. He had hoped to come for a longer stay but diocesan commitments haven't made this possible.

Weekday Masses – This Week and Next

Fr. David will not be here for weekday Masses this week or next. Hopefully after this our weekday Mass schedule will be back to normal for the rest of February and for March (except for Ash Wednesday!).

We had hoped that Fr. Jim would be here for weekday Masses but the Bishop has called all the priests to Kelowna for some in service training.

Upcoming Parish Potluck

The parish potluck is just ten days away on Wednesday 15th February at 5:30pm in the Fernie Family Centre. Our Catechism children will be giving a presentation during the potluck. If you are coming and your surname begins with the letters A to M then please bring a dessert and if your surname begins with the letters N to Z then please bring an entrée to the potluck. This should be a fun event so please don't miss it.

Meatballs and Sauce Fundraiser

Meatballs and Sauce: As part of the effort to raise funds for the upcoming CWL Diocesan Convention the CWL are selling litre containers of meatballs and sauce. Please contact Lena at 250-423-6980 or Celia at 250-430-7533 to place an order; the price is \$15. The spaghetti sauce and meatballs will be available for pickup at the parish potluck on Wednesday 15th February.

Scarves and Purses: The CWL is also collecting scarves and purses as part of their preparations for the Convention. You may drop items off at the parish office on Tuesday's or Friday's between 9:30am and 1:30pm. They are also in search of a coat rack!

February's CWL Meeting

Please remember that the February CWL meeting will be Tuesday 21st at 1 pm.

Griz Days Garage Sale

We have a date for our garage sale... it is Saturday 4th March from 10am to 4pm in the Fernie Family Centre. Please mark your calendars. If you have items to donate to this you can drop them off at the parish office on Tuesday's or Friday's between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses:

For this week and next there are no weekday Masses. Please see left for further details.

From Fr. David...

Salt

The nineteenth century Scottish chemist Sir Lyon Playfair argued, on scientific grounds that under the generic name of “salt” in certain passages of the bible we are to understand petroleum or its residue asphalt instead of common salt. Thus in Genesis 19:26 when Lot's wife looks back and was turned into a pillar of salt, it should read “pillar of asphalt”. Part of the logic is that as salt is soluble in water, after a few rainstorms the pillar would have been washed away if it was just salt, but as asphalt it would remain. And again in our passage today instead of salt we should read “petroleum,” as unlike salt that can be exposed to the air and still remain unchanged, petroleum loses its essence by exposure and becomes asphalt, from which pavements are made, that is, it is only good to be “thrown out and trampled underfoot.” (5:13). Not surprisingly few scripture scholars agree with him, but “You are the petroleum of the earth” does go well with “You are the light of the world”!

On the other hand John J. Pilch is a biblical scholar currently working at Georgetown University in the USA; he tells us that in the Middle East the common fuel for clay-ovens was something that was more plentiful than wood: camel or donkey dung. One of the duties each young girl had to learn was to collect the dung and mould it into patties to be left in the sun to dry. Then a slab of salt was placed at the base of the oven and upon it the dung patty. John J. Pilch tells us that salt has catalytic properties which cause the dung to burn but eventually the salt slabs lose their catalytic ability and becomes useless. Or as Jesus says, “It is good for nothing but to be thrown outside where it can still provide a sure footing in a muddy road.” He goes on to say that in both Aramaic and Hebrew – *the languages that Jesus would have used* – the words “clay-oven” and “earth” are the same. Thus to be salt for the earth is to start fires and make things burn. If Jesus' disciples do this, they will also be “light of the earth.” He concludes that the two images of salt and light are masterfully joined showing Jesus to be a clever and imaginative teacher.

What we do know is that St. Paul referred to salt in his letter to the Colossians: “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.” (4:6)

From the Diocese...

Knights of Columbus Bursary

Knights of Columbus State Treasurer/Bursary Chairman – BC/Yukon Jurisdiction writes: The annual B.C. & Yukon Bursary Program for 2017 is now receiving applications. We are offering thirty bursaries of \$500 each to Catholic students across the Province. These bursaries are made available on a one-time-only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. Applications are accepted until 30th June with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The terms of reference can be found on our web site www.kofcbc.org. Requests for applications should be sent to: Knights of Columbus, Attn: Dale Hofer, 2300 Teal Place, Vernon, B.C. V1H 1R1

Ministries:

Saturday 11th February

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Reader:

Lisa Westhaver

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 12th February

Eucharistic Minister:

Glenn Carter

Reader:

Anne Majic & Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva Family

Church Cleaning for this week:

Butch Coultry, Gisele Kitchen,
Cathleen Sonntag, Rosanne Anselmo

Finance

Collections:

25th/26th January \$1586.45

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal..... \$11,600.00

Given to date..... \$ 6,135.00

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